

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 2009**

SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

Monday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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

The revised *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [2002], 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.

Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day

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*.

Tuesday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Friday, December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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

Flu Season Directives and the Celebration of the Sacred Liturgy

A sample verbal or printed announcement for use during this current flu season:

Catholic Bishops of PA Issue Flu Season Directives

Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania encourage the clergy and faithful to observe the necessary standard precautions to protect the health of others during the this flu season, and especially with the risks related to H1N1 influenza (swine flu). The Bishops additionally direct the following for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for flu prevention:

- *The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is generally suspended. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.*
- *The exchange of the sign of peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.*

These directives issued by Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania are effective Sunday, October, 18, 2009 until determined otherwise by the local Bishop.

Members of the Archdiocesan Commission on the Sacred Liturgy

The Cardinal Rigali has recently appointed the membership for the Archdiocesan Commission on the Sacred Liturgy:

Reverend Dennis Gill
Director, Office for Worship

Reverend Joseph W. Bongard
Rector, Roman Catholic High School for Boys

Sister Regina Foy, IHM
Immaculata University

Deacon William Hickey
Office for the Permanent Diaconate

Reverend Michael S. Olivere
Pastor, Divine Mercy Parish

Mr. Anthony Visco

Reverend Patrick Welsh
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

More information on the Commission and its work will be published in future monthly mailings.

Roman Missal Formation

USCCB WEBSITE: www.USCCB.org/liturgy/romanmissalformation

The fall workshops for priests on the new English translation of the Third Edition of the *Roman Missal* inaugurated a year long period of remote preparation for the eventual use of this new liturgical book in the United States. Priests are encouraged to check the USCCB website for additional information during this period of remote preparation.

An information session on the translation is scheduled for all Sisters in the Archdiocese on December 6, 2008, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Roxborough, Philadelphia. Please alert any Sisters on your staff about this important occasion.

National Pastoral Musicians Webinar:

SING TO THE LORD: MUSIC IN DIVINE WORSHIP

Would you like to attend an informative and practical liturgical music workshop without leaving your home or office? Then make plans to take part in NPM's first-ever webinar, ***Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship***, on **Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 2:00 PM ET, 1:00 PM CT, 12:00 NOON MT, 11:00 AM PT**. This one-hour webinar will be led by **Dr. Steven Janco**, pastoral musician, composer, and Director of the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy and Saint Joseph's College. This webinar will provide helpful information and guidance for musicians, clergy, liturgists, worship planners, and everyone involved in preparing – and improving – sung worship in their communities.

[View complete webinar information](#)

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WINTER WORKSHOP

Liturgy as a Collective Act: *Sing to the Lord* and the New *Roman Missal*

Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 9:00AM to 3:00PM
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

If you need more information or a registration form for any of the above call or email Cally Welsh: 610-525-7745; callywelsh@msn.com