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LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

THE PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

Many parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese have responded positively to pray the prayer to Saint Michael in conjunction with the celebration of Mass. You are reminded that this devotional prayer is to take place outside of Mass. It is not to be prayed as the concluding prayer of the Universal Prayer nor as part of the Communion Rite.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 12, 2019

The American observance of Mother’s Day should in no way detract from this Sunday’s celebration of Easter. A petition in the Universal Prayer and the possible use of the Prayer over the People found in the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1724-1728, provides for a suitable liturgical inclusion of Mother’s Day.

ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

The Ordination of Priests is an Archdiocesan Celebration and all clergy and faithful are welcome to attend. Pastors are asked to make this information known in the most convenient way.

MEMORIAL OF POPE SAINT PAUL VI

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Pope Francis has announced the inscription of Pope Saint Paul VI in the General Roman Calendar. This is an optional memorial to be celebrated on May 29. The decree was promulgated by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments on January 25 and released publicly on February 6.

The decree was accompanied by new proper liturgical texts in Latin. English and Spanish translations of the proper texts must be prepared, approved by the USCCB and confirmed by the Holy See. This may take some time to complete. Until then the Mass formularies found in the *Roman Missal* and the *Misal Romano* may be used – “Common of Pastors: For a Pope.”

The above information is excerpted from *BCDW Newsletter*, Volume LV: January-February 2019. For additional information, please see www.USCCB.org/paulvi

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 30, 2019

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation.

THE EASTER SEASON, DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER AND THE MONTH OF MAY

May is a traditional time to give special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially with May Processions and May Crowning's. When these processions and crowning's are combined with the celebration of Mass, it is more fitting for them to precede the celebration of Mass or follow the Communion Rite of the Mass. On the Sundays of Easter, the celebration of Easter is primary when there are devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Looking Ahead

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, June 9, 2019

In some circumstances, consideration should be given to the *Roman Missal* provision for a prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a Vigil on Saturday evening to pray urgently for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Monday, June 10, 2019

Pope Francis has added this obligatory Memorial to the *General Roman Calendar* and it is to be celebrated each year.

The USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship has posted information about the readings and orations for Mass. It also provides information about the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours on this new Memorial. See the website:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm>

The new Memorial supersedes the rubric at the end of the Pentecost Mass that suggests that a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit may be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

Please note that the readings will be proper to the day, not optional. They are slightly different than what is in the *Lectionary for Mass* (Lectionary Number 1002-I). The Secretariat has produced a PDF of the readings which may be found at the above link.

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.

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*.

MASSES FOR THE NEOPHYTES AND ALSO A PENTECOST CELEBRATION DURING EASTER TIME

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* provides helpful guidance for the pastoral care of the newly baptized adults at Easter:

247 Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary, especially the readings for Year A. Even when Christian initiation has been celebrated outside the usual times, the texts for these Sunday Masses of the Easter season may be used.

248 All the neophytes and their godparents should make an effort to take part in the Masses for the neophytes and the entire local community should be invited to participate with them. Special places in the congregation are to be reserved for the neophytes and their godparents. The homily and, as circumstances suggest, the general intercessions should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes. 5

249 To close the period of postbaptismal catechesis, some sort of celebration should be held at the end of the Easter season near Pentecost Sunday; festivities in keeping with local custom may accompany the occasion.

All Neophytes are welcome to attend the Sunday 6:30 PM Mass at the Basilica on any Sunday of Easter Time. The first few pews will be reserved on the cathedral side for the Neophytes, their godparents and families.

RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* allows for people baptized in another Church or ecclesial community, although never treated as catechumens, to benefit from the doctrinal and spiritual formation of the unbaptized. Additionally, the use of the Combined Rites for catechumens and candidates gives the candidates an important sense of the Sacred Liturgy and participation with the Church leading to Confirmation and Communion. However, many candidates do not require a full program parallel to the catechumenate. Therefore, the directives provided in the US National Statutes for the Catechumenate for Reception into Full Communion (nos. 30-37) should be increasingly observed.

Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for baptized non-Catholics are an essential element of their Reception (See RCIA, no. 482).

Reception of Candidates and Valid Baptism and Conditional Baptism

All non-Catholic Christians seeking full communion must be validly baptized. The following norm is to be observed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with regard to the reception of candidates into the full communion of the Catholic Church:

Baptism is the doorway to all of the Sacraments. Therefore, the sacred minister needs moral certitude that a person was baptized with the Trinitarian formula and the triple water pouring/immersion before other Sacraments are celebrated. This moral certitude requires more than the evidence of a baptismal certificate and must be the case in each individual circumstance. Such moral certitude can often be readily obtained through inquiry with the candidate. When moral certitude is lacking, a conditional Baptism is necessary (see Canon 869 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 37).

