

1. Next Sunday, July 11, 1999 is the Solemnity of the Feast of our Most Holy Father Benedict - truly a special day in our Monasteries. Such a day is a day of special prayers, and please remember that it is also a day when the "Toties Quoties" Indulgences can be gained for the Souls in Purgatory. Remember, too, that in order to gain these indulgences it is required to pray also for the intention of the sovereign pontiff. The "Toties Quoties" Indulgences are plenary indulgences.
2. Today is INDEPENDENCE DAY - - The Fourth of July - an important day for every true American. It is certainly not out of place to pray for America, and to ask God to Bless America. Today, it seems, there are those who consider America not worth praying for, and that from the very beginning everything American is wrong. It is interesting to note that many of such people who like to "bash" America, obtain most of their historical information from British sources??? It is only natural that British historical information concerning the American Revolution cannot be reliable, and that strong anti-American prejudices are very much in evidence in all such British works. If you find it expedient to live in America, the least you can do is to support it and if you have any, a bit of love for America would be wonderful.
3. NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. BENEDICT - - in progress at the Monastery.
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.
5. Please pray for a SAFE WEEK-END FOR ALL, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR ALL OF US IN OUR CHAPELS. DRIVE SAFELY ON THE HIGHWAYS.
6. Masses for the Week: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Frazier Richie
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Elda Rozon
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Linda Mader
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Dorothy Thompson
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Henry Funston

We, too, have been infected to a certain extent, and we, too, have surrounded ourselves with the luxury of our tastes, and the cushy feelings of the good life which most of us have architected for ourselves. So true is this that God, must somehow contrive a way to break through our stagnation if He ever hopes to keep us all reminded that we are ultimately dependent ONLY upon Him - - that He is the One Who placed us here - - that He is the One Who determined our destination - a destination of being with Him through all eternity. He - NOT US - is the One Who has determined the way we must travel in order to reach that point of our destination which He has prepared for those who love Him. He is the One Who has determined that the things of this world - indeed - the world itself - are not a lasting city. He is the One that has ordered that we look to Him and turn to Him in everything that is. But since the throngs of the people of the earth have been culpably negligent in living up to the demands placed upon each and every one of us by our MAKER, in return He has allowed the whole world - - INDEED - - OUR VERY OWN CHURCH!!! to be turned upside down in order to remind us (to simply get our attention which in general we have not given) that here is not the place of our permanent abode, and certainly not the place of our intended final destination. He so wishes to save and to have us! But in order to have us, even though He knows that He will not be able to reach so many of the human kind, He uses means to force us to our knees, hoping to restore our proper sense of values and correct thinking. He allows punishment, at times, even if at first our thoughts are full of question, resentment and full of reproaches. But at such moments of punishment He reminds us --again and again-- with terrible and fearful clarity, that He meant exactly what He said in those seemingly simple words of the Sermon on the Mount: "Do not be anxious about what you eat, or what you shall wear, or where you shall sleep, but seek first the Kingdom of God and His Justice."