

1. Tuesday, September 29, 1998 is the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. We need no instruction concerning the importance of this day and that because of the importance of St. Michael. Pray - and pray more to him for his protection. Tuesday is also the Feast day of our Father Michael.
2. Friday, October 2, 1998 is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, another important day.
3. Saturday, October 3, 1998 is the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux - one of the two patronal saints of our Abbey Church. October 3 is a First Class Feast day for us.
4. All Souls Day Envelopes are now available. These should be returned before November 1,
5. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of October, and therefore there will be no mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.
6. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Because of the Vows of St. Veronica, O.S.B. the Mass on October 11, 1998 will be at 10:00 A.M. in the Abbey Church. There will BE NO MASS AT ST. PIUS CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON THAT DAY.
7. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.
8. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Alma Marie O'Malley
TUESDAY:	Welfare Lucille Kaub
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Felmer Family
THURSDAY:	Thksg. In Hon of St. Anthony
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Elizabeth Heistand
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Paul Roy Family
9. Friday, October 1, 1998 of this week is First Friday of October
 Saturday, October 2, 1998 of this week is First Saturday of October.
 Mass in Abbey Church - Both Days at 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.

***Happy are they who dwell in your house,
 forever singing your praise. Psalm 84:5***



"HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH CROWDS," says the great St. Bernard, "nothing to do with the masses of mankind. Forget also your own people and your father's house; so shall the King have pleasure in your beauty. Remain, alone, O consecrated soul, so as to preserve yourself for Him alone Whom you have chosen for yourself from among all others. Avoid appearing in public, and when in public act like a man of prayer; distance yourself, as much as charity and community life permit, even from those who dwell in the house with you; withdraw yourself from friends and intimates. Do you not know that you have a Bridegroom Who is different - even shy - Who is not willing to honor you when others are present? Withdraw yourself, therefore. I do not mean in body so much as in mind, in intention, in devotion, and in spirit. For the Lord Christ, when He would wear away the night alone in prayer, did He not withdraw Himself, not only from the crowds which followed Him, but also from the company of His disciples and familiar friends?"

Fidelity to solitude and fidelity to the proper observance of it go together. Solitude is for the monk HIS FIRMAMENT. If monastic life is lived under the sky of the HOLY RULE, then monastic life is open to what is written in the heavens for our particular sanctification as monks. The element in which that life is led is solitude. THE MONK WORKS IN SOLITUDE AND FOR SOLITUDE. SOLITUDE COVERS THE MONK ALL THE TIME!!!