



A newsletter from
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November 2017

1. All Saints Day, *solemnity* (Fr. Edward Seton)

- ⊕ Mass with school, 9:45 a.m.
- ⊕ Solemn Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

2. All Souls Day (Fr. Andrew)

- ⊕ Cemetery Visit, 4:30 p.m.
- ⊕ Requiem Mass, 5:15 p.m.

4. St. Charles Borromeo, *memorial*

5. XXXI Sunday (Abbot Richard)

9. Dedication of St. John Lateran, *feast*

10. St. Leo the Great, *memorial*

- ⊕ Adoration & Reconciliation, 3-5 p.m.

11. St. Martin of Tours, *feast*

12. XXXII Sunday (Abbot Richard)

13. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, *memorial*

16. St. Gertrude, *memorial*

19. XXXIII Sunday (Fr. Hilary)

- ⊕ Freshmen Retreat II
- ⊕ Oblate Meeting, Vincent House

21. Presentation of the B.V.M., *memorial*

22. St. Cecilia, *memorial*

23. Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:30 a.m.

24. St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Co., *memorial*

26. Christ the King (Abbot Elias)

- ⊕ Benefactors' Brunch
- ⊕ Solemn Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

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.

LECTIO DIVINA: The following is the schema of readings for the month, which we encourage you to consider as a prayerful preparation for the Sunday Eucharist:

- ⊕ *Nov. 1:* Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Mt. 5:1-12a.
- ⊕ *Nov. 5:* Mal. 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thess. 2:7b-9, 13; Mt. 23:1-12.
- ⊕ *Nov. 12:* Wis. 6:12-16; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Mt. 25:1-13.
- ⊕ *Nov. 19:* Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess. 5:1-6; Mt. 25: 14-30.
- ⊕ *Nov. 26:* Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28; Mt. 25: 31-46.

ALL SOULS DAY: November is the month of All Souls, commending to the Lord the faithful departed. In 998, St. Odo, the Abbot of Cluny, instituted a commemoration of deceased monks. It soon spread to all Cluniac monasteries. Eventually the celebration was adopted by some diocese in France and finally by the western church.

By the 14th century All Souls was adopted by Rome and the Universal Church. Throughout the month the names of your beloved dead will be placed at the foot of the altar and remembered at prayer. *May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!*

OBLATES: There is an oblate day of recollection Saturday, 4 November 2017. For more information, call Fr. Hilary at 973.538.3235 [ext. 2019].

NOVEMBER SAINT: The 4th century soldier, monk and bishop, St. Martin of Tours was one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. Born in Hungary ca. 316 to a Roman soldier, Martin also joined the army. It seems at a young age Martin sought Baptism and enrolled as a catechumen. Martin even became a "conscientious objector," believing his Christian faith was incompatible with soldiering. By 357, Martin was released from prison where he had been confined for his refusal to fight. One day in

Amiens, France, Martin encountered a naked beggar. The saint cut in half his cloak and gave the severed piece

to the beggar.

Afterward Martin, in a dream, saw Christ

wearing the piece of his cloak. This convinced Martin he

needed to be baptized, and so he was.

Afterward he traveled to his hometown, Pannonia, Milan and Illyricum.

In 360 St. Hilary, the exiled bishop of Poitier, returned to his see, and was joined by the newly baptized Martin. The latter lived as a hermit in Ligugé on land donated by Hilary. Eventually more joined Martin in what would become Gaul's 1st monastery. In 372, at the acclamation of the clergy and people of Tours, Martin was appointed bishop. He insisted on living the monastic life as bishop, 1st in his cell and later at Marmoutier, soon to number 80 monks! Martin founded other monasteries to bring the faith to rural areas. For 25 years as bishop Martin was known as a wonder-worker with the gift of healing, and even raised someone from the dead. He also involved himself in the many doctrinal disputes that peppered the 4th century church.

Late in life, Martin was quite vocal about his approaching death. Those who relied on his holiness had difficulty with Martin's departure. But it did come on 8 November 397 in Candes, and on the 11th he was buried in Tours. His cult quickly spread, as he was a miracle-worker during his life, and thanks to his biographer, Sulpicius Severus. Soon Martin became an object of medieval hagiography.

Martin's tomb in Tours quickly became a place of pilgrimage for the Franks. Hundreds of villages and thousands of parishes are named in his honor. The cult to St. Martin soon spread throughout Europe and England. According to the *Dialogues of St Gregory*, Book II, St. Benedict, on arriving at the summit of Monte Cassino (1,706.04'),

discovered a temple to Apollo. While pagan shrines were not uncommon in the 6th century, what was important is that Benedict rededicated the shrine to St. Martin, who must have been a true model for St. Benedict. Following St. Benedict's devotion, Benedictines celebrate St. Martin's feast day (11 Nov.) with greater solemnity.

OFFERING: During the month of October, the congregation gave \$4,165.00 to the monastery through the Sunday collection. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Know that we remember you in our prayers!

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

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

- ⊕ Immaculate Conception Seminary
- ⊕ Matt Talbot #87
- ⊕ Delbarton Campus Ministry Freshmen

The Retreat Center is proud to offer the following Small Faith Sharing Groups for the 2017-2018 Academic Year:

- ⊕ *Follow Me—Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*
 - 3rd Thurs of the month beginning Oct 19th @ 9 a.m.
 - Cost: \$35 to cover materials
- ⊕ *Lectio Divina*
 - Every Wednesday beginning Oct 4th, 8:45 a.m.
- ⊕ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
 - Every Thursday beginning Oct 4th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- ⊕ *Spiritual Direction and/or Reconciliation*
 - Every Wednesday beginning Oct. 4th from 1-3 p.m.

For more information about these groups, scheduling or registration, contact Paul Cocco at 973-538-3235, ext. 2100, or pick up a flyer in the Abbey Church.

Remember, the retreat center also welcomes men and women of all faiths for private or directed retreats, or for spiritual direction. For more information, contact Paul Cocco at 973-538-3235, ext. 2100 or via e-mail: retreatcenter@delbarton.org. Visit our [webpage](#) and like us on [Facebook](#). Happy Thanksgiving!