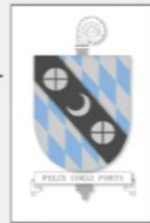




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## August 2018

1. St. Alphonsus Liguori, *memorial*
4. St. John Mary Vianney, *memorial*
5. **XVIII Sunday (Abbot Elias)**
6. The Transfiguration of the Lord, *feast*
8. St. Dominic, *memorial*
10. St. Lawrence, *feast*
11. St. Clare, *memorial*
12. **XIX Sunday (Abbot Richard)**
14. St. Maximilian Kolbe, *memorial*
15. **Assumption of the Virgin Mary, solemnity**
19. **XX Sunday (Fr. Michael)**
20. St. Bernard, *memorial*
21. St. Pius X, *memorial*
22. Queenship of Mary, *memorial*
24. St. Bartholomew, *feast*
26. **XXI Sunday (Fr. Edward Seton)**
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.

**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 August.

Please consider them as prayerful preparation for Sunday Mass:

⊕ **August 5:** Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6: 24-35

⊕ **August 12:** 1Kgs 19: 4-8; Eph 4: 30 to 5:2; Jn 6: 41-51

⊕ **August 19:** Prv 9: 1-6; Eph 5: 15-20; Jn 6: 51-58

⊕ **August 26:** Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b; Eph 5: 21-32; Jn 6: 60-69

**OBLATES:** The Oblates of St. Benedict will not meet in August. The next meeting is Sunday, September 16, 2018. For more information, please email [Fr. Hilary](mailto:Fr.Hilary).

**VOCATION WORKSHOP SUCCESS:**

St. Mary's Abbey welcomed 22 Vocation Directors from Benedictine monasteries throughout North America to a special workshop on the ministry of vocation discernment from July 5-9, 2018. Abbot Christopher Jamison, O.S.B., President of the English Benedictine Congregation, and Ruth Holgate, Director of the Loyola Hall Spirituality Center, led the conference. Our guests joined us for Divine Office, Mass, and meals. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants visited the MET's Cloisters in Fort Tyron Park, NY and joined the monks of Newark Abbey for Mass and supper. The monks of St. Mary's Abbey wish to express their gratitude for all who attended. We hope you had a great time!



**CONGREGATION WEBSITE:** We invite you to learn more about the American-Cassinese Congregation by visiting our website at [amcass.org](http://amcass.org), where you can read about our history, news, upcoming events, other monasteries, and more!

**ABBEY HISTORY:** We remember important August events in the history of St. Mary's Abbey...

- ⊕ August 2, 1971 – Abbot Leonard's Election
- ⊕ August 11, 1937 – Abbot Patrick's Election
- ⊕ August 12, 1971 – Abbot Leonard's Blessing
- ⊕ August 12, 1995 – Abbot Gerard's Blessing

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

- ⊕ August 1, 1889 – Fr. Frederick Hoesl
- ⊕ August 1, 1940 – Fr. Anselm Kienle
- ⊕ August 2, 1995 – Fr. Edmund Nugent
- ⊕ August 5, 1910 – Fr. Celestine Numberg
- ⊕ August 11, 1938 – Fr. William Koelhoff
- ⊕ August 11, 1943 – Fr. Eugene Polhemus
- ⊕ August 13, 1955 – Fr. Daniel Ready
- ⊕ August 14, 1920 – Fr. Bernard Gerstil
- ⊕ 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. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery.

Overtime, other women joined them. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life of austerity, seclusion from the world, and poverty, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

The Order of Poor Ladies was officially changed to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263 by Pope Urban IV.

St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.

She is also the patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and laundry.

Clare is often pictured carrying a monstrance or pyx, to commemorate the time she warded off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament. St. Clare's feast day is celebrated on August 11.

Source: [catholic.org](http://catholic.org)

**JULY OFFERING:** The July collection was \$4,216. Thank you for your generosity!

**WEBSITE:** Please visit the Abbey website: [www.saintmarysabbey.org](http://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](http://www.delbarton.org).

### Retreat Center News

August 2018

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

- St. Catherine of Siena Women's Retreat
- Delbarton Football Summer Camp
- Upper Room Assembly of God Church, Brooklyn, NY
- St. Agatha's Parish (Brooklyn, NY) Catechists
- 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](mailto:retreatcenter@delbarton.org).

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