

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

<https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/>

**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/>.

**PLEASE NOTE: The reception of Holy Communion under both kinds continues to be suspended in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia until further notice. This practice will resume once health officials no longer issue COVID precautions.**

LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

RECURRING INFORMATION

## **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.  
Rogamos 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.

## **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 be the celebration of one Mass at least for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

## **TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL 2023**

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 7:31 PM on April 8, 2023. 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 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**Monday, August 15, 2022**

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday. The liturgical observance of a Solemnity typically begins the evening before with Evening Prayer I. The celebration of the Eucharist on the evening before would be the proper Vigil Mass of the Solemnity or, if there is no proper Vigil Mass, the Anticipated Mass. Since the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a day of obligation this year and the day before is a day of obligation, Sunday, the day of obligation takes precedence for the evening Mass. So, the Parish Sunday evening Mass on August 14, 2022, would be of the Sunday. Evening Prayer would be Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**THE COMPLETE LIST OF HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**  
**AND THEIR OBSERVANCES FOR 2022-23:**

Tuesday, November 1, 2022  
Solemnity of All Saints

Thursday, December 8, 2022  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*Patronal Feast of the United States of America*

Sunday, December 25, 2022  
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.*

Sunday, January 1, 2023  
Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, May 18, 2023  
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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#### **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 NEW DATE*

*The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC, is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022. 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*.

WORKSHOP ON THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
SAVE THE DATE/MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

**Saturday, October 29, 2022**

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

*Location to be determined*

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 17, 2022

**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

SAVE THE DATE

**THE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH MUSICIANS IN PHILADELPHIA (ACMP)  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

**THE ARS CELEBRANDI AND LITURGICAL MUSIC:  
A NECESSARY CONNECTION  
FOR PARISH LITURGICAL MUSICIANS**

**February 4, 2023, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

**Saint Helena Parish**

**Blue Bell, PA**

This workshop is directed to all priests, deacons and parish musicians. The important connection between the *Ars celebrandi* and liturgical music will be demonstrated as the foundational principle to guide choices for liturgical music for the celebration of the Eucharist

as well as for Weddings and Funerals. This connection will also be developed as an essential aid to authentic participation in the sacramental mysteries and the deepening of conversion to Christ.

**Registration:**

Information about registration will be posted on the website for Office for Divine Worship, <https://www.odwphiladelphia.org/>, beginning September 1, 2022.

**Workshop Fees:**

**Early-bird through November 30, 2022:**

\$50 per person (ACMP member and non-member)

**December 1, 2022--February 4, 2023:**

\$60 for members, \$70 for non-members, \$60 for 5 or more from one parish

**Full-Time Students, Religious, Seminarians, Deacons, Priests:**

\$30 (flat fee, no early-bird)

**Virtual--\$30 (no early-bird, one flat fee)**

*The fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch.*

**WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

*The calendar for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 workshops for liturgical ministers is posted on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. 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 to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.*

*The following resource 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**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

Saint Patrick Parish, Malvern (Chester County)

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

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

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia

7:00 to 9:00 PM

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

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

Saint Katharine of Siena Parish, Wayne (Delaware County)

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Main Church

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

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Southampton (Bucks County)

7:00 to 9:00 PM in Main Church

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

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### Altar Server Workshop

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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

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### Bilingual Workshop (English/Spanish)

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia

10:00 AM to 12 Noon

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

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## Lector Workshop

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

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### 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.
- 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*

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. 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/>.