

# 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**

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship,

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

and <http://archphila.org/arise/>.

## LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

### RECURRING INFORMATION

#### THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

On December 8, 2020, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, announced *The Year of Saint Joseph* that began that day and will continue through December 8, 2021. *The Year of Saint Joseph* commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. You can read the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, on Saint Joseph here:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html).

For Information on the Archdiocesan Observance of the *Year of Saint Joseph*, please see:

<http://archphila.org/joseph/>.

#### ONGOING PRAYER FOR HEALING AND PEACE FOR OUR CITY AND COUNTRY

The following intention may be included regularly in the Universal Prayer (second category) for Sundays.

*For the eradication of all forms of racism among all peoples  
and that all will open wide their hearts with the love of God and neighbor  
so that healing and peace will mark our way of life.*

*Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Por la erradicación de todas las formas de racismo entre todos los pueblos  
y que todos abran sus corazones con el amor de Dios y del prójimo  
para que la sanación interior y la paz marquen nuestro estilo de vida.*

*Rogemos al Señor/Te rogamos óyenos.*

## **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.

## **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

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.

## **ORDINATIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

The Ordination of Deacons (permanent) will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2021. Please include an intention in the Universal Prayer on the Sundays before the Ordination for those who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

## **TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND FATHER'S DAY**

**Sunday, June 20, 2021**

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.

## **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK**

**June 22 through June 29, 2021: SOLIDARITY IN FREEDOM**

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity.

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!)

## **ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

**Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

This commemoration is observed all throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with the celebration of the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours (in all places). Inside the Cathedral Basilica, this observance is a Solemnity. Outside of the Cathedral Basilica, this observance is a Feast.

## **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*

*Please see the attached flyer for more information for the Institute for Christian Initiation 2021:*

**Saturday, October 30, 2021**

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, *lunch included*

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

Auditorium A & B

222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

*Parking available*

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter

Director, Office for Divine Worship

Register by e-mail at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)  
Also, please make check payable to - Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
with the name(s) of the participant(s) in the amount of \$50.00 per participant  
and mail to - Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Registration deadline is October 15, 2021

## 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.*

- The Archbishop grants the faculty to priests of the Archdiocese to confirm Catholic **adults** (those who have completed fourteen years of age and older) until September 1, 2021
- The 2016 edition of the *Order of Confirmation* must be used for the Conferral of the Sacrament. A copy can be provided by the Office for Divine Worship.
- The celebration of Confirmation is recorded in the parish Confirmation Register and at the church of Baptism.

## PLEASE NOTE

*Full Sacramental Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first Reception of Holy Communion—apart from the Easter Vigil, outside of 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.*

## SAVE THE DATE

**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 Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 workshops for liturgical ministers will be posted on website for the Office for Divine Worship during the summer months. Register for these workshops 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.*

*If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship for instructional materials and also to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.*

*Plans are underway to provide virtual formation workshops in English and Spanish for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. As soon as the materials are ready, additional information will be published. The virtual formation workshops will be available to everyone. Pastors will need to insure that proposed Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion view the virtual formation workshop and then submit their names to the Office for Divine Worship for the mandate letter from the Archbishop.*

### 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.

#### ON-LINE COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY AVAILABLE FROM THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE AT MUNDELEIN

This is a new online liturgy program as a resource for both church professionals and the laity. This new online program extends the mission of the Institute to diocesan and parish professionals as well as interested individual Catholics. Composed of five one-hour classroom sessions followed by online quizzes, each course awards one-half Continuing Education Unit and brings a fresh, energized approach to the study of liturgical renewal.

For additional information, please see: <https://www.liturgicalinstitute.org/>.

#### SPECIAL BUNDLES OF COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY DESIGNED FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Please take a moment and look at the link below:

<https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/philadelphia>

The **Liturgical Institute** at Mundelein (at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake) has made available to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia a special bundle of their on-line courses at a most reasonable rate. These courses provide foundational information on the Sacred Liturgy for clergy and the lay faithful.



The summer may be an ideal time for many to take advantage of the opportunity to take these on-line courses. They are excellent refresher courses as well as new learning opportunities for liturgical ministers and catechists.

#### LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

#### **FOR AND UPDATED SUPPLEMENT WITH NEW LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES FOR THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Contact Dominican Liturgy Publications:

<https://www.lulu.com/spotlight/athompsonatdsptdotcom> It is the second item on the page.

#### **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/>.