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News Notes for May/June 2014

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014

In accord with the revised Roman Missal, Third Edition, parishes are encouraged to use the extended Vigil of Pentecost if possible. Similar to the Easter Vigil, there are additional readings from the Old Testament.

From the Ordo, "The Pentecost Sequence, Veni, Sancte Spiritus, obligatory on Pentecost Sunday, may be omitted at the Vigil; if Vigil, however, for pastoral reasons, makes use of the readings (no. 63) of Pentecost Day, the Sequence should be sung."

Pentecost is a fitting day for the Sprinkling Rite, and for the celebrations of the Sacraments of Initiation, such as infant baptisms, or confirmation of adults. If adults are confirmed, delegation is necessary from the office of the Bishop.

The Easter Candle is lit at all Pentecost Masses. The Easter Season concludes with the end of Vespers. The Easter Candle is then moved from the Ambo to next to the Baptismal font, where it is given proper respect. The Easter Candle may be process out of the church in the recession, if this is possible. If the parish used candles at the Ambo, those candles may now be returned to their respective place. Until now, only the Easter Candle was to be near the Ambo.

Corpus Christi, June 22, 2014

On the Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, it is appropriate and desirable to have a Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament, to highlight the Church's constant belief in the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. A procession may be after the best attended Mass on the weekend.

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29, 2014

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul falls on a Sunday this year, thus it is celebrated as a feast with its Propers and Readings. The liturgical vesture is red. This is the traditional day when the Holy Father confers the paliums on residential archbishops at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.