

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**  
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**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**See the website of the Office for Divine Worship ([odwphila.org](http://odwphila.org))  
for the schedule and registration information for all  
liturgical ministry and liturgical music workshops  
for 2016 – 2017.**

**Please see the flyers in this Monthly Mailing for the workshops  
on the revised ritual book for the Sacrament of Marriage  
and for Altar Servers.**

OBSERVANCE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

*December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Closing of the Second Vatican Council)*

*Remember to incorporate aspects of the Jubilee Year of Mercy into all areas of parish activities; particularly as you make parish plans for the fall months.*

*Parishes are encouraged to arrange for pilgrimages to the Cathedral Basilica and the Shrines in the Archdiocese to pass through the Holy Door of Mercy during the Jubilee Year.*

***The Closing of the Holy Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the 6:30 PM Mass.***

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.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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*.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

**Thursday, September 1, 2016**

Pope Francis established this observance last September 2015 following a similar observance in the Eastern Church. The homily on this day, as well as an intention in the Universal Prayer, should call to mind this observance.

## **DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

**Friday, September 9, 2016, Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest.**

This Day of Prayer, recently established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the liturgical memorial of Saint Peter Claver, suggests that the homily, with references to the biblical texts of the day, address this intention. A similar intention should be included in the Universal Prayer.

Additional resources for the observance of this Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities can be found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm>,

## **FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 911**

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

This Sunday commemorates the tragic terror attacks fifteen years ago in the United States, especially at the World Trade Centers in New York City, at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and in Pennsylvania. Commemoration of the anniversary should be considered with an intention in the Universal Prayer for all victims of terror and for an end to such senseless violent tragedies.

## **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

### **"Prayer: The Faith Prayed"**

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2016 and will focus on the theme "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will 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://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/>

## 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*.

### ***Fall Meeting of Christian Initiation Coordinators***

*Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 10:00 AM until Noon*

*Auditorium, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center*

*222 North Seventeenth Street*

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

*To register, e-mail [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org), or call 215-587-3537.*

*Pastors, please pass on this reminder to your parish Coordinator.*

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- The *Institute for Christian Initiation* will not take place this year but will be scheduled again for 2017-2018.
- For the current *Christian Initiation Information Periodic Mailing*, see: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/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.

## 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), 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 attend.
- 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.

## TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

As of Pentecost 2016, only the revised *Order of Confirmation* may be used by priests when delegated by the Archbishop to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. This new ritual book is only published in a bi-lingual (Spanish-English) format by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To purchase a copy of *The Order for Confirmation*, see: <http://store.usccb.org/>.

## LINK TO INFORMATION ON MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

PLEASE NOTE: The center city site for the celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form has moved to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Philadelphia. Visit our website!

A new link has been added to the Sacred Liturgy tab of the Office for Divine Worship website to provide easy access to information about celebrating Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

#### 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](#) or [Word](#) file.

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

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online around the fifteenth of the month approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>.

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