



A newsletter from
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April 2019

- 7. V Sunday of Lent (Father Hilary)**
 - ⊕ Bach's St. Matthew Passion, 1:30 p.m.
 - ⊕ Vespers in Chapter Room, 5 p.m.

- 12. Second Friday
 - ⊕ Adoration & Reconciliation
 - ⊕ Abbey Church, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- 14. Passion (Palm) Sunday (Abbot Richard)**
 - ⊕ Oblate Sunday

- 15. Chrism Mass at Cathedral (Paterson)

- 18. Holy Thursday**
 - ⊕ Matins, 7:30 a.m. thru Monday, 4/22
 - ⊕ Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5 p.m.
 - ⊕ Tenebrae, 7 p.m.

- 19. Good Friday**
 - ⊕ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m.
 - ⊕ Tenebrae, 7 p.m.

- 20. Holy Saturday**
 - ⊕ Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

- 21. Easter Sunday (Abbot Richard)**
 - ⊕ Recited Vespers, 5 p.m.

- 25. Easter Octave Mass
 - ⊕ With Delbarton School, 9:50 a.m.
 - ⊕ Vespers w/o Mass, 5 p.m.

- 28. II Easter (Divine Mercy) (Abbot Elias)**

- 29. St. Catherine of Siena, *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.

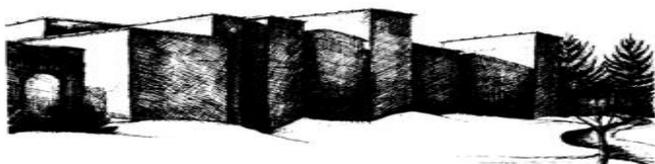
CONGRATULATIONS, BROTHER JAVIER!

Brother Javier Brion professed his simple vows during a mass for the Transitus of St. Benedict on Thursday, March 21st, 2019 before the St. Mary's Abbey / Delbarton School community. Please join us in praying for his perseverance!



BR. PAUL'S SEED-STARTING LAB

Abbey vegetable gardener, Br. Paul Diveny, OSB, has expressed gratitude and appreciation for the recent make-over to the mud room. The mud room, the last piece of the West Wing renovations, is where Br. Paul starts his seeds for the abbey's garden. A fresh coat of paint and new LED lighting has brightened up the space. A work counter with storage and double sink was installed. Br. Paul's pride and joy, however, is the new 4-tiered professional grow cart, which will enable him to grow more plants simultaneously.



OBLATES: The Oblates of St. Benedict will have their monthly meeting in the Vincent House basement immediately after Sunday Mass on April 14th. If you have any questions, please email Father Hilary.

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

- ⊕ **April 7:** Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11
- ⊕ **April 14:** Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Lk 22: 14 to 23: 56
- ⊕ **April 21:** Rom 6: 3-11; Lk 24: 1-12
- ⊕ **April 28:** Acts 5:12-16; Rv1: 9-11a,12-13,17-19; Jn 20: 19-31

EASTER TRIDUUM: The Easter Triduum begins with the Vigil of Holy Thursday. It marks the end of the forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum : "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, # 18)

These last Forty Days were a time of preparation for these great Three days, which is what Triduum means. These three days lead us to an empty tomb and an Octave, eight days, of celebrating the Resurrection. They also introduce an entire liturgical season, the Easter Season, which lasts for Fifty days until Pentecost. The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs us: "Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. It really is a "year of the Lord's favor." The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated "as a foretaste," and the kingdom of God enters into our time.

"Therefore Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments" (the Great Sacrament). The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him." (CCC #1168, 1169)

Source: catholic.org

MARCH COLLECTION: The March Mass collection was \$3,010. Thank you for your generosity!

WEBSITE: Please visit saintmarysabbey.org for this newsletter and more up-to-date information about the Abbey. You can also visit delbarton.org for more information about Delbarton School.

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. (non-school days, 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)

Retreat Center News

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

- Matt Talbot #68
- St. Mary's/St. Rose Parish
- Matt Talbot #87

Please join us in praying that these groups have a powerful retreat experience with while they are here.

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

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