



A newsletter from
ST. MARY'S ABBEY

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May 2019

2. St. Athanasius, *memorial*

3. Ss. Philip & James, *feast*

5. III Sunday of Easter (Abbot Elias)

10. Second Friday

⊕ Adoration & Reconciliation

⊕ Abbey Church, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

11. Holy Abbots of Cluny, *memorial*

⊕ Joint Oblates Meeting, Newark Abbey

12. IV Sunday of Easter (Abbot Richard)

⊕ Happy Mothers' Day!

14. St. Matthias, *feast*

15. St. Pachomius, *memorial*

⊕ Abbot's Table, 6 p.m., Hanover Marriott

19. V Sunday of Easter (Prior Edward Seton)

25. St. Bede, *memorial*

26. VI Sunday of Easter (Father Hilary)

27. Happy Memorial Day

30. Ascension of the Lord

31. Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *feast*

⊕ Baccalaureate Mass, 6:30 p.m.

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: Here are the readings for Sunday Masses in May.

⊕ **May 5:** Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 1-19

⊕ **May 12:** Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rv 7: 9, 14b-17; Jn10: 27-30

⊕ **May 19:** Acts 14: 21-27; Rv 21: 1-5a; Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

⊕ **May 26:** Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29, Rv 21: 10-14,22-23; Jn14:23-29

THE THIRD ANNUAL ABBOT'S TABLE:

The Third Annual Abbot's Table will take place on Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, NJ, starting at 6 p.m. This year's honorees are:

⊕ **Father Beatus Lucey, OSB:** Monk of St. Mary's Abbey, professed in 1953, ordained to the priesthood in 1959, former Delbarton School teacher and Headmaster from 1990-1995.

⊕ **Don and Molly Criqui:** Parents of alums from the classes of 1984, 1986, 1990, and 1996 & grandparents of current/future alums from the classes of 2017, 2021, and 2024.

Our benefit dinner is named the "Abbot's Table" because hospitality, especially at the abbot's table in the monastery dining room, is at the heart of Benedictine way of life.

In his *Rule* (Chapter 56), St. Benedict wrote:

Let the Abbot's table always be with the guests and the pilgrims.

But when there are no guests, let it be in his power to invite whom he will of the brothers.

And in Chapter 53, "The Reception of Guests,"

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matt 25:35).

In welcoming our friends and supporters as guests to the "Abbot's Table," the Benedictines of St. Mary's Abbey seek to honor Christ's presence in all, and wish to share the spirit of our Benedictine monastic lives.

Please visit <https://saintmarysabbey.org/abbots-table> for more information, including how to purchase tickets.

OBLATES: The Oblates of St. Mary's Abbey will have a joint meeting with the Oblates of Newark Abbey at Newark Abbey on Saturday, May 11th. Questions? Please email Father Hilary.

MAY SAINT: Bede is one of the few saints honored as such even during his lifetime. His writings were filled with such faith and learning that even while he was still alive, a Church council ordered them to be read publicly in the churches.

At an early age, Bede was entrusted to the care of the abbot of the Monastery of St. Paul, Jarrow. The happy combination of genius and the instruction of scholarly, saintly monks, produced a saint and an extraordinary scholar, perhaps the most outstanding one of his day. He was deeply versed in all the sciences of his times: natural philosophy, the philosophical principles of Aristotle, astronomy, arithmetic, grammar, ecclesiastical history, the lives of the saints and especially, holy Scripture.

From the time of his ordination to the priesthood at 30—he had been ordained a deacon at 19—till his death, Bede was ever occupied with learning, writing, and teaching. Besides the many books that he copied, he composed 45 of his own, including 30 commentaries on books of the Bible.

Although eagerly sought by kings and other notables, even Pope Sergius, he managed to remain in his own monastery until his death. Bede died in 735 praying his favorite prayer: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning, so now, and forever.” *Source: franciscanmedia.org*

PRAYER SCHEDULE: Feel free to join us!
Let all guests be received as Christ (RB 53).

⊕ **Sunday:**

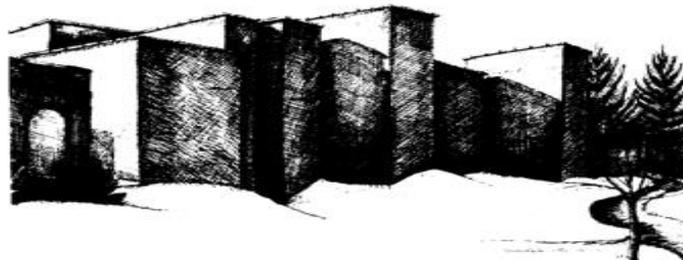
- ◆ Matins, 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ Mass, 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Vespers, 5 p.m.

⊕ **Monday-Friday**

- ◆ Matins, 6:30 a.m. (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)



APRIL COLLECTION: The April Mass collection was \$10,029. 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.

Retreat Center News

May 2019

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

- Paramus Men's Retreat Group
- Immaculate Conception Seminary Diaconate and Priesthood Ordination Retreats

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 retreatcenter@delbarton.org.

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