



Oblates of St. Benedict

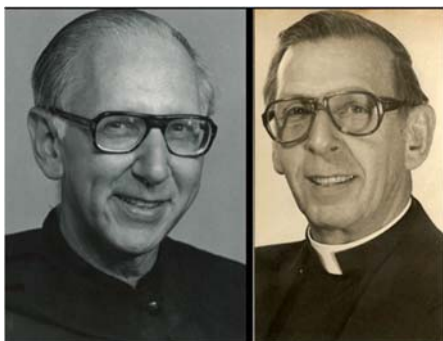
Oblate Program at Belmont Abbey, NC June, 2018

NEXT MEETING: FINAL OBLATIONS AND MASS

Abbot Placid Solari will join us at 3:00 PM in the Abbey Basilica for Mass. At that time he will accept the final Oblations for the Oblate Novices who are ready and recommended by their Oblate Companion. Family members are welcome to attend. The Oblates present will renew their Oblations at that time.

Oblates unable to attend are requested to renew their Oblations and mail in the form on the reverse side.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW OBLATE ROOM



Following Mass, Abbot Placid will formally dedicate the Oblate meeting room. The room has historically been used as the College's music room. For decades Fr. Kenneth Geyer, OSB, taught countless students in the very room the Oblates will now occupy. Fr. Raymond Geyer, OSB, served for over 16 years as the Director of Oblates and is still remembered by many of us. So it seems appropriate the room be named the "Geyer Room" in memory of these two modest monks who, together, gave over 132 years of service to the Monastic Community here at Belmont Abbey.

SOLEMN MONASTIC PROFESSION

BR. JAMES R. RABER

With thanksgiving to God the Monks of Belmont Abbey invite you to celebrate with them the Solemn Monastic Profession of their Brother, James R. Raber, O.S.B. during the Eucharistic Liturgy on Tuesday, the 11th of July, 2017 the Feast of Our Holy Father Benedict at ten-thirty in the morning, at Belmont Abbey, Belmont, North Carolina.

You are also invited to a reception in the Haid Ballroom after the Liturgy. Please contact Ms. Gail Warlick if you plan on attend the reception and please include the number of who will be coming with you by June 29th. She can be reached at 704-461-6675 or e-mail: gailwarlick@bac.edu.

BE CONTENT YOU ARE NOT A SAINT

Be content that you are not yet a saint, even though you realize that the only thing worth living for is sanctity. Then you will be satisfied to let God lead you to sanctity by paths that you cannot understand. You will travel in darkness in which you will no longer be concerned with yourself and no longer compare yourself to other men. Those who have gone by that way have finally found out that sanctity is in everything and that God is all around them. Having given up all desire to compete with other men, they

This will be the last meeting for the year. Meetings will resume



Please remember to pray for the following deceased monks of the Abbey.

JUNE

2 Br. Bernard Geil (1931)
4 Br. Charles Eckel (1918)
6 Fr. Edward Meyer (1914)
7 Br. Xavier Hauman (1983)
13 Br. Altmann Alt (1893)
17 Br. Maurus Lobenhofer (1964)
19 Fr. Gabriel Stupasky (1974)
20 Novice Martin Linseisen (1909)
21 Fr. Sebastian Doris (1990)
26 Br. Placid Spoettl (1949)
28 Prior Felix Hintemeyer (1924)



NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Due to George's recent and upcoming surgery there have been delays in both website posts and newsletter. There should be a regular newsletter out in July

but the September newsletter may be delayed. Please go ahead and write down the September 16th meeting date just in case he's recovery prevents the newsletter from being sent. Website updates will be made as possible. Thank you for your patience.

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suddenly wake up and find that the joy of God is everywhere, and they are able to exult in the virtues and goodness of others more than ever they could have done in their own. They are so dazzled by the reflection of God in the souls of the men they live with that they no longer have any power to condemn anything they see in another. Even in the greatest sinners they can see virtues and goodness that no one else can find. As for themselves, if they still consider themselves, they no longer dare to compare themselves with others. The idea has now become unthinkable. But it is no longer a source of suffering and lamentation: they have finally reached the point where they take their own insignificance for granted. They are no longer interested in their external selves.

Thomas Merton
New Seeds of Contemplation

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JUNE

1 Justin, Martyr, Memorial
3 Corpus Christi, Solemnity (Week I)
5 Boniface, Bishop/Martyr, Memorial
8 Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity
9 Sorrowful Heart of Mary, Memorial
10 10th Week in Ordinary Time
(Week II)
11 Barnabas, Apostle, Memorial
13 Anthony of Padua, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
17 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Week III)
19 Romuald, Abbot, Memorial
21 Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, Memorial
24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Solemnity (Week IV)
28 Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
29 Peter & Paul, Apostles, Solemnity



OBLATE PSALTER

We are gearing up to do an additional printing of the *Oblate Psalter*. If you would like a copy please email George Cobb at gkcobb0929@gmail.com. The cost is \$15.00 a copy plus shipping if you want it mailed.

RENEWAL OF OBLATION

Every year each Oblate is expected to renew their Oblation. If circumstances prevent you from attending the annual ceremony at the Abbey, you should make this Oblation in private. After renewing your Oblation, please complete this form and mail to:

Director of Oblates
Belmont Abbey
100 Belmont-Mt. Holly Road
Belmont, NC 28012

Renewal of Oblation

I renew my oblation of St. Benedict for the community of Mary, Help of Christians Abbey and promise again to serve God and all people according to the Rule of St. Benedict.

God, most compassionate and loving, strengthen me in my commitment to follow you in the way of St. Benedict. Through my daily prayer and work may I be inspired to live in Christ and to bring his love to the world and his peace to all hearts. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Signature

Date

Name (Printed or typed)

Mailing List

The Oblate community would like to create a directory to improve communication. The directory would include Name, Mailing address, phone number and email address. If you would like to be included in the directory please check here: ☐

Please take a moment and update your email address:

Would you prefer to receive the newsletter by email (Please check only one)?

Yes: ☐ No ☐