## DECEMBER PRIESTS’ MAILING
FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
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February 7, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Saint John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests

We are humbled when we recall the men who offered their lives in service as priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Through lives of pastoral service and sacramental ministry, our priests have mediated God’s presence, and His kindness to us and our world. In parish communities, schools, and institutions, our priests have served so that we might experience the enduring kindness of our loving God.

Today, one third of our priests are retired. Many priests continue to assist parishes with their pastoral ministry. Others, due to advanced age and declining health have been compelled to withdraw from active ministry. These priests continue to minister through many hours of prayer, interceding for you the people of God that they have faithfully served over many years. Many of our retired priests reside at Villa Saint Joseph, Darby, and Regina Coeli, Warminster, where they continue to exemplify a message of hope to all by their dedicated lives of prayer and sacrifice offered for the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These priests now require care themselves. Your prayerful and financial support is needed at this time of their life.

The annual Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken in all parishes on the weekend of February 13-14, 2021. This collection is an opportunity for the faithful to express their gratitude the many blessings received through the ministry of priests.

Your kindness will be remembered daily in their prayers. I ask that you continue to remember our retired priests in yours. May God bless you and your loved ones know the blessing of God’s presence and the abundance of His grace today and always. Thank you for your generous response to this annual appeal.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

(Please communicate the contacts of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of February 6 and February 7, 2021. The collection is taken up the weekend of February 13 and February 14, 2021. Collection remittal should be made payable to Archdiocese of Philadelphia and sent to the Office for Financial Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299.)
OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 2020

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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, especially for Advent and Christmas.

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/
for regular updates.
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.
Roguemos al Señor/Te rogamos oyenos.

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. This year, due to the Pandemic, the Vigil Mass for Christmas may begin as early as 2:00 PM.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, November 29, 2020

As we approach the beginning of another year of the Liturgical Calendar, please note the Lectionary cycles for 2021 are:

- **Sunday Cycle – Year B**
- **Weekday Cycle – I**

The Blessing of an Advent Wreath may take place at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer on this Sunday. See the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 47, Order for the Blessing of an Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath needs only to be blessed once, perhaps at the Anticipated Mass for the First Sunday of Advent. According to the *Book of Blessings*, the Advent Wreath can be placed in any suitable location in the church, including the narthex. If it is in the sanctuary, then it should not obscure the altar or the ambo or impede the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tuesday, December 8, 2020

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States of America, is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even if it falls on a Monday or Saturday. *During the Pandemic the obligation to assist at Mass on the Holy Day is dispensed.*

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LORETO
Thursday, December 10, 2020


SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Friday, December 25, 2020

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even if it falls on a Monday or Saturday. *During the Pandemic the obligation to assist at Mass on the Holy Day is dispensed.*
The earliest time in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is 4:00 PM. This year, due to the Pandemic, the Vigil Mass for Christmas may begin as early as 2:00 PM.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Friday, January 1, 2021
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. During the Pandemic the obligation to assist at Mass on the Holy Day is dispensed.

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

BLESSINGS RELATED TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

• The rite for the blessing of an Advent Wreath, a Manger or a Nativity Scene, a Christmas Tree, and of homes during the Christmas season, are found in the Book of Blessings. The introductions to these various blessings offer helpful pastoral and liturgical information. The provided blessings for an Advent Wreath and a Manger or Nativity Scene maintain an important balance and perspective with regard to these elements of devotion and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

• Priests and deacons may consider, in conjunction with Advent, 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

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.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for 2021 workshops for liturgical ministers can be found 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 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.

2021 WORKSHOPS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Warminster
7:15 PM to 9:00 PM in Church
Please register at worship@archphila.org

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Saint Andrew Parish, Drexel Hill
7:15 PM to 9:00 PM in Church
Please register at worship@archphila.org

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick Workshop
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.
PUBLICATION OF SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY READINGS
FOR THE PARISH WEBSITE AND THE PARISH BULLETIN

Pastors are encouraged to publish resources for the Sunday and Weekday readings for Mass on the parish website and/or in the parish bulletin to foster a reading of the Word of God outside of Mass and also as a preparation for Mass. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the following website which could be published:


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/.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

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/.
PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
AND THE SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
2020 - 2021

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY
TO THE SHRINE OF
SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

The following components can be combined to create a pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel. The maximum number of people for a pilgrimage is 50 total, students and adults. For lower school students, the ratio of students to adults must be 10 to 1, and for middle and upper school students, the ratio must be 15 to 1. At this time, face coverings or masks must be worn by all who enter the Cathedral Basilica and social distancing must take place wherever possible. The pilgrimage opportunity is offered on Wednesdays by appointment, but note that the order of these components is flexible as is the time of day, all subject to available resources. Please contact Martha Ortiz at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com to schedule a pilgrimage for your group.

