



# A newsletter from ST. MARY'S ABBEY

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## January 2016

### 1 Mary, Mother of God, *solemnity*;

- ⊕ Mass, 11:00 a.m.

### 2 Ss. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen, *memorial*

### 3 Epiphany of the Lord, *solemnity*

- ⊕ Solemn Vespers, 5:00 p.m.

### 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, *opt. memorial*

- ⊕ Regular horarium resumes: Mass & Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

### 8 Second Friday

### 10 Baptism of the Lord, *feast*

- ⊕ Oblate Meeting

### 15 Ss. Maur & Placid, *memorial*

### 17 II Sunday

### 21 St Agnes, *memorial*

### 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- ⊕ March for Life, Washington, D.C.

### 24 III Sunday

### 25 Conversion of St. Paul, *feast*

### 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, *memorial*

### 31 IV Sunday

*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.*

for the month which we invite you to “take and read” as a prayerful preparation for the Sunday Eucharist:

- ⊕ **Jan. 3:** Is. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt. 2:1-12.
- ⊕ **Jan. 10:** Is. 40:15, 9-11; Tit. 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22.
- ⊕ **Jan. 17:** Is. 62:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; John 2:1-11.
- ⊕ **Jan. 24:** Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6; 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 27; Lk. 1:1-4; 4:14-21.
- ⊕ **Jan. 31:** Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13; Lk. 4:21-30.

**SECOND FRIDAY:** As usual, Confessions will be heard on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month during which time there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During the Jubilee Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016), the Abbey has extended this opportunity to all the faithful who wish to experience God’s mercy in this most intimate and grace-filled way. The [website](#) for the USCCB has many ways to observe the Year of Mercy, as does the Vatican [website](#).



**OBLATES:** The Oblates of St. Benedict will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, 17 January 2016 on the lower level of Vincent House. New members and inquirers welcome. For more information call Father Hilary at 973.538.3231 [ext.2019].

**PENANCE:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has decreed that January 22 be a

**TOLLE, LEGE:** This is a Latin admonition by St. Augustine that means, “take and read,” referring to Scripture. The following is the schema of readings

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.* The Votive Mass, *For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life* (nº 48/1) is prescribed. The Abbey will also be observing the octave of Christian Unity that day, to mark this national day of prayer. We invite alumni, benefactors and friends to pray with us as you are able.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Once again Delbarton will travel to the nation's Capital to protest the legalization of abortion with St. Joseph Church, Mendham. You are invited to join us for the Annual March for Life on Friday, 22 January 2016. Mass will be celebrated in the Campus Ministry Commons (Fr. Stephen Pavilion) at 6 a.m., followed by departure from the bus loop. To participate, call David Hajduk at 973.538.3231 [ext. 3015] or e-mail him at [dhajduk@delbarton.org](mailto:dhajduk@delbarton.org).

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is on Saturday, 2 February 2016. It commemorates the time when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple forty days after his birth, according to Jewish custom. There Jesus was proclaimed by Simeon to be the "light of revelation to the nations and the glory of Israel" (Luke 2:32). On this feast the church traditionally blesses the candles used throughout the year. The monastic community marks this great feast with a *Lucernarium*, a beautiful candlelight procession and service of psalms and readings on the eve of the feast. All are invited to the *Lucernarium* on Friday, 1 February 2016 at 7:15 p.m. in the Abbey Church.

**JANUARY SAINTS:** What we know of Ss. Maur and Placid, the first disciples of St. Benedict, comes from the *Dialogues* of St. Gregory the Great (d. 604 AD). St. Maur, Abbot and Deacon, son of Equitius, a nobleman of Rome, was born about the year 510 and died in 584. When he was about twelve years old, his father placed him under the care of St. Benedict at Subiaco, to be educated in piety and learning. When he had grown up, St. Benedict chose him as his successor as superior. He was a model of perfection to his brethren, but especially in obedience.

St. Placid, one of his fellow disciples, the son of the senator Tertullus, going one day to draw

water, fell into the lake, and was at once carried away by the current. St. Benedict saw this in spirit in his cell and made Maur run and draw him out. Having asked and received the holy father Benedict's blessing, Maur hastened down to the lake, walked on the water, thinking he was on dry land, and dragged Placid out by the hair, without sinking. Maur attributed the miracle to the command and prayers of St. Benedict, who rather said it was due to his disciple's obedience.

St. Maur was sent to France in 543 to propagate the Order of St. Benedict in that country. He founded the famous Abbey of Glanfeuil, over which he ruled as Abbot for thirty-eight years. In 581 he resigned the abbacy, built for himself a small cell near the church of St. Martin, so that in solitude and prayer he might prepare himself for his passage into eternity. After two years he fell sick from a fever; he received the sacraments of the Church, lying on sackcloth before the altar of St. Martin. In that posture he expired on January 15, 584. A prayer St. Maur offered centuries ago is often employed for healing of the sick.



**DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** The December collection was \$5,028.00. The collection at the Christmas Masses totaled \$7,144.00. Thank you for your generosity! You are remember in our prayers daily!

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