



A newsletter from ST. MARY'S ABBEY

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August 2016

4. St. John Mary Vianney, *memorial*

6. **Transfiguration of the Lord, feast**

⊕ Mass without Lauds, 7:30 a.m.

7. **XIX Sunday (Abbot Richard)**

8. St. Dominic, *memorial*

10. St. Lawrence, *feast*

14. **XX Sunday (Fr. Hilary)**

15. **Assumption of the B.V.M., solemnity**

⊕ Mass without Lauds, 7:30 a.m.

⊕ Solemn Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

20. St. Bernard, *memorial*

21. **XXI Sunday (Fr. Michael)**

22. The Queenship of Mary, *memorial*

24. St. Bartholomew, *feast*

27. St. Monica, *memorial*

28. **XXII Sunday (Fr. Edward Seton)**

29. The 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.

TOLLE, LEGE: This is a Latin admonition by St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this month, which means, "take and read." It refers to Sacred Scriptures. The following is the schema of Sunday readings for the month which we invite you to "take and read" as a prayerful preparation for the Sunday Eucharist:

⊕ **August 7:** Wis. 18:6-9; Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 3 12:32-48.

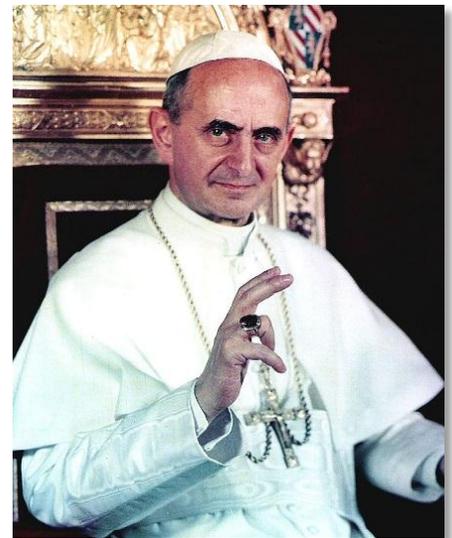
⊕ **August 14:** Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb. 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53.

⊕ **August 21:** Is. 66:8-21; Heb. 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30.

⊕ **August 28:** Sir. 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb. 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

AUGUST SAINT: Giovanni Battista Montini was born in 1897 in Concesio near Brescia. The shy, bookish and frail young Giovanni attended a local seminary while living at home, and was ordained in 1920. He pursued graduate studies in Rome and was employed in the Vatican secretariat of state. Montini soon took up the role as assistant to the secretary of state, Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli. When the latter became Pope Pius XII, Montini continued to assist his mentor.

In 1954 Msgr. Montini was appointed Archbishop of Milan, having refused a cardinal's hat two years earlier. The task was enormous for the shy bookish prelate. But Montini set out to restore the war-scarred see. He also immersed himself in ecumenical efforts. The new pope, John



XXIII, elevated Montini to the College of Cardinals in 1958. Cardinal Montini prophetically and fortuitously assisted Good Pope John in preparing for Vatican II and traveled extensively, including to

the US. In June 1963 following the beloved Pope's death, Montini was elected Pope, taking the name Paul, after the Apostle to the Gentiles.

As Pope, Paul VI reconvened Vatican II, which would have a sweeping and lasting effect on the church. In 1964 he even met in Jerusalem with Patriarch Athenagoras I, the first such gathering since the Schism of 1054. Vatican II ushered in greater roles for women, collegiality, ecumenism and liturgical reforms. As the waves of reform swept the church, Paul VI issued *Humanæ Vitæ*, which was not well received in many circles. After the encyclical was published a pall seemed to fall over the balance of Paul VI's pontificate. Nonetheless the Pope continued to travel the world and engage in ground-breaking ecumenical efforts. He also internationalized the church's College of Cardinals and Curia, with a nod to the Third World.

Paul VI also reduced the pomp and ceremony of the papacy. He was known as a man of great prayer and concern for social justice throughout his life, and a good friend of the Benedictine Confederation! He died at Castel Gandolfo, 6 August 1978, the feast of the Transfiguration, and was buried in a simple tomb in the Vatican Grotto. At the late Pope's beatification, 14 October 2014, Pope Francis said: *In [his] humility the grandeur of Blessed Paul VI shines forth: before the advent of a secularized and hostile society, he could hold fast, with farsightedness and wisdom—and at times alone—to the helm of the barque of Peter, while never losing his joy and his trust in the Lord.*

BR. PAUL'S OWN: Br. Paul reports his veggie fans can expect to find on his student-made cart this month: Beans, frying peppers, chile peppers, zucchini, Swiss chard, eggplant, tomatillos, and cucumbers!



Look for the daily harvests on the cart. A free-will offering tin is there, and customers are on the

honor system. The Lord of the Harvest is watching (as are Cosmas & Damian)!

DAILY PRAYER: You are always welcome to join the monks for prayer. Benedictine hospitality demands that our life and our prayer are always for others!

Sunday:

- ⊕ Lauds, 7:30 a.m.
- ⊕ Mass, 11:00 a.m.
- ⊕ Vespers, 5:15 p.m.

Monday-Saturday:

- ⊕ Lauds with Mass, 7:30 a.m.
- ⊕ Midday Prayer, 11:50 a.m.
- ⊕ Vespers, 5:15 p.m.
- ⊕ Vigils, 7:15 p.m.

OBLATES: The Oblates of St. Benedict will not meet during the month of August.

Retreat Center News

In August, the Retreat Center welcomes the Delbarton Football Team for their annual summer camp. Aside from the Football Team, the Retreat Center will be closed during August for maintenance and deep cleaning.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. If you are traveling, please be safe. We hope to see you in September. We're pleased that the Retreat Center will be a part of the tour planned for the new members of the Delbarton Mothers' Guild. We look forward to meeting you.

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 973-538-3231 x2100 or via e-mail: retreatcenter@delbarton.org. Visit our [webpage](#) and our [Facebook](#) page.

OFFERING: During the month of July, the congregation offered the monastery through the collection at the Sunday Eucharist \$4,072.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

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