

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14

Bringing the Light of Christ to a Broken World



### **RETREAT THEME 2021 - 2022**

"BE COMPASSIONATE AS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS COMPASSIONATE" (LUKE 6:36)

Dear Retreatants,

During the past year, the words that I loved hearing were: "this too shall pass". Finally, our life is returning to normalcy, an end to the pandemic seems to be in sight, and we, at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center, are ready to look at the road ahead. I am happy to announce the beginning of the new season of retreats (2021–2022) on September 10, 2021. Our theme this retreat season is "Be Compassionate as our Heavenly Father is Compassionate' (Luke 6:36).

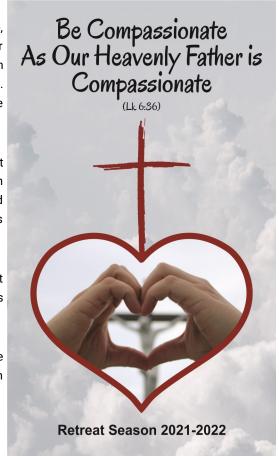
Compassion is the most powerful force in the world. It can defeat indifference, intolerance, and injustice and help us to reinstate peace, love, and unity. Our Savior humbled Himself to live among us, identifying with us. On our behalf, "though He was in the form of God... emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant" (Philippians 2: 6-7). And feeling as we feel and weeping as we weep, He died on a cross, sacrificing His life to save ours.

Nothing we struggle with is beyond our Savior's concern. If someone "throws rocks" at our lives, He comforts us. If life brings disappointments, He walks with us through despair. In our troubles, He preserves us, stretching out His hand against our foes and our own deepest fears. The truth is we cannot thank Him enough for His compassionate love.

We are happy to welcome you back HOME this year for spiritual enrichment. In what areas of your life do you need God's compassion? Come and experience God's compassionate love.

Pope Francis in "Rejoice and Be Glad", reminds us that we are not just on a mission, we are a mission from God. We are sent to make the world a better place, one filled with God's compassionate love.

Rev. Junesh Xavier, C.P. Director





May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in our Hearts





# IEET THE RETREAT TEAM AND STAFF



Rev. Junesh Xavier, C.P., Director has served as retreat director since 2019. He has been a Passionist since 2005 and a priest since 2010.

His first assignment was as Associate Pastor and Vocation Promoter in the Passionist Church of Our Lady of Velankanny, Palliport. From the first year of his priesthood, he also was engaged in mission preaching, campus ministry workshops and seminars, and preaching retreats for religious and seminarians. Before joining Our Lady of Florida, he was part of the Retreat Staff at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

He has used his many gifts from God to navigate the retreat center through the pandemic.

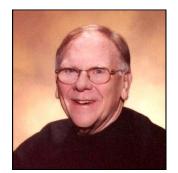
Rev. Melvin Shorter, C.P., Associate Director has served on the retreat team since 2016. He has been a Passionist since 1982 and priest since 1986.

He has been a pastor, on the Passionist Provincial council, given parish missions and more. He always wanted to be part of a retreat team and the invitation came as he concluded ministry in Paris, France.

He is a great story teller and if you have had the opportunity to hear his peaching you will know this very

He also has creative gifts that he shares by making the chapel beautiful for special seasons and really all year round.





Br. Edward Hall, C.P., DMin., Associate Director on the retreat team since 2014. He has been a Passionist since 1964 and served in many ministry positions.

Previous to coming to Our Lady of Florida, he ministered in a Baltimore, MD Passionist parish, including serving at a homeless shelter and worked with Community Mediation of Baltimore.

He has a keen interest addressing issues of conflict in its many forms.

His engaging way to draw you into conversations leads to expressions of affirmation.



He is studying his fourth year of Theology at Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. He has been on several mission trips to the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Haiti. He enjoys listening to people and their stories.

After a pastoral year experience, he is now joining the retreat team at Our Lady of Florida and he is looking forward to meeting new people and sharing with them.





Sandi Lanowich, Retreat secretary has served as retreat secretary since Easter of 2021. She, her husband, and two young daughters are parishioners of St. Patrick Church.

She joins us after leaving fulltime hospitality industry, boutique hotels in particular, to raise her family in the Catholic faith. She brings to OLOF over 13 years of hospitality experience.

While new to the retreat center she is familiar with our retreats as chaperone and retreatant for several youth and young adult events with St. Patrick.

She looks forward to working with all the retreatants and visitors for the upcoming retreat season.

### Save the date!

After too much time away due to Covid-19, we are pleased to announce the return of the 50th Annual "Spiritus Dei Gala" at the beautiful Lost Tree Club.

