



A newsletter from  
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September 2019

**1. XXII Sunday (Abbot Richard)**

2. Happy Labor Day!

3. St. Gregory the Great, *feast*  
⊕ Delbarton School classes resume.

**8. XXIII Sunday (Prior Edward Seton)**

11. Mass of the Holy Spirit  
⊕ 9:50 a.m. w/ school in Abbey Church.

13. St. John Chrysostom, *memorial*  
⊕ Second Friday  
⊕ Adoration & Reconciliation, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross, *feast*

**15. XXIV Sunday (Father Anthony)**  
⊕ Oblate Sunday

20. Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, & Co., *memorial*

21. St. Matthew, *feast*

**22. XXV Sunday (Father Demetrius)**

23. St. Pio of Pietrelcina, *memorial*

27. St. Vincent De Paul, *memorial*

**29. XXVI Sunday (Abbot Richard)**

30. St. Jerome, *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.

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

- ⊕ **9/1:** Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Heb12:18-19,22-24a; Lk14:1,7-14
- ⊕ **9/8:** Wis 9: 13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14: 25-33
- ⊕ **9/15:** Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1Tm 1: 12-17; Lk 15: 1-32
- ⊕ **9/22:** Am 8: 4-7; 1Tm2: 1-8; Lk 16: 1-13
- ⊕ **9/29:** Am 6: 1a, 4-7; 1Tm 6: 11-16; Lk 16: 19-31

**WELCOME NEW POSTULANT TIM MCEVOY!**



Timothy McEvoy, who taught Math and Physics at Delbarton School for the last two years, has entered St. Mary's Abbey as a postulant. Postulancy is considered "residential vocational discernment." Upon acceptance, postulants live in the novitiate and attend prayers and meals with the monks. Like novices, postulants are under the care and supervision of the formation director (Fr. Hilary), take classes in *The Rule of St. Benedict*, Scripture, theology, philosophy, monastic history, and other topics, and engage in manual labor or other work. Postulancy lasts for a period of six months. Please join us in praying for Tim as he begins his monastic journey!

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** Delbarton School begins its 2019 academic year on Tuesday, September 3rd. Father Michael Tidd, OSB enters his second academic year as Headmaster, and Father Hilary O'Leary, OSB, Prior Edward Seton Fittin, OSB and Father Demetrius Thomas, OSB return to teach. The St. Mary's Abbey community offers its welcome and prayers to all new and returning students, faculty, and staff!

**VOCATIONS:** Catholic men between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to consider joining the monastic community at St. Mary's Abbey. For more information about vocations, please visit <https://saintmarysabbey.org/formation-program> or contact our Vocations Director, Fr. Joseph Voltaggio, OSB at 973.538.3235 ext. 2027 or [joseph@delbarton.org](mailto:joseph@delbarton.org).

**ABBHEY SEEKS CANTORS:** Saint Mary's Abbey Church is seeking cantors for the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please consider volunteering for this important hospitality ministry—all training provided! See our organist, Chris Hatcher, after Sunday Mass, or email him at [chatcher@delbarton.org](mailto:chatcher@delbarton.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. **(Through 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)

**SEPTEMBER SAINT:** *St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.*

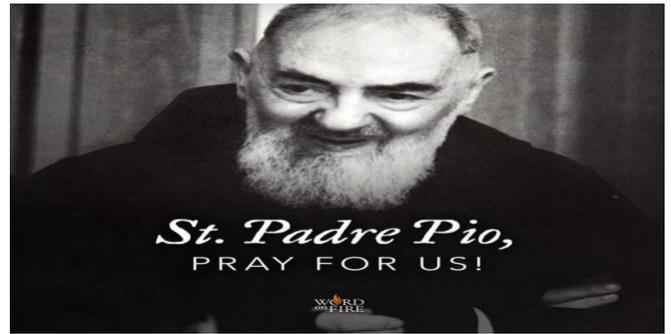
Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, southern Italy. He was tutored privately until his entry to the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 15. Of feeble health but strong will, with the help of grace, he completed the required studies and was ordained a priest in 1910.

On September 20, 1918 the five wounds of our Lord's passion appeared on his body, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church. Countless persons were attracted to his confessional and many more received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance through correspondence.

Worn out by over half a century of intense suffering and constant apostolic activity in San Giovanni Rotondo, Padre Pio was called to his heavenly reward on September 23, 1968. After a public funeral, which attracted over 100,000 mourners, his body was entombed in the crypt of Our Lady of Grace Church. Increasing numbers flock to his tomb from all parts of the world and many testify to spiritual and temporal graces received.

On December 18, 1997, by the reading of the decree on the herocity of virtues, the Holy Father John Paul II declared Padre Pio "Venerable.", and on June 16, 2002, over 500,000 Padre Pio devotees gathered in Rome to witness Pope John Paul II proclaim Padre Pio, "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina."

Source: *saintpiofoundation.org*



**AUGUST COLLECTION:** The August Collection was \$3,134. Thank you for your generosity!

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Retreat Center News

September 2019

*As the campus comes to life again after the summer hiatus, we welcome parents and students alike, especially those new to Delbarton.*

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

- Immaculate Conception Seminary
- Delbarton Football Team
- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

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](mailto:retreatcenter@delbarton.org).*

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