

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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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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STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF THE MUSIC COMPOSED BY DAVID HAAS  
July 20, 2020

The liturgical music composed by David Haas will no longer be used for Archdiocesan and Cathedral celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy. Parishes, religious communities and institutions throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are encouraged to do the same. This is in response to the recent allegations of inappropriate conduct with women and the investigation of these allegations. The Office for Divine Worship stands in solidarity with all victims of sexual violence and harassment and is committed to promoting and maintaining safe environments.

For additional information, please see the statement of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota:

<https://www.archspm.org/additional-statement-regarding-david-haas/>.

Also, please see the statement of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians:  
<https://www.facebook.com/233811427278/posts/10158226946987279>.

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

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Saturday, August 15, 2020**

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not observed as a holy day of obligation this year. *The anticipated Mass on Saturday evening, August 15, 2020, is that of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time for the pastoral benefit of the faithful.*

### **A complete list of Holy Days of Obligation and their observances for 2020-2021 are:**

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 25, 2020

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

*Please note: In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Vigil Mass **cannot** be celebrated before 4:00 PM.*

Friday, January 1, 2021

Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, November 1, 2021

Solemnity of All Saints

## **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 celebrate liturgically the opening of the academic year.

## 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

## 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*.

**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 Perez delegates the Office for Divine Worship to give this permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.

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## 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:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH</b></p>
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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.

## 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](mailto:worship@archphila.org).

#### *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop*

**Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 2:00 PM**

**The Miraculous Medal Shrine  
475 E. Chelton Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19144**

**Please provide your name and home parish when registering.**

Please register at: [JMahoney@cammonline.org](mailto:JMahoney@cammonline.org)

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#### *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](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

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## Spanish Ministry Workshop

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

9:30 AM to 12 Noon

18<sup>th</sup> Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Please register at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto: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.

PROTOCOL  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE DESECRATION  
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The norms for the proper celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the exposition and the reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament are to be carefully and consistently observed, with the vigilant oversight of the Pastor and/or chaplain, in all churches and oratories within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These norms are principally found in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, the ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass* and the *Code of Canon Law*.

When the desecration of the Most Blessed Sacrament occurs during the celebration of Mass, with the reception of Holy Communion, during simple or solemn exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and/or to the reserved Most Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, the following protocol is to be observed:

1. The Regional Bishop and/or the Dean should be informed immediately by the pastor or chaplain of the church or oratory. The Regional Bishop and/or Dean then informs the Archbishop immediately.
2. The Pastor or chaplain contacts the Office for Divine Worship for a suitable form of reparation for the desecration to be carried out by the pastor or chaplain.
3. A record is kept of the desecration and the reparation in the Chancery.

*Approved by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput on Monday, July 6, 2015*

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.

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/>