Presentation on Saint Katharine Drexel:
• Depending on the size of the group, can be held in the Chapel, at the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel, or Drexel Hall
• The presentation is typically 30 to 40 minutes for an adult group and 20 to 30 minutes for young adults or children

Guided Tour of the Cathedral Basilica:
• Requires one tour guide for a group of 50 maximum
• Typical tour is one hour long, but can be longer depending on the interest of the group
• Given only when there are no other activities in the Basilica

Mass (public or separate) and opportunity for Confessions:
• The 12:05 PM Mass in the Chapel is almost always available for a pilgrimage group and all priests are welcome to concelebrate the Mass
• Mass at another time can be arranged; location subject to the size of the group and the availability of each location
• Confessions can be heard before the 12:05 PM Mass or by the visiting priest at another time in the Basilica confessionals only

Prayer to begin or end the day of pilgrimage (suggestions for the group):
• Saint Katharine Drexel Novena/Liturgy of the Hours/Holy Rosary

Other:
• For candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, certain tour guides can do a presentation on the confirmation questions from the Office for Divine Worship
• For young groups, we provide a Discovery Activity; the children have written questions and clues they can answer while touring the Basilica
• The Cathedral Shop is often open on Wednesdays
Virtual Christmas Concert
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PHILADELPHIA, PA

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“EMMANUEL...GOD WITH US”... The whole of the Advent and Christmas seasons point to this reality. God, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, is with us. From “the Word made Flesh” of Christmas to the “I will not leave you orphans” of Pentecost, we are constantly assured that the God who loved us into being continues to walk with us. As we come once again to the celebration of Christmas, it is good for us to rekindle the awareness of God with us. The gift coming from the stable in Bethlehem sustains us and strengthens us each day. Continuing in prayer to be grateful for the gift of Emmanuel will see us through these challenging times in our world and in our Church. We can approach whatever this new years has to offer because we have the confidence of knowing we are supported and consoled by God with us.

We in the Office for Clergy are grateful for the ministry of serving you which has been entrusted to us. Serving the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese is a privilege and grace for which we are grateful. May the Lord continue to bless all of us as we joyfully and confidently proclaim through our words and our deeds that GOD IS WITH US. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from all of us in the Office for Clergy.

NOTICES

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRIESTS - The Community Food Program of Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is offering an Alternative Christmas Card suitable to be sent by priests. Your purchase of these cards provides a direct contribution to the poor and hungry of the Archdiocese. This donation is noted on each card that you send. They are sold in packs of 10 cards for $15 or 20 cards for $25. Please consider the Community Food Program and the good that purchasing your Christmas cards from them will do for our hungry sisters and brothers. For more information, contact Denise Hopkins at 215-895-3470 ext. 77823 or dhopkins@ndsarch.org

REMINDER: UPCOMING EVENTS 2021
(Subject to Change)

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2021 CATHOLIC DIRECTORY – is now available, if you are interested in receiving a copy of the directory, please call 800-273-6725. The Catholic Directory is still available at no cost to our priests who request one, although donations are always gratefully accepted. Copies of the directory for rectory or school office should be ordered via the website www.CatholicPhilly.com or at the number above.

MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT – Retired priests seeking reimbursement of the Medicare Part B premium and deductible for the year 2020, please send a copy of your SSA-1099 form, which will be mailed to you, to confirm your participation in the Medicare Program, to the Office for Clergy for processing. This form can also be obtained by contacting your local Social Security Office, calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213, or visiting the Social Security website at http://ssa.gov Any questions, please call Louise Sullivan or Ildiko Schwartz at the Office for Clergy 215-587-4532.
ASSIGNMENT POLICY – Requests for assignment in June 2021 should be made with careful and prayerful consideration and submitted in writing to Archbishop Pérez no later than January 15, 2021. Please note that requests after this date ordinarily will not be considered for the Spring 2021 assignment changes.

PRIEST PERSONAL PLANNING RECORD – Thank you for your time completing and submitting a Priest Personal Planning Record for your Personnel File is most sincerely appreciated, especially if it’s been more than five years since your last update or if you don’t have one on file yet. The form is available online in the Priest Portal or by calling or emailing the Clergy Office.

