**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

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**NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS**

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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.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, September 21, 2014**

The theme for Catechetical Sunday is:

“Teaching about God’s Gift of Forgiveness”

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

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

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

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/year-of-faith/spanish/que-es-el-domingo-catequetico.cfm>

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

**Saturday, November 1, 2014**

All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

*Weddings can be celebrated during Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints. The liturgical music, Mass formula and Lectionary texts are those of the Solemnity of All Saints. The Rite of Marriage is celebrated as usual following the homily. The Nuptial Blessing takes place as usual. The Solemn Blessing from the Rite of Marriage may be used instead of the Solemn Blessing for the Solemnity of All Saints.*

**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**(ALL SOULS’ DAY)**

**Sunday, November 2, 2014**

*Parish evening Masses on Saturday, November 1, should be the Mass of Anticipation for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed rather than a celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints.*

*There is no Gloria in the Mass for All Souls Day even when it falls on a Sunday. The All Souls Day Mass is a Mass for the Dead, even on a Sunday, and this is the reason there is no Gloria at this Mass.*

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

**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*.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The Office for Divine Worship has the responsibility for direction, guidance and support of pastors and those who collaborate with them in the formation of adults for Christian Initiation. Additional information on Christian Initiation for adults can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

**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.

**FALL MEETING FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION COORDINATORS**

The fall meeting for Christian Initiation Coordinators will take place at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center on September 30th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Please see the website for the Office for Divine Worship for additional information.

**INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

This Institute is a comprehensive, in-depth, and practical seminar, exploring and explaining the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* including:

* Liturgical and theological reflections on the steps and periods
* Demonstrations of all liturgical rites
* Plans for practical parish implementation
* Discussion of pastoral and canonical concerns

**SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

November 8, 2014

January 24, 2015

February 14, 2015

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

222 North 17th Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

*For Pastors, Priests, Deacons, Coordinators, Parish Teams,*

*Catechists, and Liturgical Musicians*

*To register, call or e-mail, the Office for Divine Worship*

*For more information, check the attached flyer.*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

* **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
* 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.
* 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.
* *Pastors 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.*

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

All Archdiocesan Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion meet from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

* ***September 11,*** *Saint Patrick Church, Malvern PA*
* ***September 18,*** *Visitation B.V.M. (Lower Church), Trooper PA*
* ***September 25,*** *Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Buckingham PA*
* ***October 30,*** *Cathedral Chapel, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia PA*
* ***November 13,*** *Corpus Christi Church, Lansdale PA*

*Register for these workshops directly online at the Office for Divine Worship website*

*or call the Office for Divine Worship.*

**WORKSHOPS FOR LECTORS**

All Archdiocesan Workshops for Lectors meet from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

* ***September 10,*** *Holy Cross Church, Springfield PA*
* ***October 8,*** *Saint Isaac Jogues Church, Wayne PA*
* **October 22,** *Location to be Determined*
* **November 5,** *Saints Simon and Jude Church, West Chester PA*

*To register, call or e-mail, the Office for Divine Worship*

***PLEASE CHECK THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORHSIP WEBSITE***

***FOR ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS***

***FOR THE LITURGICAL MINISTRIES***

**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 latest news on Liturgical Music in the Archdiocese** visit [*http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/liturgical-music*](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/liturgical-music).

**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 April 2014, <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/>.

**For past monthly mailings of the office for divine worship** visit <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>.