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The Diocese of Arlington is a member of the FDLC, Region IV.

LITURGY WORKSHOPS: FOSTERING PARTICIPATION in SACRED LITURGY

The Liturgy Workshops, presented by the Office of Divine Worship of the Diocese of Arlington, consist of three sessions, outlined below. Workshops are guaranteed for each deanery at least once during the year (deaneries II-V in the Spring and deaneries I, VI-VII in the Fall); these workshops are held on Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Additional workshops may be offered on weekends or weekdays upon request and at the discretion of the Office of Divine Worship. (*flier enclosed*)

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: *A training workshop for those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Mandatory for new EMHCs but recommended for all in this ministry, this workshop addresses the practical, theological, and spiritual dimensions of the ministry. (1.5 hours)*

Presentation, Why Liturgical Tradition Matters: *Open to all the faithful, this presentation appeals to the Church's 2,000-year history of liturgical celebration and theology to explain what "tradition" is, why it matters, and how a better understanding of it can deepen our liturgical participation. (1 hour)*

Workshop for Readers: *A training workshop for those who serve in the ministry of Reader. Optional but recommended for all Readers, this workshop addresses the practical, theological, and spiritual dimensions of the ministry. (1.5 hours)*

Upcoming Workshops 2019

- ✦ T Jun 11, 7:30p (EM) • W Jun 12, 7:30p (Present.) • R Jun 13, 7:30p (Read.) • OL Lourdes (Arlington)
- ✦ Sat, Sep 14 • 10a (EM) | 12p (Present.) | 1:30p (Read.) • Saint Mary of the IC (Fredericksburg)
- ✦ Sat, Oct 5 • 10a (EM) | 12p (Present.) | 1:30p (Read.) • Saint James (Falls Church)

Previous Workshops: 4/6 St Theresa, 4/27 Queen of Apostles, 5/11 St Elizabeth Ann Seton, 5/18 Sacred Heart of Jesus

More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops

MANDATES for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

Parish Lists are mailed to Pastors annually. Updated Parish Lists are available to Pastors at any time by request to the Office of Divine Worship. Updates to the Parish List, including mandate requests for new EMHCs, can be submitted at any time using the Mandate Request Form.

The mandatory workshop for new EMHCs is now part of the “Liturgy Workshops” (see previous page). Workshops are offered in every deanery throughout the year: deaneries II-V in the Spring, deaneries I, VI-VII in the Fall. Additional workshops are available upon request and at the discretion of the Office of Divine Worship.

For new EMHCs, Pastors are encouraged to celebrate the *Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* found in the *Book of Blessings*, chap. 63.

Forms & More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/EMHC

CATECHESIS on DEVOUT RECEPTION of HOLY COMMUNION

In response to feedback from Pastors and at the request of Bishop Burbidge, this month’s bulletin includes a one-page catechesis on devout reception of Holy Communion (*enclosed*). This resource, intentionally limited in scope and purpose, may be used at the discretion of each Pastor in a manner most suitable to the parish, such as a bulletin insert or catechetical instruction read aloud.

CONFIRMATIONS for PARISHES

The Fall 2019 Schedule has been published (*enclosed*).

Requests for the Spring 2020 Schedule have been sent to parishes. Please follow the directions provided by the Office of the Bishop.

Forms & More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/parishconfirmation

CONFIRMATION for ADULTS

✠ Solemnity of Pentecost • Sunday, June 9, 2019 • 2:30pm ✠
Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington)

Candidate Forms were due to the Office of Divine Worship by Friday, May 10th. Please submit any outstanding forms as soon as possible.

Forms & More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/adultconfirmation

CONFIRMATION according to the EXTRAORDINARY FORM

✠ Tuesday, October 15, 2019 • 7:00pm ✠
Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington)

Candidate Forms are due to the Office of Divine Worship by September 13, 2019.

Forms & More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/extraordinaryform

RITE of ELECTION *and of the CALL to CONTINUING CONVERSION*

The Rite of Election in 2019 took place at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington) on the First Sunday of Lent (March 10th) and at Saint Theresa (Ashburn) on the Second Sunday of Lent (March 17th).

Rite of Election, 2020: TBA.

Forms & More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/riteofelection

NOTES on the LITURGICAL YEAR: JUNE-JULY 2019

June 10, 2019: The newly-instituted memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church is celebrated the day after Pentecost Sunday. The Mass formulary is found in no. 10B of the Votive Masses, and the Lectionary readings are available at <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm>.