VISITING PRIESTS – Priests are reminded that arrangements for extern priests requesting hospitality or pastoral assignments in the Archdiocese should be initiated in the Office for Clergy, which carries responsibility for confirming the extern’s status, standing in the priesthood, permission of the extern’s legitimate superior for service/residence in the Archdiocese, criminal background checks and child abuse record checks, etc. If you receive any inquiries of this nature, please contact the Office for Clergy. A celebret or a letter of proof of good standing/faculties in his own (Arch)diocese/Institute of Consecrated Life/Society of Apostolic Life is necessary for any priest or deacon to minister in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

NOTE to all Pastors and heads of the institutions: All Priests and Deacons that are visiting from another (Arch)diocese to assist in the celebration of a Liturgy in any way should have a celebret or letter of good standing to give to you for your files.

HOLY ROOD - ORDERING ARCHDIOCESAN VESTMENTS
Any priest or deacon in need of ordering any Archdiocesan vestment should call the Holy Rood number directly. The contact there is Matthew Shuster at 1-866-383-7292. All orders will be sent directly to the person placing the order and the billing will also be direct.

THE UPPER ROOM CRISIS HOTLINE - is a pastoral service available to priests, deacons, and men religious. The program reaches out to those living alone or in small groups and may be especially appealing to those who have retired from active ministry, who are isolated from their peers, or who are dealing with health issues. The program is staffed by trained volunteers and operates in a strictly confidential fashion. For additional information, you may visit their website at: https://www.catholichotline.org or contact the Office for Clergy at 215-587-4532.

CLERGY DATABASE - We appreciate the considerate assistance of all our priests and deacons for helping us maintain accurate contact information. Please continue to notify the Clergy Office: seclergy@archphila.org or 215-587-4532, whenever there is a change to your email address and/or phone/cell phone numbers.

ONGOING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE ARCHDIOCESE

MCGRATH INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH LIFE - has provided intellectual, pastoral, and practical content for priests to use during these challenging times. The resource has two components:

- a retreat experience with lectures and a study guide that you can use with your priests;
- a professional development series designed for parish priests to use in their parishes with their parish teams.

Here is your link to the full resource containing the videos, worship aids, reflection questions, spiritual contemplation, and resources that accompany each lecture. Link to the Bishop D’Arcy Program in Priestly Renewal Video Series: https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/summer-institute/darcy-priestly-renewal/bishop-darcy-program-in-priestly-renewal-video-series/

ONGOING FORMATION AND SABBATICAL PROGRAMS FOR PRIEST RENEWAL IN ROME – Information and forms for Philadelphia priests who desire a sabbatical in Rome: https://www.pnac.org/icte/about-icte/“Institute for Continuing Theological Education”.
THE MANUAL OF INDULGENCES – A CORRECTION FROM SEPTEMBER 2020

By Deacon M. Kevin Harrington
Assistant to the Associate to the Vicar for Clergy for Permanent Deacons

Shortly after the Clergy Notes was published in September 2020 with the article on the Raccolta, I received a handwritten letter from Monsignor Frank Schmidt after he read the article on the Raccolta. Monsignor Schmidt took the time after reading the article to send me a handwritten letter to let me know that some updated information is available regarding indulgences. And he was worried that if he did not let me know of the updated information, someone might miss an opportunity at an indulgence. I also received an email from Fr. Dennis Gill, letting me know about my article's sources. Fr. Gill informed me that there were more updated sources available on indulgences. The former process included specific time periods that one could achieve, such as months or years. The new norms have updated considerations that are outlined as follows.

In the development of the new norms, the following considerations have been partially observed:

- Establishing a new measurement for partial indulgences taking into account the merit with which the act will dictate the remission of temporal punishment based on the degree to which the charity of the one performing the act is greater and the level in which the act is performed more perfectly will be the measurement for the remission of punishment through a partial indulgence.
- To reduce the overall number of plenary indulgences so that the faithful will hold them in greater esteem
- To simplify and organize the “real” and “local” indulgences

According to the Manual for Indulgences, the four grants provide for a partial indulgence to the Christian faithful who:

1. “While carrying out their duties and enduring the hardships of life, raise their minds in humble trust to God and make, at least mentally, some pious invocation.”
2. “Led by the spirit of faith, give compassionately of themselves or of their goods to serve their brothers in need.”
3. “In a spirit of penance, voluntarily abstain from something that is licit for and pleasing to them.”
4. “In the particular circumstances of daily life, voluntarily give explicit witness to their faith before others.