It is never too early to mark your calendars:

### March 20, 2022

(Sunday Evening)

Rev. Junesh and the Gala committee are already making plans for the next event. Lost Tree has proved to be a wonderful venue, so we are returning there again.

Details of the event will be sent to everyone in the near future.



### SPIRITUS DEI GALA

### **@LOST TREE CLUB**

#### **Mass Cards**

To remember a departed loved one or to honor family and friends, the gift of prayer is everlasting. The Passionist Priests are privileged to celebrate Masses for your intentions.

To participate in our Mass Card Program

- $\Diamond$ Order on our website www.ourladyofflorida.org
- E-mail request reception@cpprovfl.org
- $\Diamond$ In person during business
- Δ Call us at 561-626-1300



### Connect with us

Looking to sign up for a retreat, order or request a mass card, or general information of Our Lady of Florida. Please connect with us:

Website: www.ourladyofflorida.org

Facebook: Our Lady of Florida Passionist Spiritual Center

**Instagram:** @ourladyoffloridaretreatcenter

YouTube: Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center

# **New Events at Our Lady of Florida**

### **Prayer Service in honor of the 20th** anniversary of September 11th

Led by Rev. Chris Southard with Ivonne Sherman (praise Leader), will be hosting a September 11 Memorial Event for the 20th anniversary of the attacks on the twin towers.

**September 12, 2021** 

3:00 — 4:00 pm

\*Please visit our website for additional information and cost.





### **Young Adult Evenings of Prayer**

**December 17, 2021** 

and

June 17, 2022

7 pm — 9 pm

**Cost: \$25** 

We welcome our Young Adults aged 21-40 to join us for an evening of prayer. Light snacks and refreshments provided. Bring your own lawn chair. Registration begins at 6:30 pm.



### **Women and Men's Weekend Retreats**

Looking to grow spiritually with other ladies and gentlemen from your parish? Please join us with others from your parish on the selected weekend. We hope to help you grow together with others from your parish and take the fruits of the Holy Spirit back to your individual parish for a richer experience when you return.

#### **Things You Should Know**

The usual offering for our standard weekend retreat is \$220.00. A \$50.00 registration fee must accompany your reservation.

- All rooms are singles, in roommate style accommodations (shared bathrooms)
- Check in time is from 5:00 to 7:45pm on Friday with dinner from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Retreats usually begin Friday at 7:00 pm and end on Sunday at Noon, casual clothes recommended
- Smoking is not allowed inside any of the buildings at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center
- If you want additional details on what a retreat experience is like, please call your parish promoter listed below.

If a retreatant has a personal health problem, needs a special diet or has need for a special room, please advise our retreat office when making your

### **Women's Weekend Retreats**

March 25 - 27, 2022

St Clare, N P	te, Hollywood Palm Beach Arc, Boca Raton	Promoter Needed Rebecca Stokes Vivian Rogers Marie Barbagallo Promoter Needed	561-626-1300 954-437-2975 561-799-1975 561-665-1805 561-626-1300	All Saints, Sunrise Annunciation, West Park Nativity, Hollywood St Jude, Tequesta St Malachy, Tamarac	Sylvia Wright Maryann Torelli Miriam Buonomo Nora Miclat Miriam Nothdruft	954-742-3784 954-981-7277 954-328-3201 561-339-6748 954-721-7764
Emmanuel, Our Lady Of Our Lady Of	Lourdes, Boca Raton Mercy, Deerfield Beach , Deerfield Beach ca Raton	Frances Restivo Jo Sapone Barbara Moriarty Donna Kinney Promoter Needed Judith Beckler	561-499-8549 561-482-7785 954-428-1947 954-290-7952 561-626-1300 786-877-3034	April 8 — 10, 2022 Ascension, Melbourne Holy Name of Jesus, Indialantic Naples Graces St Anastasia, Fort Pierce St Mark, Evangelist, Ft Pierce Our Lady Queen of Apostles,	Kate Midden Promoter Needed Mary Claire Dant Liza O'Dell Eleanor Perkowski	321-621-8210 561-626-1300 239-250-4000 772-464-7022 772-464-7862 561-642-8024
Holy Family St Edward, F St Ignatius ( St Martin De	. Port St Lucie Pembroke Pines Cath., Palm Beach Gdns Porres, Jensen Beach Apostle, Lighthouse Pt	Anne Marie Roberge Maria Rittenhouse Paula Triana Joanne Carron Cathie Desjean	772-342-7861 954-322-1328 561-622-1264 941-685-6071 954-783-5122	Royal Palm Beach Episcopal Cursillo Group, Bonita Springs  April 22 — 24, 2022 St Andrew, Coral Springs St John Neumann, Miami	Gayle Paul Yolanda Naimoli Promoter Needed Manuela Graells	239-825-5054 561-626-1300 305-255-2063
Ascension, Holy Name St John The St Katharine St Paul Of T St. Rita, Well	of Jesus, W Palm Beach E Evangelist, Viera Drexel, Weston The Cross, N Palm Beach	Mary Minoff Tina Mazzella Carole McCloy Marie France Martelly Theresa Trotta Peggy Rowe-Linn Mary Somerville	502-807-1643 561-683-8376 321-428-5198 954-683-3584 561-676-2486 561-685-3458 561-665-8566	St John Vianney, Orlando St Mark, Southwest Ranches St Peter, Jupiter St Therese de Lisieux, Wellington St Thomas More, Boynton Bch St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Port St. Lucie	Barbarann Harder Loraine Martikes Judy Collins Louis Giannone Judith Giovino Georgiana Valere	407-496-5517 954-680-4585 561-602-3988 561-400-4661 561-699-2030 772-785-7454
January 2	21 – 23 2022					

