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LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

THE TIME FOR VIGIL MASSES AND ANTICIPATED MASSES

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is no earlier than 4:00 PM. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAYS WHEN THE OBLIGATION IS SUSPENDED

In the United States, there are three Holy Days, Solemnities, when the obligation to participate in Mass is suspended when the observance falls on a Monday or a Saturday—the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1). In these instances, the Mass schedule can certainly be modified.

However, there should at least be the celebration of one Mass for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Saturday, February 2, 2019

The Blessing of Candles using one of the two forms in the *Roman Missal* should be scheduled to take place at one of the parish Masses.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Saturday, February 2, 2019 (Celebrated February 2-3, 2019)

World Day for Consecrated Life is a day of prayer for men and women who make public vows to “imitate Christ more closely, striving for the perfection of charity in the service of the Kingdom of God.” (*Code of Canon Law, canon 573*). World Day for Consecrated Life is observed by the universal Church on February 2; however, in the United States in order for parishes to fully celebrate this important day, it is transferred to the following Sunday.

Resources for parish celebrations of the World Day for Consecrated Life can be found on the USCCB website at:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/world-day-for-consecrated-life.cfm>.

BLESSING OF THROATS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr]

Sunday, February 3, 2019

The blessing of throats should be observed according to the directives and with the prayer found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 51. It is also possible for the blessing of throats to follow the celebration of Mass.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS

AND VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Friday, February 8, 2019

The United States Bishops encourage the clergy and faithful to pray on this day for all those affected by human trafficking. Additional information on the observance of this day of prayer in the parish can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/day-of-prayer.cfm>.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, February 11, 2019

Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1992 established *World Day of the Sick* in conjunction with the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes is not observed because it coincides with Sunday. However, the World Day of the Sick is observed. A remembrance of the sick in the announcements and in the Universal Prayer is especially fitting this day.

Looking Ahead

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday, November 2, 2019

The Celebration of Marriage: Only the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass can take place on All Souls Day.

The evening Mass on Saturday, November 2, 2019, is for Sunday, the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

COLDS AND FLU

AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED LITURGY

- ❖ Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution in the pew before distributing, and after purifying their fingers after distributing Holy Communion;
- ❖ People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice.

Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to allay the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include refraining from the use of the Sign of Peace during the celebration of Mass and reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood if they are ill.

SAVE THE DATE

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage
to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC
Saturday, October 19, 2019**

All Parishes, Schools and Institutions are encouraged to participate.

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*.

**2019 RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS
AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Saturday, March 9, 2019	11:00 AM	Philadelphia South and Bucks Counties
Saturday, March 9, 2019	3:00 PM	Delaware and Chester Counties
Sunday, March 10, 2019	3:00 PM	Philadelphia North and Montgomery Counties

All correspondence and registration is conducted electronically. See the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

The Call to Continuing Conversion is meant for adults (and not children) who are baptized and will be received into Full Communion and/or Confirmation and/or Communion. Also, the Call to Continuing Conversion is equally meant for those already baptized who have not been practicing the Christian Faith but now are returning with the celebration of the Easter Sacraments.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for 2019 workshops for liturgical ministers can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Saint Norbert Parish, Paoli
7:00 to 9:00 PM – Main Church

Thursday, March 21, 2019
Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Sick

Saturday, February 23, 2019
Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia
10:00 AM to Noon

Lectors

Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Saint Norbert Parish, Paoli
7:00 to 9:00 PM – Main Church

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Queen of Peace Church, Ardsley
7:00 to 9:00 PM – Main Church

Workshop in Spanish

For Parish Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, November 16, 2019
10:00 AM to Noon / 12:05 PM Mass to follow
Cathedral Chapel
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Parking Available

Please RSVP at worship@archphila.org

Cantor Workshop – Level 2

February 6, 13 and 20 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Saint Jerome Roman Catholic Church
8100 Colfax Street, Philadelphia, PA 19136

Please register for this workshop at:

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/workshops/>

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship.

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.

GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE CHAPELS IN RECTORIES

The Office for Divine Worship, according to the Archdiocesan Policy Manual, has oversight for Chapels in Rectories. Pastors are asked to review these guidelines for compliance. Please direct any questions or concerns about chapels in rectories to the Office for Divine Worship.

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.

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.

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/>

FROM THE OFFICE FOR LITURGICAL MUSIC

Misal Romano – Singing the Spanish Mass

By now, those of you who celebrate a Spanish Mass each week, know that the Misal Romano, Tercera Edición, was to be implemented as of Advent 2018. Each week on Sunday, we are given an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist as a community of faith. The importance of “singing the Mass,” in an effort to help us more wholly participate in the Mystery of our Faith, has been reiterated time, and time again. Through the efforts of many, we now have resources at our disposal, to sing La Santa Misa en Español. As stated in the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium*, Chapter VI Sacred Music, clearly states that

“112. The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy.”

This will be an arduous task, as are any changes made to the regularly scheduled program. So, we must approach implementation with a slow and systematic process. Starting simply with the Acclamations is an ideal place to begin. No doubt, an introduction prior to Mass and the implementation of this new practice with a cantor/presider prior to the start of Mass will be necessary. A complete online resource with the written notation, as well as practice audio files, can be found on the Zipoli Institute’s website.

<https://domenicozipoli.org/misal-romano>

