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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

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

LITURGICAL AND CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

RECURRING INFORMATION

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.

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.*

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 2024

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 7:23 PM on March 30, 2024. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2023-2024. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:00 PM or later.

NEW INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, October 1, 2023

The USCCB Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October. The program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events. The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes a program packet each year to call attention to numerous human life issues. These materials are especially helpful for priests, parish groups, schools, and other organizations. For more information or to request packets, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

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

Priests and deacons may consider, in conjunction with Respect Life Sunday, using the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb, published by the United States Conferences of Catholic Bishops in 2012. For more information on this Rite and to order in English or Spanish, see:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/pro-life-blessings.cfm>.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, October 22, 2023

The Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples, number 18 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions in the Roman Missal, may be used on World Mission Sunday. The Readings can be those of the Sunday or those for the Evangelization of Peoples in Volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass.

Intentions for the Universal Prayer for World Mission Sunday can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Wednesday, November 1, 2023

The Solemnity of All Saints Day is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

WEBINAR ON THE NEW DIVINE OFFICE HYMNAL
SPONSORED BY THE FEDERATION OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL
COMMISSIONS
AND THE BISHOPS COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP

Please mark your calendars for an upcoming, two-part webinar series – Thursdays, October 19 and 26, 1:00 to 2:15 (Eastern). The FDLC will co-sponsor this event with the Secretariat for Divine Worship of the USCCB.

The first webinar will feature a theological and liturgical background on the hymns as found in the Liturgy of the Hours. It will feature Rev. Andrew Wadsworth of ICEL, Father Dustin Dought, and Rita Thiron. The second part will be a demonstration of the chant and melodic settings -- as found in the hymnal -- with artists from GIA Publications, Inc.

Registration is FREE and registration is now open! www.fdlc.org/hymnalwebinar As usual with our Demio platform, automated reminders will be sent to each registrant's e-mail before the webinar. After the webinar, registrants will receive a link to the recorded version so they may see it at their leisure. Sign up soon, and spread the news, especially to your colleagues in music ministry.

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*.

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION
Saturday, October 14, 2023 9:00 AM to 12 NOON
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium
222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Parking available

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter Director, Office for Divine Worship
All priests, deacons, DRE's, Christian Initiation coordinators and teams,
catechists and liturgical musicians are welcome!

PREPARE FOR THE RECEPTION AND USE OF THE ANTICIPATED REVISED ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The workshop will look at what is new and different with the revised ritual book, parish plans for implementation and best practices, discussion of pastoral and canonical concerns and norms for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Register by e-mail at worship@archphila.org.

Please mail a check (with the name of the participant(s) for \$25.00 per person
To the Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
Registration deadline is October 2, 2023.

Please bring your own copy of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults with you.
There is Holy Mass at 12:05 PM in the Cathedral Chapel following the workshop.

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) for someone 14 years of age or older. 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 Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 workshops for liturgical ministers is posted on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Glen Mills
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Saint John Bosco Church, Hatboro
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Saint Isaac Jogues Church, Wayne
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Bilingual Workshop

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors
Saturday, November 18, 2023
Cathedral Chapel, Philadelphia
9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Lectors

Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Saint Norbert Parish, Paoli
7:00 to 9:00 PM in Main Church
Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Mother of Divine Providence Church, King of Prussia
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
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. 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

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, without exception, are to have a current appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- **Extraordinary Ministers who serve in institutions and schools throughout the Archdiocese are typically commissioned for service in their parishes and likewise commissioned for service in the institution and/or school.**
- Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, not in an invalid marriage, recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish/institution/school. Pastors/chaplains are reminded to be discerning in the invitation to members of the lay faithful to carry out this ministry.
- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions. Letters of Appointment from the Archbishop will then follow. *Veteran 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 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
- All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution/school.
- **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/schools for which they are commissioned.

ON-LINE COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY

AVAILABLE FROM THE LITURGIAL 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

THE LITURGICAL EXCHANGE

For information about the new Liturgical Exchange in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, please see: <https://www.liturgicalexchange.com/>.

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:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/newsletter>.

FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

Visit: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>.