September 10 - 12, 2021

January 21 – 23, 2022		
Holy Cross, Vero Beach	Rebecca Brooks	772-563-7798
Holy Rosary-St Richard, Miami	Sylvia Borge	305-258-3909
Holy Spirit, Lantana	Carmen West	561-737-5655
St Bonaventure, Davie	Theresa Kline	954-748-8179
St. George, Patrick AFB	Susanne Cahill	321-751-4423
St John Of The Cross, Vero Beach	Rechelle Brown	772-473-5015
St Mark, Boynton Beach	Jeannie Dee Taylor	561-736-6435
St Patrick, Palm Beach Gardens	Promoter Needed	561-626-1300

February 25 - 27, 2022		
Blessed Sacrament, Fort Lauderdale	Ruth Myles	954-776-3325
St. Lucie, Port St. Lucie	Patricia Agricola	631-521-4050
St. Sebastian, Sebastian	Rosemary Neidich	772-581-8665
St. Vincent De Paul, Fort Myers	Yoli Johns	786-423-8647



### **Men's Weekend Retreats**

September 17 - 19, 2021			February 4 — 6, 2022 (CON	'T )	
Holy Name of Jesus, WPB Nativity, Hollywood St Bernadette, Hollywood St. Edward, Palm Beach St John the Baptist, Ft. Laud. St Juliana, W Palm Beach St. Lucie, Port St. Lucie St Maurice, Dania Beach	Peter Mazzella Carl Buonomo Eugene Schmidinger Robert P. Leidy, Jr. Stephen Johnson Henry Stevens Edward Essayan Bob Stein	561-683-8376 954-962-1262 954-680-5565 561-779-3260 954-990-4879 561-793-6091 561-222-9912 954-604-9157	St John Of The Cross, Vero Beach St Mark the Evangelist, Fort Pierce St Martin De Porres, Jensen Beach St Patrick, Palm Beach Gardens St. Rita, Wellington St. Therese de Lisieux, Wellington St Vincent Ferrer, Delray Beach	Bob Gekle Robert Krause Promoter Needed Promoter Needed Al Paglia Louis Giannone Michael Wigderson	772-299-3603 772-489-2776 561-626-1300 561-626-1300 561-793-5725 561-400-4661 561-276-0825
October 8 — 10, 2021 Little Flower, Hollywood St Ambrose, Deerfield Beach St Andrew, Stuart St Katharine Drexel, Weston St Mark, Southwest Ranches	Michael Ostrowski Pat Glass Dave Olio Promoter Needed Chris Gillis	954-920-4779 954-673-3708 772-919-2555 561-626-1300 954-382-0632	February 18 — 20, 2022 O. L. Queen Of Heaven, No Laud. St Gregory, Plantation St Jude, Boca Raton St. Peter, Jupiter  March 4 — 6, 2022	Ken Briganti Promoter Needed Ron Hoekzema Javier Casanova	754-242-3778 561-626-1300 561-362-9897 405-315-4868
January 28 — 30, 2022 Ascension, Melbourne Holy Rosary-St Richard, Miami Holy Spirit, Lantana Immaculate Conception, Hialeah K Of C 4772 Fr Flynn Council, Hialeah St Clare, No. Palm Beach St Joan Of Arc, Boca Raton	Paul Hess Jim Frigo Promoter Needed Larry Shashaty Andrew Izzo Jr Mark Chauvin Promoter Needed	321-271-0001 305-815-2393 561-626-1300 305-606-7141 305-821-6217 561-221-8580 561-626-1300	All Saints, Sunrise Ascension, Boca Raton Blessed Sacrament, Ft Laud. Holy Cross, Vero Beach St Andrew, Coral Springs St Bernard, Sunrise St Jude, Tequesta St Paul Of The Cross, N Palm Beach St Thomas More, Boynton Beach	Laurentius Purba Jon Klein Michael Devlin Timothy Brooks Mary Forney Joseph Guillotte Bill Shannon Promoter Needed Robert Vazquez	316-461-1168 561-962-5541 954-492-8252 772-205-7743 954-588-8667 954-742-9482 561-747-0233 561-626-1300 561-742-7862
St Mark, Boynton Beach St Matthew, Winter Haven St Vincent De Paul, Fort Myers  February 4 — 6, 2022  Annunciation, West Park Holy Family, Port St Lucie Our Lady Queen of Apostles	John Doherty Billy Bob Morris Robert D Martilla  David Patino Albert Stackwell Nick Alessandria	561-410-3041 863-289-2784 239-851-9114 954-649-9490 772-335-8639 561-798-6321	April 1 — 3, 2022 St Bonaventure, Davie St David, Davie St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pt St Lucie St Ignatius Cathedral, PB Gdns St Louis, Miami St Sebastian, Sebastian	James Gombar Rick Clawson Carl Valere Deacon Greg Horton Michael McKeever Tom Kelly	954-389-0253 954-327-0916 772-785-7454 561-214-4848 786-440-3155 772-581-2399
St Anastasia, Fort Pierce St Bernadette, St. Lucie West St Helen, Vero Beach	William Wolf Dick Nagle John Matthews	772-461-3108 772-343-0791 772-569-5696	June 3 — 5, 2022 St John Neumann, Miami	Keith Simmons	305-815-2763

