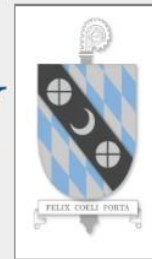




A newsletter from
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July 2019

3. St. Thomas, *feast*

4. Happy Independence Day!

7. XIV Sunday (Abbot Elias)

11. St. Benedict, *feast*

12. Second Friday

⊕ Adoration & Reconciliation

⊕ Abbey Church, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

14. XV Sunday (Father Hilary)

15. St. Bonaventure, *memorial*

16. Dedication of Abbey Church, solemnity

21. XVI Sunday (Abbot Richard)

⊕ Oblate Sunday

22. St. Mary Magdalene, *feast*

25. St. James, *feast*

26. Ss. Joachim & Anne, *memorial*

28. XVII Sunday (Prior Edward Seton)

29. Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, *memorial*

31. St. Ignatius of Loyola, *memorial*

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.

3RD ANNUAL ABBOT'S TABLE A SUCCESS:

The Third Annual Abbot's Table, which took place on Wednesday, May 15th, at the Hanover Marriott, was a great success. Many thanks to all committee members, attendees, sponsors, and donors. Please visit saintmarysabbey.org for photos!

JUBILEES: Four monks of St. Mary's Abbey celebrated jubilees with a Mass in the Abbey Church on Saturday, June 15th. Thank you to all who attended!

⊕ Abbot Gerard Lair, OSB | 65 years of monastic profession. ⊕ Father Rembert Reilly, OSB | 60 years of priestly ordination. ⊕ Father Beatus Lucey, OSB | 60 years of priestly ordination. ⊕ Father John Hesketh | 25 years of priestly ordination.



53RD GENERAL CHAPTER: Abbot-President Elias Lorenzo, OSB, Abbot Richard Cronin, OSB, and Brother Paul Diveny, OSB attended the 53rd General Chapter—a forum for abbots and delegates to discuss issues affecting the American-Cassinese Congregation—at St. Anselm Abbey in Manchester, New Hampshire from June 16-21. Thank you, St. Anselm's, for hosting!



PHASE II RENOVATIONS TO BEGIN:

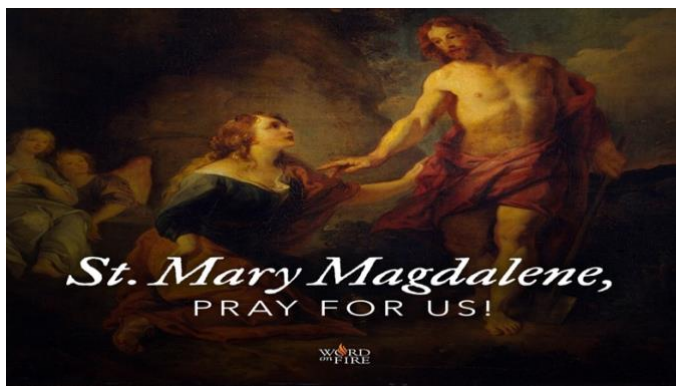
Phase II of the abbey complex renovations will begin, God willing, this summer, on Vincent House. Fundraising for the renovations has been overwhelmingly successful, and further generosity will give great security in completing the project properly! If you are interested in donating, please visit saintmarysabbey.org and click on the "Support Us" tab!

LECTIO DIVINA: Here are the readings for Sunday Masses in July.

- ⊕ **July 7:** Is 66: 10-14c; Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20
- ⊕ **July 14:** Dt 30: 10-14; Col 1: 15-20; Lk 10: 25-37
- ⊕ **July 21:** Gn 18: 1-10a; Col 1: 24-28; Lk 10: 38-42
- ⊕ **July 28:** Gn 18: 20-32; Col 2: 12-14; Lk 11: 1-13

OBLATES: The Oblates of St. Mary's Abbey will have their monthly meeting on Sunday, July 21st, immediately after Mass, in the Vincent House Basement. Questions? Please email Father Hilary.

JULY SAINT: St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.



Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes. Source: catholic.org

PRAYER SCHEDULE: Feel free to join us!

Let all guests be received as Christ (RB 53).

⊕ Sunday:

- ◆ Matins, 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ Mass, 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Vespers, 5 p.m.

⊕ Monday-Friday

- ◆ Matins, 6:30 a.m. **(6/6 - 9/2, 7:30 a.m.)**
- ◆ Midday Prayer, 11:50 a.m. (Chapter Room)
- ◆ Vespers with Mass, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Compline, 6:45 p.m. (Chapter Room)

⊕ Saturday:

- ◆ Matins, 7:30 a.m., followed by Mass (ca. 8 a.m.)
- ◆ Midday Prayer, 11:50 a.m. (Chapter Room)
- ◆ Vespers, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Compline, 6:45 p.m. (Chapter Room)

JUNE COLLECTION: The June Collection was \$4,179. Thank you for your generosity!

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Retreat Center News

July 2019

The Staff of St. Mary's Abbey Retreat Center would like to wish the Abbey/Delbarton Community a Happy and Safe Independence Day! The Staff would also like to wish the Abbey/Delbarton Community a blessed Feast of St. Benedict on July 11th.

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

- Champion Briefs Summer Debate Camp

Ongoing Offerings:

❖ Spiritual Direction -

- In the busyness of our everyday lives, it is often difficult to recognize the sacred story of our relationship with God. In our increasingly secular world, it is difficult to even talk about our faith with someone, much less discuss our struggles with it. Spiritual Direction gives us the opportunity to have such conversations on a regular basis with someone who is committed to our spiritual growth.

❖ Personal Retreats -

- The Retreat Center also welcomes men and women of all faiths for Private or Directed Retreats.

For more information on these programs or other Retreat Center questions, contact Paul Cocco at 973-538-3235 x 2100, (973) 409-3499 (Direct Line or Text Messages) or via e-mail at retreatcenter@delbarton.org.

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