June 22, 2019: Saint Thomas More is the Patron of the Diocese of Arlington. Therefore, the memorial of Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr, and Saint Thomas More, Martyr, is observed as a feast within the Diocese; thus, the Gloria is sung. As the patron and titular saint of the Cathedral, the memorial is observed as a solemnity within the Cathedral, in particular; thus, the Gloria is sung, three readings from Scripture are proclaimed, and the Creed is said.

June 23-24, 2019: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday, June 23 is followed the next day by the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, June 24. Sunday evening Masses and Evening Prayer are that of Corpus Christi. The vigil Mass and readings of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist are omitted in 2019.

June 28-30, 2019: The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 28 and the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29 overlap on the evening of Friday, June 28. Sacred Heart takes precedence for evening Masses and for Evening Prayer (see *Universal norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 61). Sunday, June 30 is the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; even though the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul has a higher rank than a Sunday in Ordinary Time, the fact that Sunday's celebration is a day of precept means that Masses on Saturday evening, June 29, should be anticipated Masses for Sunday. As regards the Liturgy of the Hours, there is freedom to choose whether to pray Evening Prayer II of Saints Peter and Paul or Evening Prayer I of the Sunday. The Memorial of Saint Irenaeus and the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary are omitted in 2019.

July 22, 2019: Saint Mary Magdalene has been celebrated as a feast since 2016. Therefore, the Gloria is sung. The prayers are taken from the Proper of Saints, and the readings, which are proper, are found at no. 603 of the *Lectionary for Mass*. (A new Preface for the feast has been approved by the USCCB and is awaiting confirmation by the Holy See before it can be implemented.)

Full notes on the Liturgical Year for 2019 can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgicalyear.

DIVINE WORSHIP NEWS from the VATICAN, USCCB, & FDLC

In December 2018, the USCCB published *Open Wide Our Hearts*, a pastoral letter against racism. In the letter, the bishops encourage parishes to pray for peace and foster community, dialogue, and reconciliation through, for example, observing the National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities (Sep 9, memorial of Saint Peter Claver) and prayer to Our Blessed Mother. The letter concludes with a prayer to Mary, which is available as a prayer card from the USCCB store.

On January 17, 2019, Pope Francis suppressed the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei* by an apostolic letter issued *motu proprio*. The tasks of the former commission are now treated by a special section of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith.

On January 25, 2019, the optional memorial of Saint Paul VI, Pope, was inscribed in the General Roman Calendar by decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The memorial is observed on May 29.

On February 12-15, 2019, the plenary session of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments addressed the topic “The Liturgical Formation of the People of God.” Though speaking to the participants in the general assembly, Pope Francis’ reminder to the assembly is relevant for all who engage in liturgical formation:

Dear brothers and sisters, we are all called to deepen and revive our liturgical formation. The liturgy is in fact the main road through which Christian life passes through every phase of its growth. You therefore have before you a great and beautiful task: to work so that the People of God may rediscover the beauty of meeting the Lord in the celebration of His mysteries and, by meeting Him, have life in His name.

~ Pope Francis, Address to Plenary Assembly of CDWDS, 14 Feb 2019

On Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019), the newly translated *Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism* became the required ritual for use in the United States. Copies can be purchased from the USCCB’s online store. This rite was used at the Chrism Mass (April 18, 2019).

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, 2019), Pope Francis promulgated the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit!*, addressed to and for young people. In the exhortation, the Holy Father observes,

When it comes to worship and prayer, ‘in many settings, young Catholics are asking for prayer opportunities and sacramental celebrations capable of speaking to their daily lives through a fresh, authentic and joyful liturgy’ [Synod Final Document, no. 51]. It is important to make the most of the great moments of the liturgical year, particularly Holy Week, Pentecost and Christmas. But other festive occasions can provide a welcome break in their routine and help them experience the joy of faith.

~ Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit!*, no. 224

On May 7, 2019, Pope Francis, in the apostolic letter issued *motu proprio* “*Vos estis lux mundi*”, decreed provisions concerning crimes of sexual abuse. In the letter, the Holy Father emphasizes,

...personal sanctity and moral commitment can contribute to promoting the full credibility of the Gospel message and the effectiveness of the Church’s mission. This becomes possible only with the grace of the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts, as we must always keep in mind the words of Jesus: ‘Apart from me you can do nothing’ [Jn 15:5].

~ Pope Francis, “*Vos estis lux mundi*”

On May 17, 2019, the FDLC concluded its survey of diocesan offices of worship within the US. The survey addressed such topics as the structure of the offices, the structure of diocesan liturgical commissions, RCIA and sacraments of initiation, celebrations in the extraordinary form, formation in liturgical design, and the organization’s national meeting.

On May 21, 2019, Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory was installed as Archbishop of Washington. Archbishop Gregory holds a doctorate in sacred liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Sant’ Anselmo) in Rome.