



A newsletter from  
**ST. MARY'S ABBEY**

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## August 2019

1. St. Alphonsus Liguori, *memorial*
- 4. XVIII Sunday (Abbot Richard)**
6. Transfiguration of the Lord, *feast*
8. St. Dominic, *memorial*
10. St. Lawrence, *feast*
- 11. XIX Sunday (Abbot Richard)**
14. St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, *memorial*
- 15. Assumption, solemnity**
- 18. XX Sunday (Father Hilary)**
20. St. Bernard, *memorial*
21. St. Pius X, *memorial*
22. Queenship of Mary, *memorial*
24. St. Bartholomew, *feast*
- 25. XXI Sunday (Prior Edward Seton)**
27. St. Monica, *memorial*
28. St. Augustine, *memorial*
29. Passion of St. John the Baptist, *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.

## God Bless You

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

- ⊕ **August 4:** Eccl 1: 2 and 2: 21-23; Col 3: 1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21
- ⊕ **August 11:** Wis 18: 6-9; Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Lk 12: 32-48
- ⊕ **August 18:** Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10; Heb 12: 1-4; Lk 12: 49-53
- ⊕ **August 25:** Is 66: 18-21; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13: 22-30

**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.

**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)

**NECROLOGY:** We remember monks of St. Mary's Abbey who entered eternal rest in Augusts past...

- ⊕ August 1, 1889: Fr. Frederick Hosel
- ⊕ August 1, 1940: Fr. Anselm Kienle
- ⊕ August 2, 1995: Fr. Edmund Nugent
- ⊕ August 5, 1910: Fr. Celestine Nurnberg
- ⊕ August 11, 1938: Fr. William Koelhoffer
- ⊕ August 11, 1943: Fr. Eugene Polhemus
- ⊕ August 13, 1955: Fr. Daniel Ready
- ⊕ August 14, 1920: Fr. Bernard Gerstl
- ⊕ August 14, 1977: Fr. Cletus Donaghy
- ⊕ August 16, 1965: Fr. George Sherry
- ⊕ August 21, 1914: Br. John Winkler
- ⊕ August 23, 2010: Abbot Thomas Confroy
- ⊕ August 28, 1949: Br. Albert Becker

**AUGUST SAINT: St. Monica.** The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of Saint Augustine, especially his *Confessions*.

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**JULY COLLECTION:** The July Collection was \$3,002. Thank you for your generosity!

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### Retreat Center News

August 2019

We hope you are enjoying your summer.

Please be safe!

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

- Delbarton Football Summer Camp

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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