

# A newsletter from ST. MARY'S ABBEY

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## October 2017

### 1. XXVI Sunday (Fr. Edward Seton)

#### 2. Guardian Angels, feast

- ⊕ Patronal Feast of the American Cassinese Congregation

#### 4. St. Francis of Assisi, memorial

#### 6. St. Bruno, memorial

#### 7. Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial

### 8. XXVII Sunday (Abbot Richard)

#### 9. Columbus Day (school holiday)

- ⊕ Matins, 7:30 a.m.
- ⊕ Vespers with Mass, 5:15 p.m.

#### 11. St. John XXIII, opt. memorial

#### 13. Adoration & Reconciliation

- ⊕ 3-5 p.m.

### 15. XXVIII Sunday (Fr. Hilary)

- ⊕ Oblate meeting, Vincent House

#### 17. St. Ignatius of Antioch, memorial

#### 18. St. Luke, feast

### 22. XXIX Sunday (Fr. Edward Seton)

### 29. XXX Sunday (Fr. Hilary)

- ⊕ Freshmen Retreat Mass

#### 28. Ss. Simon & Jude, 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.*

- ⊕ **Oct. 1:** Is. 18:25-28; Phil. 2:1-11; Matt. 21:28-32.
- ⊕ **Oct. 8:** Is. 5:1-7; Phil. 4:6-9; Matt. 21:33-43.
- ⊕ **Oct. 15:** Is. 25:6-10a; Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20; Matt. 22:1-14.
- ⊕ **Oct. 22:** Is. 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess. 1:1-5b; Matt. 22:15-21.
- ⊕ **Oct. 29:** Ex. 22:20-26; 1 Thess. 1:5c-10; Matt. 22:34-40.

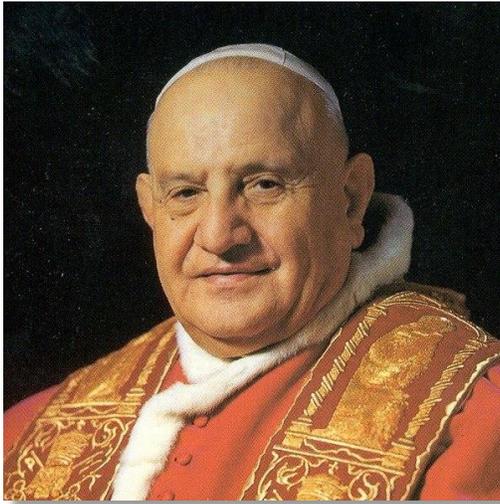
**SECOND FRIDAYS:** Adoration & Reconciliation continues on Friday, 13 October 2017 from 3–5 p.m. All are welcome!

**OBLATES:** The next meeting of the Oblates will be on Sunday, 15 October 2017 immediately following the Eucharist. Novices and inquirers are welcome! The meeting will take place on the lower level of Vincent House as usual. For more information, call Fr. Hilary at 973.538.3231 [ext. 2019] or email [him](#).

**OCTOBER SAINT:** In April 2014, Pope Francis declared two 20<sup>th</sup>-century popes Saints, both of whom revolutionized the papacy in their unique ways, and both of whom are remembered in October. “Good Pope John” is remembered on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the day in 1962, he opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council. St. John XXIII, as Pope, sought to open the dialogue between the church and the world. He forever changed the church’s notion of the papacy. What he began at Vatican II and what continued under his successor, Servant of God Pope Paul VI would effect change on almost every facet of the church. Such reforms continue to be felt, understood, and implemented.

Born to peasant farmers near Bergamo in 1881, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli would enjoy a 1<sup>st</sup>-rate education, eventually earning a doctorate in Theology. He would go on to teach, and even serve as a hospital orderly during World War I. His subsequent research in the Ambrosian Library in

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



Milan put him in touch with Achille Ratti, the future Pius XI, who would later appoint Roncalli to what would be a long and distinguished diplomatic career. This would send Roncalli to Bulgaria, Turkey, and Greece. In Turkey, he developed good relations with the Orthodox Church. In Greece during the German occupation, Roncalli helped prevent the deportation of Jews. As nuncio to France, Roncalli smoothed friction between those working with the Vichy regime and the opposition.

By 1953 Angelo Roncalli would find himself as the newly appointed Patriarch of Venice. As Patriarch he was known for pastoral zeal, firm opposition to Communism and informality. In 1958, following the death of the long-reigning Pius XII, Angelo Cardinal Roncalli was elected to the See of Peter. Many saw the 77 year old man as a “caretaker” pope until a conclave would elect a more significant candidate. Little did the cynics know that the newly crowned John XXIII would turn the church upside-down. Immediately John XXIII would define the papacy as a pastoral role. Then he set out to begin his reforms!

A revision of the Code of Canon Law and a synod for the diocese of Rome were among his initial tasks. An ecumenical council, however, would be the decisive moment in his short papacy. His *aggiornamento* as he called it was to be a new Pentecost for the church that sought to bring together the separated, and usher the church into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Despite painful cancer, St. John XXIII set in motion sweeping changes. Even his encyclicals had a more pastoral than dogmatic tenor.

Good Pope John was a man of dialogue, despite creedal differences. He began what would

become significant ecumenical efforts with the Orthodox and Protestant churches, and especially with Jews, to whom he introduced himself with the words: *I am Joseph, your brother!* This jovial and down-to-earth man never lost sight of his humble origins, notwithstanding his lettered past. He embraced his long final suffering with dignity. His death in 1963 was felt deeply by Catholics and non-Catholics around the globe. Pope John Paul II, the pope with whom he would be canonized, beatified him in 2000, along with Pius IX and Benedictine [Columba Marmion](#).

#### *Retreat Center News*

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

- ⊕ Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Men’s Group
- ⊕ Matt Talbot
- ⊕ Delbarton Campus Ministry Freshmen

The Retreat Center is proud to offer the following Small Faith Sharing Groups for the 2017-2018 Academic Year:

- ⊕ *Follow Me—Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of the month beginning Oct 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9 a.m.
  - Cost: \$35 to cover materials
- ⊕ *Lectio Divina*
  - Every Wednesday beginning Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 a.m.
- ⊕ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
  - Every Thursday beginning Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- ⊕ *Spiritual Direction and/or Reconciliation*
  - Every Wednesday beginning Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m.

For more information about these groups, scheduling or registration, contact Paul Cocco at 973-538-3235, ext. 2100, or pick up a flyer in the Abbey Church.

Remember, the retreat center also welcomes men and women of all faiths for private or directed retreats, or for spiritual direction. Watch for the schedule for the 2017-2018 Academic Year! For more information, contact Paul Cocco at 973-538-3235, ext. 2100 or via e-mail: [retreatcenter@delbarton.org](mailto:retreatcenter@delbarton.org). Visit our [webpage](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).

**OFFERING:** During the month of September, the congregation gave the monastery \$3,462.00 through the Sunday collection. Thank you for your kindness and generosity