

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 2009

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 the weekdays during September when there is no liturgical impediment. The *Sacramentary* provides three options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The *Lectioary* 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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, September 20, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The theme for Catechetical Sunday is *Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word*. Materials and suggestions for the observance of Catechetical Sunday can be found on the USCCB website: www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

COMMUTATION OF THE PERIODS AND STEPS

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* allows for a commutation and adaptation of the periods and steps for sacramental initiation which typically correspond to the observance of Lent and the celebration of the Easter Vigil. The Bishop can allow for such commutation and adaptation in exceptional circumstance. Cardinal Rigali grants such permission.

Numbers 34 and 331 in the ritual book, *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, describe arrangements for an adapted process for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

NEW INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Office of Worship and the Office for Formation of the Laity will inaugurate this fall an Institute for Christian Initiation. This new Institute offers a comprehensive presentation of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* with liturgical and theological insight for its practical pastoral implementation. The Institute begins on Saturday, October 17. Look for a brochure in a future mailing. For more immediate information, please call the Office for Worship, 215-587-3537.

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.

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>.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH MUSICIANS
IN PHILADELPHIA
(ACMP)**

Sponsors the following events

ANNUAL PASTOR/MUSICIAN BANQUET

Friday, September 25th, 2009

Williamson's Restaurant

Horsham, PA

6:15 p.m. Cocktail Hour — 7:15 p.m. Dinner

FALL WORKSHOPS ON SKILLS BUILDING

Sessions on

Techniques for leading the assembly's song with organ or contemporary ensemble

Improvisation skills for keyboard and melody instruments

Vocal technique for cantors, choir members, choir directors

Offered on two dates and in two locations

Saturday, November 7, 2009 – 1:00 to 3:30PM

St. Joseph Church, Cheltenham

Monday, November 9, 2009 – 7:00 to 9:30PM

Ss. Simon & Jude Church, West Chester

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

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