**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS**

**MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

A votive *Mass of the Holy Spirit* may be scheduled for the opening of the academic year on weekdays when there is no liturgical impediment. The *Roman Missal* provides three options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The *Lectionary* texts for the day are preferable.

Also, see the options in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 5: Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers, for another way to liturgically celebrate the opening of the academic year.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN**

**FOR USE WITH THE ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION**

The three *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* for use with the *Roman Missal* are now available as a supplement to the Missal. Copies of these prayers can be obtained from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishing:

http://www.usccbpublishing.org/showproducts.cfm?WPCID=1270

The introduction to the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* highlights several significant pastoral and ritual issues. The *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* are strictly limited to Masses celebrated with children (no. 14). Emphasis is to be given to singing the responses and acclamations proper to the Prayers. Catechetical instruction on “internal participation” in the saving event of the Eucharistic Prayer should precede celebrations with children and the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children*.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

***Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person***

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2015, and will focus on the theme "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists may be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Resources in English and Spanish for the observance of Catechetical Sunday can be found at:

<http://usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/index.cfm>

**ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION**

**Planning for 2015-2016**

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 for when your parish is scheduled for the Forty Hours Devotion, contact the Chancery Office.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Additional information on Christian Initiation for adults can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

**FALL MEETING FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION COORDINATORS**

The fall meeting for Christian Initiation Coordinators will take place at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center on October 14, 2015 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. More information will follow.

**THE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR 2015-2016**

Saturday, October 24, 2015 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

 (Neumann Room of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul)

Saturday, November 21, 2015 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

 (Auditorium A & B of Archdiocesan Pastoral Center)

Saturday, January 23, 2016 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

 (Auditorium A & B of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center)

SNOW DATE: Saturday, February 6, 2016

 (Auditorium A & B of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center)

*See the Registration Flyer in this Monthly Mailing.*

**PARISH BULLETIN INQUIRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following is provided as a guide for parish bulletin announcements for the Inquiry Period of Christian Initiation. This announcement respects the various groupings of adults who are seeking information on the Sacraments of Christian Initiation:

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

**ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

Saint N. Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian, would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic, would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

* **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
* 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/institution.
* Pastors and 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 these sessions.
* Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion typically serve for three years. Pastors/chaplains may renew terms, if agreeable and in consultation with the minister.
* Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Divine Worship if they conduct their own formation and to send to this 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/chaplain and the minister.
* All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution.
* **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned after participation in a training session, according to the form found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 63, “Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.”**

• Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only serve in the parishes/institutions for which they are commissioned.

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**All Workshops for 2016-2016**

**for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**and for Lectors can be found on the website**

**of the Office for Divine Worship (odwphila.org)**

*See the Registration Flyers in this Monthly Mailing.*

**Workshops for Liturgical Music Ministers**

**will be posted after September 1, 2015**

**OBSERVANCE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015,**

**the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**

**through Sunday, November 20, 2016,**

**the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe**

The Principal Dates for the Observance of the Jubilee in the Archdiocese will be:

Opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy Opening of the Holy Door

and Solemn Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Archdiocesan Observance of 24 Hours for the Lord

Friday, March 4-Saturday, March 5, 2016

Observance of the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy Closing of the Holy Door

and Solemn Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM

*See the Flyer in this Monthly Mailing.*

**links to helpful information**

**MAKE SURE**

**YOUR PARISH RECEIVES THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION**

Please notify the Office for Divine Worship if there are any changes to the Coordinators serving as liaisons between your parish and the Office for Divine Worship. The Coordinators Contact Form is available online as a [PDF](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Coordinator-Data-Collection-Form.pdf) or [Word](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Coordinator-Data-Collection-Form.docx) file.

**FOR THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE USCCB**

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers. The most recent newsletter available is December 2014,

[*http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/upload/newsletter-2014-04.pdf*](http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/upload/newsletter-2014-04.pdf)*.*

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

[*http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/*](http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/)*.*

**For past monthly mailings of the office for divine worship** visit:

[*http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/*](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/)*.*