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Chapel News

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center

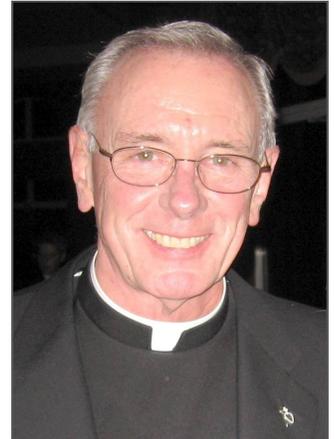


Dear Friends,

Have you made your New Year's resolution?

I have, and I am not making it to lose weight or to try all those things I have done in the past that only lasted for a week or two. No, my New Year's resolution is to make Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center a central place in the hearts and lives of our community. I am going to use the best of my abilities and my God-given talents to make this happen.

I am also going to deepen my relationship with God by spending more time in prayer. Yes, I can spend more time in prayer. This is what I was ordained to do, and I believe you look to me to serve as an example.



Please consider attending our Spiritus Dei Gala this year on March 4th at the Lost Tree Club in North Palm Beach. The revenue from this event gets us over the bump. You must know that Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center exists for one purpose, and that is to bring people here to make retreats.

The true cost of one person making a weekend retreat is about \$420. I recommend (yes, recommend) \$220 as a retreat stipend. Why? Because, I don't want anyone to have an excuse NOT to come on retreat. Our recovery retreats and youth retreats are priced even lower. These weekends are too important for our spiritual life. I need to collect about \$235,000 every year to make up our operating shortfall, and the Gala helps pay the bills, along with other fund raisers. So please come to the Gala and invite your friends. You can find more information on Page 2. The cost is \$250 per person for a great night of cocktails, a live band and great food with friends.

I know that many of you love Scripture. Father Don Senior, C.P. will be returning February 9-11 for a weekend retreat. So many of us hunger to know more about God's Holy, living Word. Here is a great opportunity to meet that need with a world-renowned Scripture Scholar. Please join us for this retreat or for any other retreat. Remember, this is why Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center is here: To provide a place to spend some quiet time with our Lord. A resolution to devote more time in prayer will benefit each and every one of us.

Have a happy and blessed New Year.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Paul

Fr. Paul Wierichs, C.P.

Days of Reflection

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

- Jan. 10:** “The ‘I Am’ Sayings of Jesus in the Gospel of John”
Presented by Sr. Roberta Popara, O.P.
- Feb. 7:** “Healing the Heart”
Presented by Br. Edward Hall, C.P.
- Mar. 7:** “The Desert’s Wisdom: The Contribution of the Desert Fathers and Mothers for our Contemporary Life of Faith”
Presented by Fr. Steve Olds

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 \$40.
Please register prior to each event.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection

Feb. 14, 2017

Presenter: Br. Edward Hall, C.P.
with Fr. Paul Wierichs, C.P.
for Stations of the Cross

Schedule: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Includes presentation, Confession, lunch & Mass
with distribution of Ashes

Offering: \$40
Reservations required. 561-626-1300

Special Passionist Dates to Remember

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 5

Feast of St. Charles of Mt. Argus, Passionist

Special Retreats & Events

Scripture Retreat Feb. 9-11
Presenter: Fr. Don Senior, CP
“The Church in the 21st Century: New Testament Images”
Cost: \$250 Registration & deposit required

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14
More information above

Charismatic Retreat Mar. 16-18
Led by Dr. Carol Razza
Cost: \$240 Registration & deposit required

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.

Happy New Year!

**What will you be reading
as you begin the new year?**



**Stop by and see the latest arrivals
in the bookstore.**

SAVE THE DATE: 2018 Spiritus Dei Gala

Sunday, March 4 at the Lost Tree Club

11520 Lost Tree Way, North Palm Beach, FL

6:30 p.m. Cocktails ~ 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Dancing

Semi-formal Attire Seating is Limited

\$250.00 per person until February 25, 2018; \$275 after February 25, 2018

To register online, visit Our Lady of Florida’s website.

For further assistance, call 561-626-1300.

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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Contributions to our Chapel Box are greatly appreciated.