

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND NOTES FOR 2010-2011

YEAR A

Weekday Cycle - 1

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Diocese of Worcester

Date	Liturgy	Rank	Notes
<u>November 28, 2010</u>	First Sunday of Advent	<i>Sunday</i>	Year A begins
<u>December 5, 2010</u>	Second Sunday of Advent	<i>Sunday</i>	
<u>December 8, 2010</u>	Immaculate Conception	<i>Solemnity</i>	Holy Day of Obligation Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Rite of Marriage • the nuptial Blessing is given
<u>December 12, 2010</u>	Third Sunday of Advent	<i>Sunday</i>	The Third Sunday of Advent with its prayers and readings is solely celebrated. As the 12 th of December is also the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, special prayers of intercession and music may be incorporated into the Liturgy of the 3 rd Sunday of Advent. Purple Vestments are worn
<u>December 19, 2010</u>	Fourth Sunday of Advent	<i>Sunday</i>	
<u>December 25, 2010</u>	Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	<i>Solemnity</i>	Holy Day of Obligation Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated (All Masses celebrated today use the readings and prayers of Christmas. Vigil Masses for the Holy Family are not possible)
<u>December 26, 2010</u>	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	<i>Sunday/Feast</i>	(N.B. It is not possible to schedule a Vigil Mass for this Feast on the 25th) Funeral Mass may be celebrated

<u>January 1, 2011</u>	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	<i>Solemnity</i>	<u>As it falls on a Saturday this year it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation</u> Funeral Mass may be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may be celebrated
<u>January 2, 2011</u>	Epiphany of the Lord	<i>Sunday/ Solemnity</i>	This Feast for Sunday begins at 4:00 PM on Saturday. (N.B. It is not obligatory to schedule a Vigil Mass for this Feast on the 1st) Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated
<u>January 9, 2011</u>	Baptism of the Lord	<i>Sunday/Feast</i>	Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated
<u>January 18-25, 2011</u>	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		The Mass for Christian Unity may be used when the day allows
<u>January 22, 2011</u>	Day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through abortion		This day has been set aside by the Bishops of the United States to pray for violators of the dignity of the human person and for the restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass for peace and Justice may be used in observance of this day. Purple Vestments are worn
<u>January 23, 2011</u>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Sunday</i>	Funeral Mass may be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may be celebrated
<u>January 25, 2011</u>	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle	<i>Solemnity (in the Diocese of Worcester)</i>	Patronal Feast of the Diocese and Titular Feast of the Diocesan Cathedral
<u>February 2, 2011</u>	Presentation of the Lord	<i>Feast</i>	
<u>February 22, 2011</u>	Chair of Peter Apostle	<i>Feast</i>	Anniversary of ordination of Most Rev. Robert J. McManus to the Episcopacy
<u>March 9, 2011</u>	Ash Wednesday		Day of Fast and Abstinence
<u>March 13, 2011</u>	First Sunday of Lent	<i>Sunday</i>	Rite of Sending to Election should be celebrated in parishes sending catechumens and candidates to the Rite of Election. Celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to continuing Conversion 3:00 PM, St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester

<u>March 19, 2011</u>	Joseph, Husband of Mary	<i>Solemnity</i>	Funeral Mass may be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Rite of Marriage • the nuptial Blessing is given
<u>March 20, 2011</u>	Second Sunday of Lent	<i>Sunday</i>	
<u>March 25, 2011</u>	Annunciation of the Lord	<i>Solemnity</i>	Funeral Mass may be celebrated. Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated.
<u>March 26, 2011</u>		<i>Saturday</i>	Diocesan Men's Conference - DCU Center
<u>March 27, 2011</u>	Third Sunday of Lent	<i>Sunday</i>	Celebration of the First Scrutiny with the Elect - <i>Cycle A readings are used</i>
<u>April 3, 2011</u>	Fourth Sunday of Lent	<i>Sunday</i>	Celebration of the Second Scrutiny with the Elect - <i>Cycle A readings are used</i>
<u>April 10, 2011</u>	Fifth Sunday of Lent	<i>Sunday</i>	Celebration of the Third Scrutiny with the Elect - <i>Cycle A readings are used</i>
<u>April 17, 2011</u>	Passion (Palm) Sunday	<i>Sunday</i>	Solemn Blessing of Palms and Procession must be included in at least one Mass
<u>April 19, 2011</u>	Mass of Holy Chrism		The Chrism Mass is celebrated at 10:30 AM in St. Paul's Cathedral. All are invited
<u>April 21, 2010</u>	Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>Easter Triduum</i>	Only one Mass is permitted, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper It is recommended that a communal celebration of Morning Prayer take place. Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Liturgy of the Word with Final Commendation is permitted. Celebration of Marriage is forbidden, as is also the celebration of other sacraments except those of penance and anointing of the sick.

