

## OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP NOVEMBER 2011

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### LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

#### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, 1 November 2011, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

#### THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wednesday, 2 November 2011

—Priests are permitted to celebrate three Masses on All Souls Day—

The revised *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [2010] in chapter IV, section II, on the concelebrated Mass, states:

204. *For a particular reason, having to do either with the significance of the rite or of the festivity, the faculty is given to celebrate or concelebrate more than once on the same day in the following cases: [...]*
- d) *on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) all priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided that the celebrations take place at different times, and that the norms established regarding the application of second and third Masses are observed.*

The norms established, and referenced in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, are those of Pope Benedict XV, in his Apostolic Constitution *Incruentum altaris sacrificium*, August 10, 1915. The norms state:

*All priests are permitted to celebrate three Masses on All Souls Day, provided these take place at different times and on condition, moreover, that while they may at their preference apply one of the Masses in favor of any person and accept for that Mass a stipend, they may not accept a stipend for the second or for the third Mass, the second of which they are bound to apply respectively for all the faithful departed and the third for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.*

#### THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, 24 November 2011

The US proper for Thanksgiving Day found in the *Sacramentary* may be used. If the proper Mass is used, the *Lectionary* texts may come from the readings of the day or from the *Masses for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, In Thanksgiving to God*.

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL  
OF ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR  
Friday, November 25, 2011**

The texts for this new Memorial in the USA may be taken from the Common of Martyrs or of Virgins in the *Sacramentary* and the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Thursday, 8 December 2011, is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)  
Sunday, 25 December 2011, is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Four PM is the earliest time in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

**COLDS AND FLU  
AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED LITURGY**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution in the pew before distributing, and after purifying their fingers after the distributing Holy Communion;</li><li>❖ People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice.</li></ul> |
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Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to allay the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include refraining from the use of the Sign of Peace during the celebration of Mass and reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood if they are ill.

**ROMAN MISSAL FORMATION  
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

**PARISH-BASED CATECHESIS  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

The Office for Divine Worship has produced a parish-based catechesis for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the reception of the *Roman Missal* for use through Advent 2011. This catechesis is called: *Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery*. It is designed for a great variety of uses in the parish and for a great variety of parish groups. It can be downloaded and inserted into parish bulletins, printed for discussion and reflection, and provide content for school and religious education classes.

The two-page catechetical segments are arranged according to the following topics and calendar. A more complete set of instructions for use and the catechetical segments are available on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

***Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery***

*November*

- The Paschal Mystery and all of the Sacraments
- Liturgical Spirituality: Celebrating and Living the Mystery

**CHECK THE WEBSITE  
FOR THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
FOR FALL PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS  
AND BULLETIN INSERTS  
FOR THE FINAL PREPARATION  
FOR THE FIRST USE OF THE THIRD EDITION  
OF THE *ROMAN MISSAL*  
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
27 NOVEMBER 2011**

**WORKSHOPS FOR  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THURSDAYS, 7:00—9:00 PM**

10 November 2011

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Parish, 1410 Almshouse Road, Jamison, PA 18929

17 November 2011

Saint Helena Parish, Yost Road and Rt.202, Blue Bell, PA

- *Pastors or priest chaplains select candidates to serve for a parish or institution. Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, validly married, if married, and recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish or institution.*
- *Pastors or priest chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions. Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome to attend these sessions.*
- *Pastors and priest chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Divine Worship if they conduct their own formation and to send to the office their request for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Request forms can be found on the Office for Divine Worship website. Letters of Appointment from the Archbishop will then follow.*
- *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are appointed for a three-year term and for the place where they are commissioned. Terms may be renewed if agreeable to both the pastor or priest chaplain and the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.*
- *Pastors and priest chaplains are reminded to conduct the commissioning of new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion according to the rite found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 63.*

**REGISTER FOR THESE WORKSHOPS DIRECTLY ONLINE  
AT THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP WEBSITE  
OR CALL THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP.**

**ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION**

The ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass*, number 86, proposes:

In churches where the Eucharist is regularly reserved, it is recommended that solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an extended period of time should take place once a year, even though this period is not strictly continuous. In this way the local community may reflect more profoundly upon this mystery and adore Christ in the sacrament.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, dating from the time of the saintly Bishop John Neumann, has observed the tradition of the annual Forty Hours Devotion in our parishes and other institutions. Often the dates for the Annual Eucharistic Devotion center on the feast day of the parish or institution or the date of the dedication of the church or chapel. The Chancery Office maintains the calendar of the Forty Hours Devotion. To check on the dates or to adjust the dates when your parish is scheduled for the Forty Hours Devotion, contact the Chancery Office, 215-587-4538.