In addition to the four general grants, there are other conditions that complement each other and help the faithful strengthen their relationship with Christ by performing works of devotion, charity, and penance.
To gain a plenary indulgence, one must exclude all attachment to sin and will need to perform the indulgenced work and fulfill the following three requirements or conditions. First, an indulgence can only be gained once a day, and to obtain it, the faithful person must have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin. Lastly, the faithful person must have gone to Confession and confessed their sins, and they must pray for the Supreme Pontiff's intentions. Also, a single sacramental confession will be sufficient for gaining several of the plenary indulgences. But keep in mind that several days before or after the completion of the prescribed work for the indulgence, one must receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary) on the same day the work is performed to receive each of the plenary indulgences. So as you can see, the revisions have streamlined the process surrounding indulgences and can provide for growth in our friends, family, and parishioners' spiritual lives.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON RETREATS FOR THE REMAINDER OF CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND ANNUAL ONGOING FORMATION AND RETREAT RECORD FORM - Because of the ongoing pandemic, the deacon retreat scheduled Friday, November 20, to Sunday, November 22, at Saint Mary of Providence in Elverson, PA, has been CANCELLED. Those who have paid will be issued a refund as soon as possible.

Because of this, the Archbishop has decided to grant permission that the particular law of the retreats for permanent deacons, be modified for calendar year 2020. Therefore, any permanent deacon may substitute a day of prayer and fasting, on a date of their choosing, prior to December 31, 2020. The deacon will still be required to complete the annual reporting form with respect to the retreat, even if it is the individual day of prayer and fasting; as well as, recording ongoing formation hours, which also may be completed individually by reading books, watching instructional videos, and/or listening to lectures. This completed form is due to the Clergy Office by December 31, 2020.

REMINDER ABOUT THE DEATH OF A DEACON OR A DEACON'S WIFE - In the event of the death of a deacon or spouse, families should notify the Office for Clergy as soon as possible, and before final funeral arrangements are made. As the funeral of a deacon is an Archdiocesan event, the music selection needs to be reviewed by the Office for Divine Worship. This should be done by having the parish music director contact the Office for Divine Worship directly. Also, when possible, the Archbishop would prefer to be the principal celebrant at the funeral of a deacon or spouse of a deacon. In his absence, an auxiliary bishop may be the principal celebrant, based on availability. Any questions should be directed to Deacon Michael Pascarella at mpascarella@archphila.org.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION - The list of approved spiritual directors has been revised. The Office for Clergy, through the Associate to the Vicar for Clergy for Permanent Deacons, will gladly assist deacons in obtaining a personal spiritual director. Please contact Deacon Michael Pascarella for more information about finding an approved spiritual director.

NEXT PERMANENT DIACONATE VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT - We will have another virtual (webinar) Information Night for those interested in the Permanent Diaconate, on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Watch your emails for more information and how to register. In the meantime, please talk to men from your parish, about whom you believe has the character and qualifications to pursue ordained ministry as a permanent deacon.
Covid-19 Vaccine Information and Updates

The Office of Life and Family has compiled a list of resources for pastors and parishes to access during this pandemic. Please visit our Covid-19 Vaccine web-page to learn the latest updates regarding Covid-19 vaccines research and information. This web-page will be updated regularly and will include information on how to receive vaccines when the time comes.

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PCMR Young Adult Multicultural Mass
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Sunday, December 13, 2020
1:00 PM

St. James the Great Parish
8320 Brookside Road
Philadelphia, PA 19027

Hosted by: Asian Young Adult Communities
All are welcome!
MEMORANDUM

TO: All Priests

FROM: Aileen Kain
Director of External Affairs and Alumni Relations

DATE: November 19, 2020

RE: Please save these dates for our upcoming events

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, some of the events listed below could have limited availability for onsite participation. In that case, every attempt will be made to provide for an opportunity to participate virtually.

December 4, 2020 -- First Friday Devotions, Livestream via Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem

December 6, 2020 – Christmas Concert, Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, 4:00 p.m., via livestream,
http://joyfulfilms.com/scbschristmasconcert/

February 1, 2021 – Cardinal Foley Lecture, 7:00 p.m. featuring Brett Robinson, Ph.D. from the
University of Notre Dame, Director of Communications and Catholic Media Studies in the McGrath
Institute for Church Life.

