

1. Tomorrow, May 26, 2003, is MEMORIAL DAY. Let us all remember what this day is intended to be, not the kind of day that is has turned out to be - a day to usher in the splash of the summer season. It is in fact a day set aside for the REMEMBRANCE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY. Remembrance, to have any real meaning, means prayer - prayer for those who have died for their respective countries. Let us all have a safe and happy Memorial Day.
2. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass today.
3. Next Sunday, June 1, 2003, is the first Sunday in June and therefore there will be NO Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham.
4. Thursday, May 26, 2003, is Ascension Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.
5. **N.B.:** The Wednesday before Ascension Thursday (the Vigil of the Ascension) is **NOT** a day of fast and abstinence.
6. This Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (May 26, 27, and 28) are ROGATION DAYS, and are days of SPECIAL prayer - prayer for the welfare of mankind. We will have the usual Litany of the Saints procession at 5:30 Am before Mass on each of these days.
7. On Friday, June 13, 2003, the Feast of the great St. Anthony, Postulant Mark Gilmor will enter the Novitiate of Christ the King Abbey. Please pray fervently for Postulant Mark.
8. ***Let all Catholics be reminded of their Easter Duty. The last day for the fulfilling of the Easter Duty is Trinity Sunday. This requires the reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.***
9. The daily Rosary procession to the Shrine of Our Lady on the Abbey grounds begins in the Church at 7:10 PM every day during the Month of May.
10. May is the Month of Mary, Our Most Blessed Mother, and is a time when every effort should be made to please her. The very best way to please her is to recite her favorite prayer each day - THE MOST HOLY ROSARY. During these most troubled times, the Holy Rosary is, after the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the best and most effective weapon to fight off evil.
11. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Richard Ploeckelman. Let us also pray for everyone. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER. Every human being has the God-given right to eternal salvation. God made man - every human being - to be with Him in heaven for all eternity. Weak human nature will prevent some from achieving that goal. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself alone. We are **NOT** the ones to do any sifting.
12. **CORPUS CHRISTI CEREMONIES:** Sunday, June 22, 2003. The ceremonies will take place at the Abbey Church (weather permitting). There will be NO Mass at St. Pius V Chapel on that day. If anyone in the following list is for any reason unable to fill his or her assignment, please notify Father Abbot immediately.
 - **Celebrant:** Father Prior Sebastian, O.S.B.
 - **Acolytes:** Frater Joseph, O.S.B.; Brother John, O.S.B.
 - **Masters of Ceremony:** Father Michael, O.S.B.; Father Francis, O.S.B.; Frater Bernard, O.S.B.
 - **Censor Bearers:** Steve Smith; Bernard Morin
 - **Chanters:** Frater Joseph, O.S.B.; Brother John, O.S.B.; Postulant Mark
 - **Baldachin Carriers:** Thomas Girardi; Samuel Liburdi; Donald Mullan; Raymond Keating
 - **Cross Bearer:** George Niebuhr
 - **Flower Girls:** Brianna Kelley; Marie Henderson
 - **Banner Bearers:** Scott Shea; Scott Lineback; Alfred Krebsbach; Sam Spano; Alexander Salillas; Albert Patterson, Sr.

N.B.: **Baldachin Bearers are to congregate in the bell tower of the church.**
Banner Bearers are to congregate in the vestibule of the church.
Flower Girls are to wait in the designated front pew of the church.
Censor Bearers and Cross Bearer are to congregate in the sacristy of the church.

13. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Ron Ackerman, Jr.
TUESDAY:	For Fathers Francisco & Dominic Radecki, CMRI - Anniversary
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY:	Welfare of our Monastic Communities (Ascension Day)
FRIDAY:	Deceased Doyal Johns
SATURDAY:	Deceased Laura Alice Bulger