



September 2017

Chapel News

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center



Dear Friends,

On September 8th we will celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the woman who by her "yes" to God assisted in His saving actions for all of us.

As Americans, every one of us can remember where we were, and who we were with on September 11, 2001. Combined, there were thousands of innocent civilians, military personnel, firefighters and police who lost their lives that day. May they rest in peace, and may God deliver us from such acts forever.



September 14 is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This was always an important feast for the Passionists. It was on this day in 1964, when I was an altar boy at a Cloistered Dominican Convent in Union City, New Jersey, that I felt God call me to serve him for the rest of my life. Of course, he left the riddle of just "how" somewhat mysterious, but here I am. Passionist Father Richard Kugelman was their Chaplain. I can even remember some of his homilies these 53 years later. Talk about an effective preacher!

We are especially blessed this September 14 as Father Curtis Kiddy, a priest from the Archdiocese of Miami, will be vested in the Passionist habit as he begins his novitiate.

The next day is the Memorial of Our Mother of Sorrows. While the particular focus on this day is the terrible sorrow endured by the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is also a day for all mothers and fathers who have lost a child or who are suffering with them through any condition of mind, body, or soul.

September 21 is the Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist, attributed author of the most popular Gospel. The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, who are the patrons of all Law Enforcement officials, is celebrated on September 29. Finally on September 30, we commemorate the Feast of St. Jerome, who translated the Scriptures into Latin from their original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

Our next day of Reflection is on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis. Come, this is the time! Consider a retreat for yourself, or a loved one or both.

Deacon Dennis Demes

Days of Reflection

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

- Oct. 4:** "The Spirituality of St. Francis"
Presented by Deacon Dennis Demes
- Nov. 1:** "Rekindle the Fire within Us"
Presented by Br. Edward Hall, C.P.

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.

Special Retreat

**Nov. 3 - 5: Silent Weekend Retreat
for Men & Women**

"By His Wounds You Are Healed"
Led by the Retreat Team

Cost: \$220 Deposit & registration required

**Single or Double rooms, linens, towels, all meals
and programs included.**

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 561-626-1300.



BUSINESS HOURS

Starting Tues. Sept. 5th
we are back to our
usual business hours
Monday through Friday
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We close at noon for a 1/2 hour Lunch.



Special Passionist Dates to Remember

Month of September

Special Masses & Prayers for all students & teachers

Sept. 14

Triumph of the Holy Cross

Sept. 15

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
Our Lady of the Passion

Sept. 24

Feast of St. Vincent M. Strambi, Passionist

Bookstore News

**A new Retreat Season
means a new selection
of books...**

**Please stop by the
Bookstore to make your
next spiritual reading
selections.**



THANK YOU... to all those who made a donation to our Summer Appeal. You have once again helped us with our higher summer expenses. If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, please do!!

You are always in our prayers.

Fr. Paul, C.P.

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