February 5, 2021 -- First Friday Devotions, Livestream via Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem

February 6, 2021 – Mass with Institution of Acolyte, Saint Martin’s Chapel, 10:00 a.m.

March 5, 2021 – First Friday Devotions, Livestream via Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem

April 21, 2021 – Saint Charles Borromeo Gala Award Dinner honoring Patty and Gary Holloway, Union
League of Philadelphia, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

April 29, 2021 – Alumni Jubilee Mass, Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner in
College Auditorium

May 7, 2021 -- First Friday Devotions, Livestream via Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem
May 8, 2021 – Transitional Diaconate Ordination, Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, 10:00 a.m.

May 11, 2021 – Baccalaureate Mass, Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, 5:00 p.m.

May 12, 2021 – Concursus, Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, 10:00 a.m.

May 15, 2021 – Ordination to the Priesthood, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and Shrine to Saint Katherine Drexel, 10:00 a.m.

June 12, 2021 – Permanent Diaconate Ordination, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and Shrine to Saint Katherine Drexel, 10:00 a.m.

July 26 - July 30, 2021 -- Alumni Priest Retreat, Reserve your space soon. The retreat will begin on Monday, July 26, 2021, with 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, followed by dinner; and will conclude on Friday, July 30, 2021 after lunch. If you have questions or specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact External Affairs and Alumni Relations at 610-785-6530 office, 610-331-4107 mobile or akain@scs.edu.

The Retreat Master is Rev. Paul D. Scalia from the Diocese of Arlington. Father Scalia grew up in the Diocese of Arlington and attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He then studied theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Since his ordination in 1996 he has served as parochial vicar at several parishes and as pastor of Saint John the Beloved in McLean, VA. He currently serves as the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and directs the permanent diaconate program. He has written for various publications and is a frequent speaker on matters of faith and doctrine. Father Scalia is the author of *That Nothing May Be Lost: Reflections on Catholic Doctrine and Devotion* (Ignatius Press, 2017) and *Sermons in Times of Crisis: Twelve Homilies to Stir Your Soul* (Saint Benedict Press, 2019).
Institute for Christian Formation

“Were not our hearts burning while He spoke to us...?” (Luke 24:32)

The Institute for Christian Formation is launching on January 21, 2021 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the School of Theological Studies. The Institute welcomes all those eager for a closer walk with the Lord Jesus Christ and enrichment of their lives as baptized believers to join together with others on a journey of discovery and exploration of the riches of the Catholic Faith. We invite you to join us for dynamic presenters and experiential faith formation that will enrich your participation in the Holy Mass and the other Sacraments and equip you for vibrant discipleship. Come deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ!

We will meet in the Spring and Fall seasons of 2021 and 2022. Sessions will be offered on eight Thursday evenings per season from 6:45 P.M.-9:30 P.M. The cost is $250 per season. The Institute is open to adults over 18 with a high school diploma/GED. A certificate will be awarded for full completion of the four seasons. For more information and to register, we invite you to visit https://www.scs.edu/ICF or contact us at sts@scs.edu or 610-785-6287.

School of Theological Studies
Are you being called to a deeper relationship with Christ and others? The School of Theological Studies is the source of a solid education in Catholic Theology! We offer undergraduate and graduate courses in Theology. Pursue your M.A. in Theology to enrich your faith, grow in your career, or contribute in service to the Church. Apply today! Still not sure where God is leading you? Our undergraduate Theology courses are an excellent introduction. Sign up and begin a journey of faith and conversion of heart through education. Registration for Spring courses opens in December 2020, and classes begin January 11, 2021. Find out everything you need to know to get started in the New Year with Jesus Christ at https://www.scs.edu/graduate-school-theology/master-arts-theology or contact us at sts@scs.edu or 610-785-6287.

Catechetical Institute / Instituto Catequético

Start the New Year off with a commitment to your Faith! The School of Theological Studies’ Catechetical Institute is here to help through a convenient, online format. Courses are now available in Spanish. Enrich your spiritual life or fulfill your requirements for your catechetical certificate all in the comfort of your own home. It is easy to sign up and complete your course independently, at your own pace, for only $60 a course. Let February’s courses, Foundations of the Church / Los fundamentos de la Iglesia and Sacraments of Initiation / Sacramentos de iniciación, inspire you to explore our dynamic program. Registration will open on December 7, 2020. For more information or to register, please visit us at https://www.scs.edu/school-theological-studies/catechetical-institute or contact us at sts@scs.edu or 610-785-6287.