

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

## JUNE 2024

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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

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

Please see the link below for sheet music for the hymn of the Eucharistic Revival, Let the Earth Acclaim (in English and Spanish):

[https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/sheet-music-available-for-new-eucharistic-hymns?\\_hsmi=283496485&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8yfd0ViHAKXN5FZT2DCEnq-P0agJI9G0394neBfJHvvMS-XjEdilKOITMkYbLjbajvfP0hHyIbgj\\_MMSXFRXxQ1IcCIA](https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/sheet-music-available-for-new-eucharistic-hymns?_hsmi=283496485&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8yfd0ViHAKXN5FZT2DCEnq-P0agJI9G0394neBfJHvvMS-XjEdilKOITMkYbLjbajvfP0hHyIbgj_MMSXFRXxQ1IcCIA)

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<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/verso-il-giubileo/2024-anno-della-preghiera.html>

## LITURGICAL AND CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

All Parishes, Religious Houses, and Institutions where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved are asked to schedule a period of solemn exposition and adoration on *Corpus Christi*. Parishes, if possible, are also encouraged to have a Eucharistic Procession.

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 Permanent Deacons will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2024. Please include an intention in the Universal Prayer on the Sundays before this Ordination for those who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

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

**Sunday, June 16, 2024**

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. Without prejudice to the liturgical and biblical texts of the day, the homily may also include a promotion of Christian fatherhood.

### **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK**

**June 22 through June 29, 2024**

*CALLED TO THE FULLNESS OF DIGNITY*

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 Memorial 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:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

**ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION  
OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
Sunday, June 30, 2024**

Since the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica falls on a Sunday this year, it is only observed at the Cathedral itself as a Solemnity.

*Looking forward to All Souls Day 2024*

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
Saturday, November 2, 2024**

The only type of wedding that can take place on All Souls Day is outside of Mass. The Mass of the day is the Mass for the Dead without exception, which does not allow for any ritual to be associated with it. A Funeral Mass can take place since it is principally a Mass for the Dead.

**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 flyer attached at the end of this mailing about the workshop on Christian Initiation for adults on Saturday, October 5, 2024.*

**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 Fall 2024-Spring 2025 workshops for liturgical ministers will be posted on the website for the Office for Divine Worship as soon as this information is available. Register for these workshops at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

*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.*

## 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.

## DISPLAY OF FLAGS IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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 more recent conflicts.

The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has in the past encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, 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.

## 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.

### **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.

#### 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/>.

Please consider spring cleaning your sacristies and storage areas for liturgical items no longer needed or in use. The *Liturgical Exchange* provides a great service within and outside the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for those looking to repurpose liturgical items for churches and chapels.

##### 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/>.

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## INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION



**Saturday, October 5, 2024  
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, D/CRE's, Christian Initiation coordinators and teams, catechists,  
and liturgical musicians are welcome!*

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEWLY APPROVED ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS FOR THE USA

This workshop will look at the practical and pastoral use of this revised ritual book, especially to reboot the ministry for the Christian Initiation of adults in parishes, including parishes that share resources for Christian Initiation, and in school settings. The application of the revised National Statutes for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will also be a part of this workshop.

Register by e-mail at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**Please make a check payable to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
with the name of the participant (s) for \$25.00 per person** and mail it to the  
Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**Registration deadline is September 28, 2024.**

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.*

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Name of Parish or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Contact and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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