

1. Daily Rosary - each evening at 7:10. For those who cannot attend the Rosary here at the Monastery - it is highly recommended that the Rosary be recited each day, over and above the usual daily rosary.
2. The PALM CROSSES have now received their three blessings, therefore, they are now available today. Please use them as you know how.
3. There will be no Catechism Class today and Mothers' Day.
4. SPECIAL NOTE: - Next Sunday is Mothers' Day and MAY CROWNING Day in the Abbey Church. There will be no Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.
5. THURSDAY - May 9, 2002 - (this week) is Ascension Thursday and is a Holy Day of obligation.

Masses in the Abbey Church are: 6:00 A.M. - - 8:00 A.M. - - 7:00 P.M.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - the three day which precede Ascension Thursday are ROGATION DAYS (Special Days for special PRAYER). The Litany of the Saints will be chanted each morning - beginning at 5:30 A.M.. Weather permitting and enough day light permitting, the Litany will be chanted in procession outside - otherwise it will take place in the Church.

Wednesday, the Vigil of the Ascension, IS NOT A FAST DAY.
6. Next Sunday, following the 10:00 A.M. Mass, Mrs. Iva Roy will crown the Blessed Mother. This is a particular honor, since Mrs. Roy will place the crown on an ACTUAL PILGRIM STATUE. As Mrs. Roy given honor to the Blessed Mother, she will give honor to ALL THE WONDERFUL MOTHERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY AND IN ATTENDANCE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL IN MONTGOMERY; ST. PIUS V. CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM; AND ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL IN CULLMAN.
7. The SPRING "PICNIC" of Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, in Montgomery is today.
8. The ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION - AND PROCESSION - will, this year, be held on Sunday, June 2, 2002 (First Sunday of June). The Celebration will take place in the Abbey Church. As a consequence, this causes a CALENDAR PROBLEM. Please take special note of the unavoidable calendar changes;
 - (1) There will BE NO MASS at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel on June 2, 2002 (the First Sunday of June).
 - (2) There will BE MASS at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel on June 9, 2002 (the Second Sunday of June).
 - (3) There will BE NO MASS at St. Pius V Chapel on June 9, 2002 (the Second Sunday of June)

After this all should return to the normal schedule.
9. Sunday, May 19, 2002, is Pentecost Sunday: the Day, and a most holy Day that is dedicated to God - the Holy Spirit. Christ sent the Holy Spirit to sanctify, to enlighten and to strengthen us. Is all of this AUTOMATIC - whether we seek after it or not? - whether we work for it or not? NOT HARDLY! All of us want to be saints, however, few of us really comprehend what sanctity is all about. Few of us really comprehend that to become a saint, one MUST do all that is required for one to become a saint, and one must be consistent about it. The on again-off again approach WILL NOT bring anyone to the level of sanctity! Few of us really comprehend the reason for sanctity, and are of the opinion that sanctity is more for their own personal achievement than it is for the intention that God has in mind. Sanctity is for God! Sanctity is for union with God! Sanctity is to give eternal praise and glory to God. Too many of us, perhaps without giving much thought to it, probably look upon sanctity as something akin to "PARTY TIME" in heaven for us, and that heaven, after all, is the place where one lives happily ever after. Sanctity is for God, and sanctity demands effort and hard work and commitment to effort and hard work. Each one is urged to start a NOVENA to the Holy Spirit, asking for WISDOM, PRUDENCE, UNDERSTANDING, KNOWLEDGE, PIETY, FEAR OF THE LORD and others. Without these, all of our superficial efforts at sanctity will be no more than the usual exercise in futility. IF WE DO NOT BECOME SAINTS - - WE ARE FAILURES!!!
10. Saturday, May 11, 2002 is the Feast of Saints Philip and James - Appostles.
11. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls
TUESDAY:	Dec. Leo Harping
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Bill and Carol Loyd
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Angela Henderson
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Josefina Salillas
SATURDAY:	For Leonard and Betty Liuzzi