



A newsletter from ST. MARY'S ABBEY

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June 2018

1. St. Justin, *memorial*
3. **The Body and Blood of Christ, solemnity**
(Fr. Edward Seton)
5. St. Boniface, *memorial*
8. The Sacred Heart of Jesus, *solemnity*
⊕ 2nd Friday Adoration & Reconciliation
9. The Immaculate Heart of Mary, *memorial*
10. **X Sunday (Abbot Elias)**
⊕ Oblate Sunday
11. St. Barnabas, *memorial*
13. St. Anthony of Padua, *memorial*
17. **XI Sunday (Fr. Edward Seton)**
⊕ Fr. Edward Seton's 25th Jubilee
⊕ Fathers' Day Blessing at Mass
19. St. Romuald, *memorial*
21. St. Aloysius Gonzaga, *memorial*
24. **Nativity of John the Baptist, solemnity**
(Abbot Richard)
28. St. Irenæus, *memorial*
29. **Ss. Peter & Paul, solemnity**

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Please feel free to join us anytime for prayer during our summer schedule. *Let all guests be received as Christ (RB 53).*

⊕ Sunday:

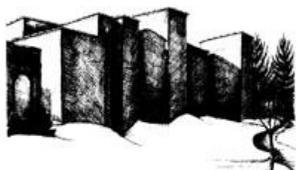
- ◆ Matins, 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ Mass, 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

⊕ Monday-Friday:

- ◆ Matins, 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ Midday Prayer, 11:50 a.m. (Chapter Room)
- ◆ Vespers with Mass, 5:15 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, 5:15 p.m.
- ◆ Compline, 6:45 p.m. (Chapter Room)



LECTIO DIVINA: The following is the schema of Sunday readings for June. Please consider them as prayerful preparation for Sunday Mass:

- ⊕ **June 3:** Ex 24: 3-8; Heb 9: 11-15; Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26
- ⊕ **June 10:** Gen 3: 9-15; 2Cor 4: 13 to 5:1; Mk 3:20-35
- ⊕ **June 17:** Ez 17: 22-24; 2Cor 5: 6-10; Mk4: 26-34
- ⊕ **June 24:** Is 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Lk 1: 57-66, 80

OBLATES: The Oblates of St. Benedict will have their monthly meeting Sunday, 10 June 2018. For more information, please call Fr. Hilary at (973)-705-1923 or [email](mailto:fr.hilary@stmarysabbey.org) him.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please join us in thanking these monks for their perseverance and faithful service!

- ⊕ Abbot Brian H. Clarke, OSB: 60th of Ordination
- ⊕ Fr. Rembert F. Reilly, OSB: 65th of Profession
- ⊕ Fr. Beatus T. Lucey, OSB: 65th of Profession
- ⊕ Fr. Andrew T. Smith, OSB: 60th of Profession
- ⊕ Fr. Hilary C. O'Leary, OSB: 50th of Ordination
- ⊕ Fr. Jude S. Salus, OSB: 50th of Ordination
- ⊕ Fr. John Hesketh, OSB: 30th of Profession
- ⊕ Prior Edward Seton Fittin, OSB: 30th of Profession & 25th of Ordination

SECOND FRIDAY: Adoration & Reconciliation continues on Friday, 8 June 2018, 3-5 p.m. in the Abbey Church. Please consider staying for Vespers and Mass!

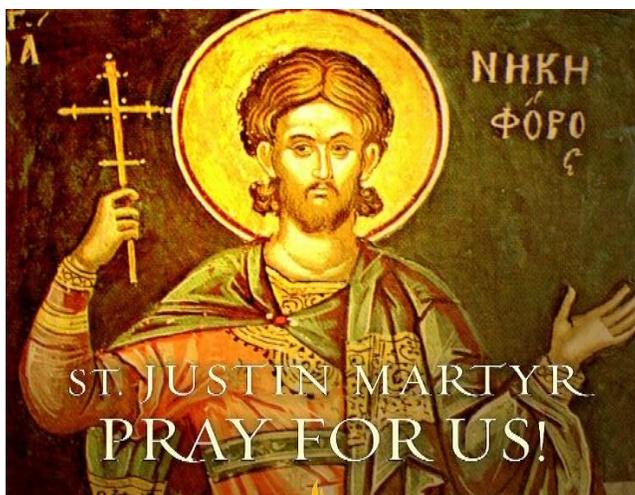
ABBAY RETREAT: St. Mary's Abbey is pleased to welcome Fr. David Songy, O.F.M.Cap, S.T.D., Psy D. for its annual retreat from June 17-20. This retreat is an important opportunity for renewal within the community. Please keep us in your prayers.

