



A newsletter from
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July 2016

3. XIV Sunday

10. XV Sunday of the Year

- ⊕ Oblation at Mass.

11. St. Benedict, *feast*

- ⊕ Mass, 7:30 a.m. (without Lauds)
- ⊕ Solemn Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

16. Dedication of Abbey Church, *solemnity*

- ⊕ 7:30 a.m. Mass (without Lauds)
- ⊕ 5 p.m. Solemn Vespers

17. XVI Sunday of the Year

15. St. Bonaventure, *memorial*

22. St. Mary Magdalene, *feast*

23. XVII Sunday

25. St. James the Apostle, *feast*

26. Ss. Joachim & Anne, *memorial*

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

31. XVIII Sunday

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 Sunday Eucharist:

- ⊕ **July 3:** Is. 66:10-14; Gal. 6:14-18; Lk. 10:1-12, 17-20.
- ⊕ **July 10:** Deut. 30:10-14; Col. 1:15-20; Lk. 10:25-37.
- ⊕ **July 17:** Gen. 18:1-10a; Col. 1:24-28; Lk. 10:38-42.
- ⊕ **July 24:** Gen. 18:20-32; Col. 2:12-14; Lk. 11:1-13.

- ⊕ **July 31:** Eccl. 1:2 & 2: 21-23; Col. 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21.

OBLATES: The annual retreat for the Oblates of St. Benedict will be 9-10 July 2016. Enrollment of new oblate novices and oblation for those completing their year of novitiate will take place at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 10th. Please contact [Fr. Hilary](mailto:Fr.Hilary@stmarysabbey.org) at 973.538.3231 [ext. 2019] if you plan to attend the retreat. There will be no meeting in August.



CHURCH DEDICATION: This year we mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Abbey Church. Designed by the award-winning Victor Christ-Janer, the Abbey Church was dedicated on 16 July 1966 by the late Bishop Lawrence Casey; the homily was preached by the late Archbishop Thomas Boland. This year, especially, we are reminded who we are when we gather in this sacred place: *The temple of God is holy and you are that temple (1 Cor. 3:17).*

St Augustine wrote: *The solemnity which brings you here today is the anniversary of the dedication of this house of prayer. Hence, this is the house of our prayers, but we ourselves are the house of God. And if we ourselves are the house of God, we are being built up during our life here, so that we may be dedicated at the end of time. A building, or rather the construction of that*

building entails toil; the dedication, however, elicits only joy. A festive Mass will be celebrated Saturday, 16 July 2016 at 7:30 a.m. Solemn Vespers will be sung at 5 p.m. with many benefactors, trustees and friends. Please join us for this golden celebration! Kindly [RSVP](#) if you'd like to attend Vespers and/or the reception.

DAILY PRAYER: The Benedictine charism of hospitality demands that our life and our prayer is always for others. You're invited to pray with us!

Sunday:

- ⊕ Lauds, 7:30 a.m.
- ⊕ Mass, 11:00 a.m.
- ⊕ Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

Monday-Saturday:

- ⊕ Lauds with Mass, 7:30 a.m.
- ⊕ Midday Prayer, 11:50 a.m.
- ⊕ Vespers, 5:15 p.m.
- ⊕ Vigils, 7:15 p.m.

THE BENEDICTINE MEDAL: For early Christians, the cross was a badge of their faith in Christ. From the writings of St. Gregory the Great (540-604), we know St. Benedict had a deep faith in the cross and worked miracles with the sign of the cross. This faith in, and devotion to, the Cross was passed on to succeeding generations of Benedictines.

Such devotion gave rise to the medal with the image of St. Benedict holding a cross aloft in his right hand and his *Rule* in the left. Thus, the cross has always been closely associated with the Medal of St. Benedict. In time additions were made, i.e. the Latin on the border, asking with St. Benedict's help we may be strengthened at the hour of death.

We do not know when the first St. Benedict medal was struck. A series of capital letters was later placed around the large figure of the cross on the reverse side of the medal. In 1647 a 1415 manuscript was found at St. Michael's Abbey, Metten, Bavaria (Delbarton's grandmother Abbey), explaining the letters: a Latin prayer of exorcism against Satan.

In 1880 to mark the 1400th anniversary of the birth of St. Benedict, the current features of the medal were incorporated in a new design under the supervision of the monks of Monte Cassino, Italy. This medal was produced at St. Martin's Archabbey, Beuron, Germany, at the request of the Prior of

Monte Cassino, Boniface Krug O.S.B. (1838-1909). Prior Boniface was a native of Baltimore and originally a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa. (Delbarton's mother Abbey), until he was appointed Prior and latter Archabbot of Monte Cassino. Since then, the Jubilee Medal of 1880 has been more popular throughout the Christian world than any other medal to honor St. Benedict.



JULY RETREAT CENTER NEWS

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

- ⊕ St. Mary's Abbey Oblates: July 9-10.
- ⊕ Brooklyn Oratory of St. Philip Neri: July 11- 15.
- ⊕ St. Gabriel's Youth Ministry: July 20-24.
- ⊕ Church of the Madonna Young Adults: July 29-31

We also welcome the following daily events:

- ⊕ Sacred Thread Ministries Community Mass: July 3.
- ⊕ Sacred Thread Ministries Community Mass: July 31.

The Retreat Center welcomes men and women of all faiths for private or directed retreats or for private spiritual direction. For more information, contact Paul Cocco at 973.538.3231 x2100 or via [e-mail](#).

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OFFERING: During the month of June, the congregation offered the monastery \$3,528.00 through the collection at the Sunday Eucharist. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

WEBSITE: Please visit the Abbey website: 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.