

August – December, 2023

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In August 2023 we received the visit of Brother Bruno (4<sup>th</sup> from left) of Mount Saviour Monastery in Elmira, NY, for a few days. Our two communities have been friends since the 1950s stemming from the friendship of our founders, our brother Leo Rudloff and Father Damasus Winzen.



In September we received the visit of brother Elias's family: (l to r) sisters Barbara and Arlene, and cousin Tom and his wife, Paulette. As always with them, we enjoyed lively exchanges.



October 28, 2023 Oblate Meeting: (l to r) Betsey Shields, who made her oblation at our midday prayer, and brother Elias, Maria Guarino and Lee Zortman.



Beginning in mid-December 2023, the Green Mountain National Forest which abuts our Priory land began a forest management cutting to enhance animal habitats and promote healthy forest land. A side benefit for us was the renewed view of the mountains to the west of the Priory.



**Song in our silence, Light in our darkness  
Water of life for our thirst.  
You are the freshness of birth every morning,  
the grace that encircles our days.**

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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
from  
your brothers at Weston Priory**

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