<u>April 22, 2011</u>	Good Friday- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	<i>Easter Triduum</i>	Day of Fast and Abstinence It is recommended that a communal celebration of Morning Prayer take place. Mass is forbidden. Celebration of the Lord's Passion takes place at 3:00 PM or later in the day Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Liturgy of the Word with Final Commendation is permitted. Celebration of Marriage is forbidden, as is also the celebration of other sacraments except those of penance and anointing of the sick
<u>April 23, 2010</u>	Holy Saturday - Solemn Easter Vigil	<i>Easter Triduum</i>	The entire celebration of the vigil takes place at night, beginning after nightfall, and ending before dawn. Sunset for this date in Worcester, Massachusetts is 7:00 PM with nightfall occurring one half hour later; therefore, the Easter Vigil may not begin before 7:30 PM Nine readings are assigned to the Easter Vigil. However, if circumstances demand in individual cases, the number of readings may be reduced. The reading from Exodus 14:15:1 is never omitted. Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Liturgy of the Word with Final Commendation is permitted. Celebration of Marriage is forbidden, as is also the celebration of other sacraments except those of penance and anointing of the sick
<u>April 24, 2011</u>	Easter Sunday	<i>Solemnity</i>	Funeral Mass may not be celebrated The renewal of Baptismal Promises takes place at all masses.
<u>April 24-May 1, 2011</u>	Octave of Easter	<i>Solemnity</i>	Marriage Ritual may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated Funeral Mass may be celebrated

<u>May 1, 2011</u>	Octave of Easter	<i>Solemnity</i>	<p>The Congregation for Divine Worship decree (23 May 2000) that “throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that human kind will experience in the years to come”</p> <p>The essential celebration consists in the celebration of the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter during which the homily should focus in the scriptural readings of the day. It should be noted that the three cycles of readings and the orations are all centered on the forgiveness of sins and God’s infinite mercy.</p>
<u>May 8, 2011</u>	Third Sunday of Easter	<i>Sunday</i>	
<u>May 15, 2011</u>	Fourth Sunday of Easter	<i>Sunday</i>	
<u>May 21, 2011</u>	Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Ordination Liturgy will take place at 10:00 at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Worcester. All are invited
<u>May 22, 2011</u>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<i>Sunday</i>	
<u>May 29, 2011</u>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>Sunday</i>	
<u>June 2, 2011</u>	The Ascension of the Lord	<i>Solemnity</i>	<p><u>In the province of Boston the Solemnity is celebrated on the Thursday following the Sixth Sunday of Easter</u></p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Liturgy of the Word with Final Commendation may be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Rite of Marriage • the nuptial Blessing is given
<u>June 4, 2011</u>	Ordination to the Priesthood	<i>Weekday</i>	Ordination Liturgy will take place at 10:00 at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Worcester. All are invited
<u>June 5, 2011</u>	Seventh Sunday of Easter	<i>Sunday</i>	

<u>June 11, 2011</u> _____	Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	Ordination Liturgy will take place at 10:00 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester. All are invited
<u>June 12, 2011</u>	Pentecost Sunday	<i>Solemnity</i>	The season of Easter ends with Evening Prayer It is fitting to use the sprinkling rite at Mass Following the liturgies of this day, the Easter Candle is placed near the baptismal font. Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Rite of Marriage • the nuptial Blessing is given
<u>June 19, 2011</u>	Most Holy Trinity	<i>Solemnity</i>	Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated Readings found at Lectionary # 166
<u>June 24, 2011</u>	Nativity of John the Baptist	<i>Solemnity</i>	Funeral Mass may be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Rite of Marriage • the nuptial Blessing is given
<u>June 26, 2011</u>	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	<i>Solemnity</i>	Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated Readings found at Lectionary # 169 It is appropriate to include a procession with the Blessed Sacrament Today. This procession must take place outside the Church building and has customarily included stopping at four altars for prayer and song, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
<u>June 29, 2011</u>	Peter and Paul Apostles	<i>Solemnity</i>	Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass • the nuptial blessing is given The Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated

<u>July 3, 2011</u>	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Sunday</i>	
<u>August 15, 2011</u>	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Solemnity</i>	<p><u>As it falls on a Monday this year it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation</u></p> <p>Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass • the nuptial blessing is given <p>The Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated</p>
<u>September 14, 2011</u>	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	<i>Solemnity</i>	<p>Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass • the nuptial blessing is given <p>The Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated</p>
<u>November 1, 2011</u>	All Saints Day	<i>Solemnity</i>	<p>Holy Day of Obligation Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass • the nuptial blessing is given <p>The Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated</p>
<u>November 2, 2011</u>	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)	<i>Commemoration</i>	Funeral Mass may be celebrated
<u>November 9, 2011</u>	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome	<i>Feast</i>	Funeral Mass may be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may be celebrated

<p><u>November 20, 2001</u></p>	<p>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</p>	<p><i>Solemnity</i></p>	<p>Funeral Mass may be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day • one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass • the nuptial blessing is given <p>The Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated</p>
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