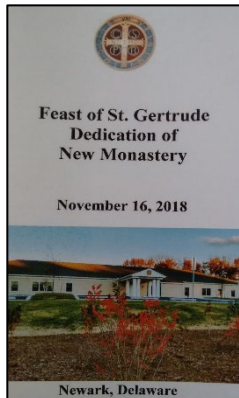
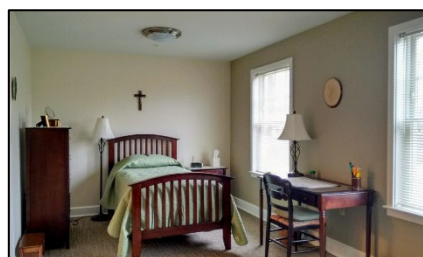


# News from Newark



On the feast of St. Gertrude, November 16, 2018, Bishop Francis Malooley dedicated our new monastery ([Click here to watch the YouTube video of the ceremony](#)) in the presence of sisters, family, and friends. Everyone was filled with joy because our dream of many years finally became a reality. At the time of our dedication, the monastery was without furnishings so we did not physically move into our new home until December 7.



It was a day of great jubilation when the 14 of us arrived with our suitcases and boxes. By then, the rooms were mostly complete so we just had to unpack our personal belongings. It took us a couple of months before we were completely settled.

Even before our scheduled Open House, we toured many interested people throughout the entire monastery.




March 23, 2019, our Open House, was a very successful day. Over two hundred people visited us and were amazed by the monastery's beauty, its warmth, and openness, and what we have accomplished. Family and friends who have been so supportive are happy that we are now so much closer to them. We would not have had the courage and strength without the encouragement of so many.



Because we are located on property belonging to a parish, we have become involved in some parish activities.

Even though we have a well-established group of oblates in Maryland, we are beginning an outreach to form an oblate community here in Newark. We held our first oblate Open House in May. Our major hope is to continue to be a prayerful presence in this area.

We praise and thank God for the good He has accomplished in us.



**Benedictine  
Oblates**  
of St. Gertrude Monastery

**we are lay persons  
affiliated with the  
Benedictine Sisters of  
Newark, DE**  
following the Rule of St. Benedict  
in so far as our state in life allows

The genius of St. Benedict's timeless "Little Rule for Beginners" is that it is so relevant for us all, especially today - those of us who bear within all the faults and weaknesses of human nature. Taking very ordinary material, the saint puts this forward as a perfectly accessible aim - to serve God with joy, to follow Christ with faith.

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"Let everyone who comes be received as Christ" RBSS