Additional information on valid baptism and conditional baptism can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

CONFIRMATION FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC ADULTS

The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation for baptized Roman Catholics is the Bishop. Typically, this occurs during the pastoral visit of the Bishop to the parish. Every effort should be made to prepare Catholic Adults for Confirmation to participate in the parish celebration with the Bishop.

Additionally, Archbishop Chaput will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019, during the 6:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The candidates for this sacramental celebration are baptized Roman Catholics who have been properly catechized for Confirmation (and if needed,

for the reception of First Communion). Information about this celebration for pastors and those who assist with the formation and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation has already been distributed and can also be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

If for some serious reason, a school age baptized Roman Catholic is unable to be confirmed by the Bishop during his pastoral visit to the parish, then this candidate, with the permission of the pastor, may be presented for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. The pastor's permission is to be included with the registration forms to be sent to the Office for Divine Worship.

A pastor who foresees the genuine pastoral need to confirm an adult baptized Roman Catholic can do so only with the specific delegation of the Bishop (see Canon 882 and *National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, nos. 28-29). Archbishop Chaput gives this faculty to all priests of the Archdiocese to confirm Roman Catholic Adults on any occasion from Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. This delegation is required for the validity of the Sacrament in the case of a Roman Catholic candidate. If you have any questions about this faculty, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. There is no need for an additional letter requesting this faculty during the period specified by the Archbishop. Priests are reminded that only the 2016 revised *The Order of Confirmation* may be used to celebrate the Sacrament.

Full Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first reception of Communion—apart from the Easter Vigil, outside the immediate danger of death, requires the permission of the Archbishop (see RCIA, no. 331). Archbishop Chaput delegates the Office for Divine Worship to give this permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.

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.

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

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown

7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Lectors

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown
7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Cathedral Chapel
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Parking Available
Please register at worship@archphila.org

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 register at worship@archphila.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Sick

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

10:00 AM to 12 Noon

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

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.

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL HOLY OILS

If additional Holy Oils are needed for sacramental use, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office, 215-561-1313, for arrangements to procure them.

FROM THE OFFICE FOR LITURGICAL MUSIC

Where is that voice coming from?

Throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we often experience cantors singing from the choir loft for funerals, weddings and even regular parish Masses. One could argue a few reasons why this happens:

- 1) It’s hard to deal with the delay in the church
- 2) The musicians can better communicate during a Mass
- 3) A relaxed approach to “appropriate attire”
- 4) It’s easier for the cantor to hide their morning coffee in the loft

All joking aside, having a cantor sing from the loft fails to honor cantoring as a true ministry. Primarily, the role of the cantor is to help aid in the singing of litanies, psalms, dialogues and responses throughout the Mass. Their job is to help facilitate active, conscious participation of the congregation. Surely, this is not possible when there is no face-time with the people with whom they are trying to connect. It is one of my great privileges to go out into the Archdiocese and give workshops on cantoring. Having individual time with the cantors allows me the opportunity to explain to these individuals just how very important this ministry is to the liturgy. Cantors should be approachable, humble, inviting – a true member of the congregation. There needs to be a human element to this relationship in order to animate the people and foster participation.

As stated in Sing to the Lord (Music in Divine Worship, Copyright © 2007, Washington, D.C.),

37. The cantor is both a singer and a leader of congregational song. Especially when no choir is present, the cantor may sing in alternation or dialogue with the assembly.

38. As a leader of congregational song, the cantor should take part in singing with the entire gathered assembly. In order to promote the singing of the liturgical assembly, the cantor’s voice should not be heard above the congregation. As a transitional practice, the voice of the cantor might need to be amplified to stimulate and lead congregational singing when this is still weak. However, as the congregation finds its voice and sings with increasing confidence, the cantor’s voice should correspondingly recede. At times, it may be

appropriate to use a modest gesture that invites participation and clearly indicates when the congregation is to begin, but gestures should be used sparingly and only when genuinely needed.

No. 38 above calls attention to something that cantors don't think about regularly – knowing when to back off of the microphone. As the leader of song, the job is not to sing loudly into the microphone for everyone's entertainment from entrance to recessional, but rather, to have a real awareness of what is going on in the church. There's no greater joy than hearing the singing of the assembly, and having the sense of when you can let them take it. A cantor, singing traditional hymns, can take the opportunity to get the congregation in and then sing with a diminished presence into the microphone. If the cantor is in the loft, there is no sense of what is going on in the pews down below and this further promulgates the idea of cantoring as a performance, and not as a ministry. Most importantly,

39. Cantors should lead the assembly from a place where they can be seen by all without drawing attention from the liturgical action. When, however, a congregation is singing very familiar responses, acclamations, or songs that do not include verses for the cantor alone, the cantor need not be visible.

40. The cantor exercises his or her ministry from a conveniently located stand, but not from the ambo.

I urge you to re-examine WHY you have cantors singing only in the loft, and I encourage you to make them visible so that they can fully partake in the beautiful ministry that they are called to each and every week.

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

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