

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
AUGUST 2009**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY, PRIEST
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

The memorial of Saint John Vianney deserves special attention this year with its observance during the *Year of the Priest*. Introductory remarks, the homily and the prayer of the faithful are occasions to highlight the Curé of Ars and his association with the *Year of the Priest*. Pastors might consider an invitation to the faithful on the previous Sunday to participate in the Mass on August 4 to pray for priests through Eucharistic intercession.

The Mass texts are those given in the *Sacramentary* for August 4 and the readings are those given in the *Lectionary* for the weekday.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

This holy day is observed without obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday. Since the holy day is without obligation, it is permissible to celebrate a Funeral Mass. Wedding Masses that occur on August 15 make use of the Mass for the Assumption—both *Sacramentary* and *Lectionary* texts—with the Rite of Marriage and Nuptial Blessing. It is permissible for a Wedding to substitute one of the readings for the Assumption with a reading from those provided for Wedding Masses.

The Saturday evening anticipated Mass is that of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**PLEASE REGISTER NOW!!!
FALL WORKSHOPS
FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

These sessions will include an overview of the role of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a role play of the duties of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during Mass and Communion of the Sick including the sending of the Extraordinary Minister from the Sunday Mass to the sick.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Saint Joseph Church, Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335-2543

Thursday, September 24, 2009 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 625 West Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974

Thursday, October 1, 2009 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Stella Maris Church, S.E. Corner 10th and Bigler Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19148-5010

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Visitation B.V.M. Church, 196 N. Trooper Road, Norristown, PA 19403-2665

Register for these workshops directly online at the Office for Worship website, <http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/worship.htm>, or call the Office for Worship to register at 215-587-3537. Important information for the pastor/chaplain found online on the registration forms.

REMINDER!! EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Worship if they are conducting their own training and to send to this office their request for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Request forms can be found on the Office for Worship website. Letters of Appointment 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.

LITURGICAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

The fall flyer for the Liturgical Studies Certificate, sponsored jointly by the Office for Worship and the Religious Studies Department at Saint Charles Seminary, is attached to this mailing and is also available on the website of the Office for Worship, <http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/worship.htm>.

Please pass it on to interested staff members and parishioners!

RESCHEDULED Theological Institute for Priests: The *ARS CELEBRANDI* for the priest celebrant at Mass Thursday, September 24, 2009, 10:30 am-2:30 pm Immaculate Conception Chapel at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Father Dennis Gill, presenter

This workshop will present the *ars celebrandi*—the art of celebration—for the priest celebrant at Mass with a focus on the rites particular to him. The plan for the workshop includes a theological introduction with regard to the why of prayerful, beautiful and reverent celebrations of the Mystery and a review and modeling of some of the rites with their associated chants. Benedict XVI states that the *ars celebrandi* is the best way to ensure for the priest himself and the faithful actual participation in a full and conscious way in the Eucharist (see SacC, 38).

PETITIONS FOR THE *YEAR OF THE PRIEST* FOR OCCASIONAL USE ON SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS FROM JUNE 19, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2010

Those who prepare the Prayer of the Faithful are asked to add occasionally one of these petitions on Sundays and Weekdays. This petition can satisfy the fourth category, for the local community, or be an additional

petition for this same category. These petitions can be found on the website of the Office for Worship, <http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/worship.htm>.

Also, petitions for the Sunday Prayer of the Faithful for vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood can be found on the website of the Office for Worship, <http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/worship.htm>.

PASTORAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY

Pope Benedict XVI encourages devotion to Saint John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, as part of the observance of the *Year of the Priest*. A relic and an image of Saint John Vianney will go from parish to parish throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia during this year. Veneration of the relic of Saint John Vianney promotes the prayerful intercession of this saintly priest for the deeper holiness of our priests.

The relic of Saint John Vianney, including the reverence surrounding its public display, fosters a devotion to the Saint himself and serves as a bodily reminder of one who now belongs to Christ in glory and intercedes for us from Heaven.

The relic should be publicly displayed on a cloth covered table apart from the altar and, if possible, along with the image of Saint John Vianney. Devotional candles may be used to highlight the presence of the relic and symbolize our prayer united with those of the Saint.

The faithful may be invited to venerate the relic with a kiss, similar to the veneration of the altar by the priest, as sign of reverence and devotion. This veneration of the relic, always outside of Mass, may be a communal or individual act of devotion with a purificator available to wipe the relic afterward.

The relic may be incensed with two swings of the thurible only at the beginning of Mass after the incensation of the cross and altar (see GIRM, 276-277).