



# A newsletter from ST. MARY'S ABBEY

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## November 2016

### 1. All Saints Day, *solemnity* (Fr. Michael)

- ⊕ Mass with School, 9:45 a.m.
- ⊕ Solemn Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

### 2. All Souls Day

- ⊕ Requiem Mass, 5:15 p.m.

### 4. St. Charles Borromeo, *memorial*

### 6. XXXII Sunday (Fr. Michael)

- ⊕ Daylight Savings ends.

### 9. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, *feast*

### 11. St. Martin of Tours, *feast*

- ⊕ 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Adoration & Confessions, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

### 13. XXXIII Sunday (Fr. Edward Seton)

- ⊕ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Brunch

### 16. St. Gertrude, *feast*

### 17. XXXIII Sunday

### 20. Christ the King, *solemnity* (Abbot Elias)

- ⊕ Freshman Retreat
- ⊕ Oblate Meeting, Vincent House
- ⊕ Solemn Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

### 21. Presentation of the BVM, *memorial*

### 22. St. Cecilia, *memorial*

### 24. Thanksgiving Day (St. A. Dũng-Lạc, et al.)

- ⊕ Conventual Mass, 9:30 a.m.

### 27. I Advent (Abbot Richard)

- ⊕ Horarium change begins.

### 30. St. Andrew, *feast*

\* This calendar follows the *Order of Worship* as approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship on 22 June 1972 in Rome for the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictine Monasteries.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** The following is the schema of readings for this month which we encourage you to consider as a prayerful preparation for the Eucharist:

- ⊕ *Nov. 1:* Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12a.
- ⊕ *Nov. 6:* 2 Macc. 7: 1-2; 9-14; 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5; Lk. 20:27-38.
- ⊕ *Nov. 13:* Mal. 3:19-20a; 2 Thess. 3:7-12; Lk. 21:5-19.
- ⊕ *Nov. 20:* 2 Sam. 5:1-3; Col. 1:12-20; Lk. 23:35-43.
- ⊕ *Nov. 27:* Is. 2:1-5; Rom. 13:11-14; Mt. 24:37-44.

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** Mass will be on Tuesday, 1 November 2016 at 9:45 a.m. with the school community. Solemn Vespers (**without Mass**) will be sung at 5:15 p.m. All are most welcome!

**ALL SOULS DAY:** We inaugurate the month of remembrance on All Souls Day as we commend to the Lord the faithful departed. You are welcome to join us for the *Requiem Mass* on Wednesday, 2 November 2016 at 5:15 p.m., with Latin plainchant. All are welcome!

**CHRIST THE KING:** Recently elected Abbot President of the American Cassinese Congregation (of which St. Mary's Abbey is a member), Abbot Elias has returned to the Abbey and will be the celebrant on Sunday, 20 November 2016. The liturgy is also in thanksgiving to God for this honor and a welcome home to Abbot Elias. Don't miss this festive liturgy!

**OBLATES:** The Oblates will meet on Sunday, 20 November 2016. Novices and inquirers are welcome! The meeting will take place on the lower level of Vincent House. For more information, call **Fr. Hilary** at 973.538.3231 [ext. 2019].

**NOVEMBER SAINT:** Dating from the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, St. Cecilia is one of the Roman martyrs mentioned in the Roman Canon ([Eucharistic Prayer I](#)). A church stands over the ruins of her house in Rome's Trastevere. Ongoing archeological work there reveals many wonderful ancient Roman ruins, including the bathroom where Cecilia is believed to have been martyred.

A 5<sup>th</sup> century legend, however, provides much of what we know about Cecilia. Having vowed chastity, Cecilia refused to consummate her marriage to pagan Valerian. He and his brother, Tiburtius, converted to Christianity and were soon martyred. Cecilia buried her husband and brother-in-law and was soon arrested by the Romans. Refusing to sacrifice according to pagan practice she was to be suffocated in her bathroom. But Cecilia didn't die, so a soldier was sent to behead her. Three strikes of the sword failed to kill Cecilia and she lingered for three days. After her death, Pope Urban consecrated her house as a shrine.

Regretably contemporary evidence does not corroborate this legend, though a historic matron named Cecilia did found a church in Trastevere, and may be at the heart of the legend. The relics of Cecilia were translated to the Trastevere church in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. When the church was rebuilt in 1599, the tomb was opened and Cecilia's body was incorrupt but soon disintegrated due to its contact with air.

Since the 16<sup>th</sup> century Cecilia has been the patron saint of music, likely due to aniphon taken from her acts: "As the organs were playing Cecilia



sung to the Lord, saying: 'May my heart remain unsullied, so that I not be confounded.'"

English poets Alexander Pope and John Dryden wrote to honor St. Cecilia, the latter of which has been brilliantly set to music by Handel and Purcell.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** Annually we collect food for the needy of the Morristown area. Donations are needed and can be left at the main door of the Abbey Church on Sunday, November 17 or 24, or delivered to campus ministry. For more information, call David Hadjuk in the Campus Ministry office at 973.538.3231 [ext. 3015] or email him at [dhajduk@delbarton.org](mailto:dhajduk@delbarton.org).

### *Retreat Center News*

In November, the Retreat Center welcomes the following overnight retreat groups:

- ⊕ St. Peter's Prep: November 4-6
- ⊕ Matt Talbot # 87: November 11-13
- ⊕ Delbarton Campus Ministry Freshmen: November 18-20

The Retreat Center is proud to continue offering the following Small Faith Sharing Groups:

- ⊕ Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
- ⊕ Discussion of Sunday Scripture Readings: Every Wednesday
- ⊕ St. Benedict Outside the Walls: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Remember, the Retreat Center also welcomes men and women of all faiths for private or directed retreats, or for spiritual direction. For more information, contact Paul Cocco at 973-538-3231 x2100 or via e-mail: [retreatcenter@delbarton.org](mailto:retreatcenter@delbarton.org). Visit our [webpage](#) and our [Facebook](#) page.

**CHANTICLEER:** Don't miss the world class musical ensemble, Chanticleer, in concert in the Abbey Church on Thursday, 1 December 2016! For tickets and more information visit the website for [Music in the Somerset Hills](#). Tickets are \$20-\$75. Please note the Abbey is not involved in ticket sales.

**OFFERING:** During the month of October, the congregation offered the monastery \$4,944.00 through the collection at the Sunday Eucharist. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

**WEBSITE:** Please visit the Abbey website: [www.saintmarysabbey.org](http://www.saintmarysabbey.org) for this newsletter and more up-to-date information about the Abbey. You can also visit the school website for news and events: [www.delbarton.org](http://www.delbarton.org).

