



March 2017

Chapel News

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center



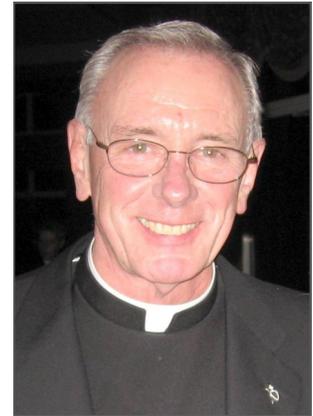
Today we begin Lent. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial. Lent is a special time of Grace that the Church in her wisdom offers us to grow closer to Christ so that we may reflect him in our daily life.

When people think of Lent a few things come to mind. Ashes! Yes, ashes are a beautiful symbol the Church uses to remind us that we are not immortal. The Church gives us two blessings to use when dispensing ashes:

"Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return."

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

I like the first one because it reminds me (and I hope others) that our time on earth is limited and we must do good in our world.



Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, although it is a spiritual and liturgical celebration which sets the penitential tone for the six weeks before Easter. The only two days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. However, we are asked to try hard not to eat meat and to fast on all Fridays during Lent.

During these forty days we are asked to do some type of penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. So much is left up to us, but here are some suggestions: Try to attend daily Mass...make the Stations of the Cross every day...read the Passion narratives in each of the four Gospels...make sandwiches for the poor...collect used but still "good" clothing and give it to St. Ann Place in West Palm Beach...make a weekend retreat...and come to our Holy Week Retreat. No matter what you do, make this your best Lent ever.

Please join us at our Spiritual Dei Gala on March 19th at Lost Tree Country Club. The cost is \$250 a ticket, but if you can't attend consider making a donation or taking out an ad in our Journal. Your support of the Gala will make a difference for Our Lady of Florida.

Always, you and your family are in my prayers and the prayers of our Passionist Community.

Fr. Paul, C.P.

Holy Week Retreat

April 12 - 16

The Retreat Program starts Wednesday and ends after breakfast on Easter Sunday.

Meals and lodging are included while you experience Morning Prayer, Presentations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Triduum Services and Sunrise Mass on Easter.

Retreatants may arrive Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (until noon).

Adjustments to the requested stipend will be made based on the number of nights spent on retreat.

Donation for the full retreat is \$300 per person, \$460 per couple, and \$260 for religious.

Brochures and Registration Forms are available outside the Bookstore. To register online, visit Our Lady of Florida's website, click on the Retreats tab and scroll down to Special Retreats. For further assistance, call Maggie at 561-626-1300, Ext. 117.

Charismatic Retreat

Led by Fr. Richard Champigny, O. Carm.
March 17 - 19, 2017

This retreat promises renewal of the Spirit in the lives of the participants by Glory Worship, Talks, Mass and Ministry that will affirm the presence of the Holy Spirit.

~ Donation: \$210 ~

Registration & \$50 deposit required.

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Special Passionist Dates to Remember

March 17

In honor of St. Patrick

March 19

In honor of St. Joseph



Days of Reflection

Our monthly Days of Reflection are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

April 5: "Sanctifying Everyday Life"

Presented by Brother Edward Hall, C.P.

May 3: "Staying Clear from Summer Times Blues"

Presented by Deacon John Clarke

The program runs from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and includes presentations, time for private reflection, opportunity for Confession, a meal and Mass.

The donation for each session is \$30.

Please register prior to each event.

Theme Retreats 2017

"Reflecting Christ"

Mar. 3 - 5

Men's Retreat

Mar. 24 - 26

Women's Retreat

Mar. 31 - Apr. 2

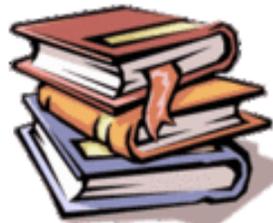
Men's Retreat

Apr. 21 - 23

Women's Retreat

Details at www.ourladyofflorida.org

Lent is a good time for a good Spiritual read...



Sr. Roberta has several suggestions for Saint & Mystic books as well as Discipleship.

Stop by the Bookstore and browse her recommendations!

If you would like to receive a "Spiritual Thought" from Father Paul once in a while, please e-mail your full name to: pwierichs@cprov.org

All of our publications and newsletters can be found at our Internet home: www.ourladyofflorida.org

Contributions to our Chapel Box are greatly appreciated.