



A newsletter from  
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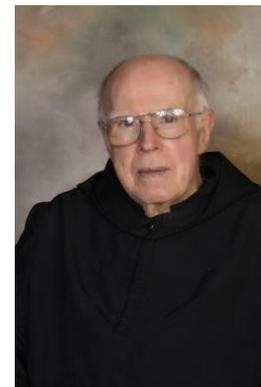
November 2019

1. All Saints Day, *solemnity*  
 ⊕ Mass with School, 9:45 a.m.
2. All Souls Day  
 ⊕ Requiem Mass, 8 a.m.  
 ⊕ Cemetery Visit, 4 p.m.  
 ⊕ Oblate Day of Recollection
3. **XXXI Sunday (Abbot Elias)**  
 ⊕ Daylight Savings ends (fall back 1 hr.)
4. St. Charles Borromeo, *memorial*
9. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, *feast*
10. **XXXII Sunday (Abbot Richard)**
11. St. Martin of Tours, *feast*
13. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, *memorial*
16. St. Gertrude the Great, *memorial*
17. **XXXIII Sunday (Father Hilary)**
21. The Presentation of the Virgin Mary, *memorial*
22. St. Cecilia, *memorial*
24. **Christ the King, solemnity (Father Michael)**
28. Happy Thanksgiving!  
 ⊕ Matins, 7:30 a.m.  
 ⊕ Mass, 9:30 a.m.
29. Immaculate Conception Novena begins
30. St. Andrew, *feast*

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.

**ABBOT BRIAN'S PASSING:**

Abbot Brian (Hugh) Clarke entered eternal rest on October 13, 2019. Thank you to all who attended obsequies, donated in his memory, and extended their condolences. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*



**ALL SOULS MASS REMEMBRANCES:**

All are welcome to submit names of the departed to be remembered during masses in November. To submit a name or names, please email Abbey Administrative Assistant Karen Schiner: [kschiner@delbarton.org](mailto:kschiner@delbarton.org).

**THANKSGIVING DONATION DRIVE:**

St. Mary's Abbey will begin its Thanksgiving Donation Drive (separate from Delbarton School) on Friday, November 1st. We will be dropping off all donations at the end of the month to Catholic Charities of Paterson, who is in need of the following items: winter wear (jackets, gloves, etc.), socks, underwear, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, oatmeal, tuna fish or canned meat, soups, pancake mix and syrup, and canned vegetables. Although these items are most needed, all donations will be accepted and appreciated. Please drop your donation in the front vestibule of the Abbey Church. Comments/questions? Contact Brother Will: 9735383235 ext. 2038 or [william@delbarton.org](mailto:william@delbarton.org).

**OBLATE DAY OF RECOLLECTION:**

The Oblates of St. Mary's Abbey will have their annual Day of Recollection on Saturday, November 2. If you are interested in or have any questions about our Oblate Program, please email Fr. Hilary: [hilary@delbarton.org](mailto:hilary@delbarton.org).

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

- ⊕ **11/3:** Wis 11:22 to 12:2; 2Thes 1:11 to 2:2; Lk 19: 1-10
- ⊕ **11/10:** 2Mc 7: 1-2, 9-14; 2Thes 2:16 to 3:5; Lk20:27-38
- ⊕ **11/17:** Mal 3: 19-20a; 2Thes 3: 7-12; Lk 21: 5-19
- ⊕ **11/24:** 2Sm 5: 1-3; Col 1: 12-20; Lk 23: 35-43

**NOVEMBER SAINT:** *St. Gertrude the Great.*

“[Gertrude] is one of the most famous mystics, the only German woman to be called “Great,” because of her cultural and evangelical stature: her life and her thought had a unique impact on Christian spirituality.

[She] was an extraordinary student, she learned everything that can be learned of the sciences of the trivium and quadrivium, the education of that time; she was fascinated by knowledge and threw herself into profane studies with zeal and tenacity, achieving scholastic successes beyond every expectation. She had a strong, determined, ready and impulsive temperament. She often says that she was negligent; she recognizes her shortcomings and humbly asks forgiveness for them. She also humbly asks for advice and prayers for her conversion.

On 27 January 1281, a few days before the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin, towards the hour of Compline in the evening, the Lord with his illumination dispelled her deep anxiety. She had a vision of a young man who, in order to guide her through the tangle of thorns that surrounded her soul, took her by the hand. In that hand Gertrude recognized “the precious traces of the wounds that abrogated all the acts of accusation of our enemies” (ibid., II, 1, p. 89), and thus recognized the One who saved us with his Blood on the Cross: Jesus.

Looking forward to never-ending communion, she ended her earthly life on 17 November 1301 or 1302, at the age of about 46.”

—Excerpted from Pope Benedict XVI’s General Audience, *St. Peter’s Square*, 6 October 2010

**OCTOBER COLLECTION:** The October Sunday Mass collection was \$2,938. Thank you for your generosity!

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**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. (7:30 a.m. non-school days)
- ◆ 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***

***November 2019***

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

- > The Paramus Men’s Retreat Group
- > Matt Talbot Group #87
- > Delbarton Campus Ministry Freshmen

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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