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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 CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

RECURRING INFORMATION

ONGOING PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE SYNOD 2023

The following intention is recommended for the Universal Prayer (first category) for occasional use for Sundays throughout the Diocesan Phase of the Synod (October 2021-April 2022).

*For the Diocesan Phase of the next Synod of Bishops,
that this consultation with the members of our local church
will bear fruit in a greater commitment to living out the demands of the Gospel*

*as we journey together with Christ as the Head of his Body, the Church.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Por la Fase Diocesana del próximo Sínodo de Obispos,
para que esta consulta con los miembros de nuestra iglesia local
dé frutos en un mayor compromiso de vivir las demandas del Evangelio
mientras caminamos junto con Cristo como Cabeza de su Cuerpo, la Iglesia.
Roguemos al Señor / Te rogamus óyenos.*

ONGOING PRAYER FOR HEALING AND PEACE FOR OUR CITY AND COUNTRY

The following intention may be included in the Universal Prayer (second category) regularly 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.
Roguemos al Señor/Te rogamus 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.

TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL 2022

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and not in any way to be considered an Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday. This is why the discipline of the Church insists that it should not begin before nightfall in any circumstance. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to a variety of models, occurs approximately at 7:40 PM on April 16, 2022. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2022-2023. **In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:00 PM or later.**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, January 1, 2022

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation, except when it falls on a Monday or Saturday as it does this year.

There is no requirement to celebrate an evening Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2022. All parish Masses on Saturday evening January 1, 2022, would be the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

On Saturday evening, January 1, 2022, Evening Prayer is Evening Prayer I for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

The commemoration of Saint John Neumann joins the rank of a *feast* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for both the celebration of Mass and the Divine Office. Therefore, both at Mass and for the Liturgy of the Hours those features proper to a *feast* are observed.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 through Tuesday, January 25, 2022

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity should have, if possible, intentions in the Universal Prayer. Also, when possible during this week the Mass for the Unity of Christians may be used with the readings of the day and green vestments.

See the following site of the *Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute* for additional resources: https://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Saturday, January 22, 2022

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

Intentions for the Universal Prayer for Respect Life can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio* "Aperuit illis", published on September 30, 2019 established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God".

SAVE THE NEW DATE

Upon the recommendation of the Pilgrimage Office at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC, the anticipated Archdiocesan Pilgrimage scheduled for this fall, Saturday, October 16, 2021, is re-scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Planning details will follow. All parishes, religious communities and institutions are asked to mark the date to allow for the broadest possible participation of clergy and faithful from all throughout the Archdiocese.

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*

2022 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 5, 2022	11:00 AM	Montgomery and Delaware County
Saturday, March 5, 2022	3:00 PM	Chester and Bucks County
Sunday, March 6, 2022	3:00 PM	Philadelphia North and South County

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.

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.

- **Priests of the Archdiocese need to request the faculty from the Archbishop once again, as of September 1, 2021, to confirm Catholic adults (those who have completed fourteen years of age and older).**
- 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.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for Spring 2022 workshops for liturgical ministers are posted on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops 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.

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 to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

The following resources is available from the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein for the formation of parish liturgical ministers, <https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/instructions-for-liturgical-ministers>.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshops

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
Glen Mills, Pennsylvania
7:00 to 9:00 PM in Church
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Saint John Bosco Church
235 East County Line Road
Hatboro, Pennsylvania
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Church
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Altar Server Workshop

Saturday, February 12, 2022
Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia, PA
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Liturgical Music Workshop

Wednesday, March 15, 2022
Saint Helena Church, Blue Bell, PA
7:00 to 9:00 PM in Church
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

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.

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 AN 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/>.