ABBAY HISTORY: We remember important June events in the history of St. Mary's Abbey...

- ⊕ June 13, 1975: Fr. Brian Hugh Clarke, OSB is elected the seventh Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey.
- ⊕ June 18, 1929: Pope Pius XI grants Abbot Ernest Helmstetter the privilege of wearing the cappa magna. (The cappa magna, literally "great cape," a form of mantle, is a voluminous ecclesiastical vestment with a long train, proper to cardinals, bishops, and certain other honorary prelates.)
- ⊕ June 25, 1998: Fr. Thomas Joseph Confroy is elected the ninth Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey.
- ⊕ June 27, 1995: Fr. Gerard Parker Lair is elected the eighth Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey.

JUNE SAINT: St. Justin was born in Flavia Neapolis, in modern day Israel, around 100-114 A.D. His parents were pagans and of Greek origin. They were wealthy and able to provide him with a first-class education. This thirst for knowledge led him to apply himself to the study of philosophy. He studied all varieties of pagan wisdom - Stoicism, Pythagoreanism, and Platonism - until his conversion to Christianity about the year 130. He describes his conversion in his famous book, *Dialogue with Trypho*: Justin was walking by the sea near the town of Caesarea, when he met an old man who revealed the riches of the true Faith to him. The man told Justin about Jesus and the Hebrew prophets, and encouraged him to pray so that he would be able to understand the truth about God. Convinced of this as the one true Faith, he was baptized and began teaching and writing about Christianity.

Justin explained to the pagans why they should not worship idols and revealed to them the mysteries of the true Faith. He traveled to other lands to debate publicly. He also wrote two open letters, *The First Apology* and *The Second Apology*, to the emperor Antonius Pius and his son, the philosopher, Marcus Aurelius. In these long, written arguments known as apologies, he explained and defended the Faith.



At last Justin incurred the wrath of a cynic philosopher, Crescens, for criticizing his immorality, and Justin was arrested for being a Christian. He was brought before the Roman prefect, Junius Rusticus, to be accused. Just before Rusticus sentenced him to death, he asked Justin, "If you are killed, do you suppose you will go to heaven?" "I do not suppose it," Justin answered, "but I know and am fully persuaded of it." Justin and five other martyrs were beheaded around the year 165.

The principal facts of Justin's life are gathered from his own writings. Although many of his writings have perished, the surviving ones are among the most important that have come down to us from the second century and give some of the first accounts of parts of the Mass. Justin is an outstanding model for lay apostles of today. His life was devoted to the task of harmonizing the wisdom of the world with those greater riches revealed in the true Faith.

St. Justin is the patron of philosophers, apologists, and lecturers.

Source: <http://www.saintjustin.org/patronsaint>

FATHERS' DAY: It was first celebrated as a church service on July 5, 1908 at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South, now known as Central United Methodist Church. Grace Golden Clayton is believed to have been inspired to celebrate fathers after a deadly mine explosion in nearby Monongah the previous December. Another possible inspiration for the service is by Sonora Smart Dodd who originally thought of the idea while listening to a Mothers' Day sermon. The local ministerial association and the YMCA supported her petition advocating a national fathers' day. By 1924, the idea was so popular that President Calvin Coolidge supported it. It was not until 1966 that a presidential proclamation declared the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. President Lyndon Johnson's proclamation became permanent during the Nixon administration in 1972. At the Sunday liturgy on 17 June 2018 all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and godfathers will receive a special blessing.

MAY OFFERING: The May collection was \$4,451.00. Thank you for your 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.

Retreat Center News

June 2018

The Staff of St. Mary's Abbey Retreat Center would like to wish all of the fathers of the Abbey/Delbarton Community a Happy Father's Day!

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

- Hoboken Grace Community Church
- Al Anon
- Archdiocese of Newark Permanent Deacons
- Diocese of Paterson Quo Vadis Vocation Retreat

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.

❖ Walk-Ins Welcome -

- Our Guestmaster, Fr. Joseph Voltaggio, OSB, welcomes visitors for Spiritual Direction of the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday from 1 - 3 PM

For more information on these programs or other Retreat Center questions, contact Paul Cocco at 973-538-3235 x 2100 or via e-mail at retreatcenter@delbarton.org.

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