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MOST CURRENT LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES WITH REGARD TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship,

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/>

for regular updates.

LITURGICAL AND SPIRITUAL RESOURCES DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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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.

ORDINATIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Ordination of Deacons (transitional and permanent) will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2020. The Ordination of Priests will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Please include an intention in the Universal Prayer on the Sundays before each Ordination for those to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Monday, June 1, 2020

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

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

This 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 are 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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Even with the COVID-19 precautions in place at this time, a more solemn celebration of Mass on this Sunday is a most fitting way to observe this Solemnity. Liturgical exposition and a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament follow the norms found in the ritual book, *Holy*

Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass. It is also possible to have exposition and a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament on a day near to the Solemnity, in anticipation or to recall its observance.

TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 21, 2020

The American observance of Father's Day on this day should in no way detract from this Sunday's celebration of the Mysteries of Christ. An intention in the Universal Prayer and the possible use of the *Prayer over the People* found in the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1729-1733, provides for a suitable liturgical inclusion of Father's Day.

SAVE THE DATE

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

October 9-10, 2020

Visit the website for more information:

<http://archphila.org/eucharistic-congress/>

THE BIENNIAL ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

will be on Saturday, October 16, 2021

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for 2020 workshops for liturgical ministers can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org.

Lectors

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown

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

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Spanish Ministry Workshop

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

9:30 AM to 12 Noon

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS ON WEDDINGS IN CHAPELS

1. Only those Catholic colleges and universities that have requested and have been granted permission may celebrate weddings on a regular basis. To date four colleges/universities have been given this special permission: LaSalle University, Saint Joseph University, Rosemont College, and Cabrini College. (Villanova University's Church, which serves as both the university chapel and parish church continues also to be a site for weddings on a regular basis.)
2. Pastors may give individual permission for a wedding in a chapel within the parish only on a "case by case" basis. Pastors cannot grant a blanket permission for a chapel to be used as the site of weddings. Those in charge of chapels cannot presume this permission and should not, therefore, advertise the chapel as being available for weddings.
3. Whenever a pastor gives an individual permission for a wedding in a chapel within his parish, the pastor remains responsible to see to it that any necessary delegation is granted and that all of the documentation and other pastoral, canonical, and liturgical preparations for the marriage are completed. Requests to the chancery for dispensations/permissions must be submitted by the parish - not the chapel. The wedding is recorded in the parish sacramental register.

DISPLAY OF FLAGS IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Surprisingly to many, there are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon law, nor the liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic Church is left up to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor.

The origin of the display of the American flag in many parishes in the United States appears to have its origins in the offering of prayers for those who served during the Second World War (1939-1945). At that time, many bishops and pastors provided a book of remembrance near the American flag, requesting prayers for loved ones – especially those serving their country in the armed forces. This practice has since been confirmed in many places during the Korean, Vietnam and Iraqi conflicts.

The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has in the past encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, in order to reserve that space for the altar, the ambo, the presidential chair and the tabernacle. Instead, the suggestion has been made that the

American flag be placed outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule of the Church together with a book of prayer requests. It remains, however, for the diocesan bishop to determine regulations in this matter.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

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.

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