



A newsletter from  
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## March 2018

### 4. III Sunday of Lent (Fr. Hilary)

#### 9. Second Friday

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

### 11. IV Sunday of Lent—Lætare! (Abbot Elias)

#### 17. St. Patrick, *commemoration*

### 18. V Sunday of Lent (Fr. Hilary)

- ⊕ Oblate Meeting

### 19. Saint Joseph, *solemnity*

- ⊕ Mass (*without Vespers*), 5:15 p.m.

### 21. Transitus of Saint Benedict, *solemnity*

- ⊕ Mass with school, 10:00 a.m.

### 25. Passion Sunday (Abbot Richard)

- ⊕ DPGA Brunch

### 29. Holy Thursday (Abbot Richard)

- ⊕ Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5 p.m.

### 30. Good Friday (Abbot Richard)

- ⊕ Liturgy of the Passion, 3 p.m.

### 31. Holy Saturday (Abbot Richard)

- ⊕ The Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

*\*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 this month, which we encourage you to consider as a prayerful preparation for the Sunday Eucharist:

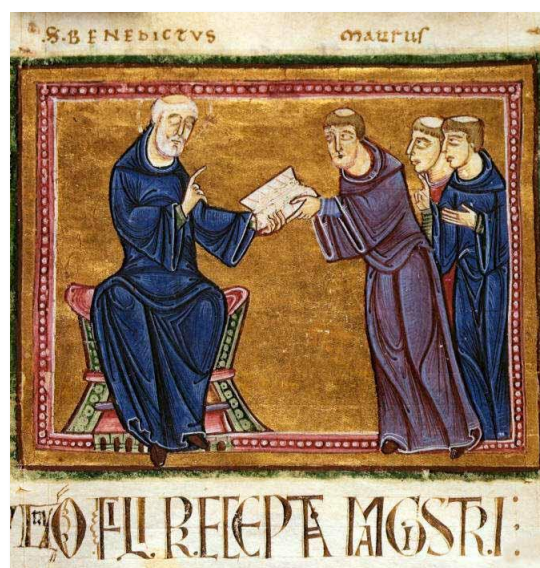
- ⊕ **March 4:** Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; John 2:13-15.
- ⊕ **March 11:** 2 Chron. 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph. 2:4-10; John 3:14-21.
- ⊕ **March 18:** Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 5:7-9; John 12:20-33.
- ⊕ **March 25:** Mark 11:1-10; Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47.

**SECOND FRIDAY:** Adoration & Reconciliation will on the second Friday of the month, 9 March 2018. There will be Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 3-5 p.m., during which a priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join the monks for Mass at 5:15 p.m.

**SPRING BREAK:** From 3-18 March 2018 Delbarton School will be on Spring break. During this time, Matins will be prayed at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome!

**OBLATES:** This month the Oblates of Saint Benedict will meet on Sunday, 11 March 2018 on the lower level of Vincent House. For more information, call Fr. Hilary at 973.538.3231 [ext. 2019] or e-mail [him](mailto:him).

**SAINT BENEDICT'S DAY:** We honor on Wednesday, 21 March 2018 the "transitus" (passing) of the blessed abbot Benedict from this life to paradise. The Conventual Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. with the school community. A number of monks in our community mark this feast in March as the anniversary of their monastic profession. You



are welcome to join us in prayer on this joyous occasion.



**ABBEY CAMPAIGN:** As we begin Lent, we are reminded of the three-fold observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. St. Mary's Abbey welcomes everyone to join us in prayer. To help you fulfill the almsgiving, the abbey's annual appeal has begun. This is the second year the abbey has had an annual appeal to support our infirmary and education for our seminarians. If you would like to participate in our annual appeal, there are envelopes at the doors of the abbey church. More information is on our [website](#). We are most grateful for your support.

**DPGA:** The Delbarton Parents of Graduates Association will hold its annual Mass and Brunch on Passion (Palm) Sunday, 25 March 2018 at 11 a.m. For information and reservations, call Valerie Conroy at 973.538.3231 [ext. 3044] or e-mail [her](#).

**VOCATION UPDATE:** On Wednesday, 21 March 2015 at Mass, Abbot Richard will receive the first profession of vows of Br. William McMillan, who has been with us as a postulant and novice since The Fall 2016. At Solemn Vespers on the 21th, the abbot will receive into the novitiate, Javier Brion, who has been with us as a postulant since the Fall 2017. Both men are graduates of Seton Hall Prep. Please join us in prayer that our new junior monk and novice will persevere, and that



the Lord will continue to call men to our monastery.

**TRIDUUM LITURGIES:** Please join us for the liturgies during the most sacred days of the year:

- ⊕ **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5 p.m.; Tenebræ, 7 p.m.
- ⊕ **Good Friday:** Matins, 7:30 a.m.; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m.; Tenebræ, 7 p.m.
- ⊕ **Holy Saturday:** Matins, 7:30 a.m.; Vespers, 5:15 p.m.; The Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.
- ⊕ **Easter Sunday:** Matins, 7:30 a.m.; Mass of the Lord's Resurrection, 11 a.m.

**OFFERING:** During the month of February, the congregation offered the monastery \$3,928.00. Thank you for your kindness and 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*

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

- ⊕ World Community for Christian Meditation
- ⊕ St. Peter's Prep
- ⊕ The Upper Room Assembly of God Church
- ⊕ St. Mary's/St. Rose's Women's Leadership
- ⊕ St. Mary's Abbey Sacred Triduum Retreat

The Retreat Center is proud to offer the following programs for the 2017-2018 Academic Year:

❖ Spiritual Direction and/or Reconciliation

- ⊕ Every Wednesday from Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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](mailto:retreatcenter@delbarton.org). Visit our [webpage](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).