#### PARISH PROMOTERS ANNUAL WORKSHOPS

Saturday, July 17th, 2021 Saturday, November 20th, 2021

Registration starting at 10:30 am

Thank you for your efforts encouraging men & women to make a retreat!

#### **Married Couples Retreat**

June 17 - 19, 2022

Led by Rev. Curtis Kiddy, C.P.

This weekend retreat is for married couples who want to deepen their relationship with one another in the context of their sacrament of marriage. The retreat conferences will reflect the special graces and opportunities for spiritual and personal growth that the sacrament brings to the spouses.

Please note the Offering for the Married Couples Retreat is \$395 per couple. A \$100 per couple deposit is required with your registration. Please see our website for more information.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Individuals from any parish are always welcome on scheduled parish retreat weekends (including Fall Silent weekend for men & women) where room is available.

We welcome and encourage new parishes or other groups to join us. If your parish or group is not represented and you would like to either join a current parish or group event or organize an additional one, please contact Our Lady of Florida's Retreat Secretary at 561-626-1300.

### **Silent Retreat for Men & Women**

November 19 - 21, 2021 With this year's theme: "Be Compassionate as our Heavenly Father is Compassionate" (Luke 6:36)

### **Scripture Retreat**

February 11 - 13, 2022

Led By Rev. Donald Senior, C.P.

Offering: \$250.00 Registration & \$50.00 deposit required. Please see our website for more information.



# DAYS OF REFLECTION AND SPECIAL RETREATS

#### DAYS OF REFLECTION

First Monday of every month from October through June at Our Lady of Florida. The topics are varied and relevant.

The program runs from 10 am to 2:30 pm.

Each session includes:

- Presentations
- Time for private reflection
- Opportunity for Confession
- Lunch
- Mass

Offering per session: \$50. Please register prior to each event.

#### DATE

October 4, 2021 November 1, 2021 December 6, 2021 January 3, 2022 February 7, 2022 March 14, 2022 \* April 4, 2022 May 2, 2022 June 6, 2022

#### PRESENTER

Rev. Edward Wolanski, C.P. Rev. Paul Ruttle, C.P. Rev. Richard Vigoa Rev. Llane Briese Rev. Michael Garcia Rev. Bryan Garcia Brother Edward Hall, C.P. Rev. Melvin Shorter, C.P.

\* indicates 2nd Monday of the month

### **Clergy Retreat**

#### February 14 - 18, 2022

The retreat stipend is \$525. A \$50 deposit is required with your registration. Please see our website for details.



### **Damas Catolicas**

April 8, 2022 will be a special Day of Prayer for the women of Damas Catolicas. Program time: 8 am — 3:30 pm. Please contact Esther Gateria 561-358-7286.

### **Holy Week Retreat**

#### April 13 - 17, 2022

Retreatants are allowed to arrive on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday before noon. Adjustments to the requested stipend will be made based on the number of nights spent on retreat.

The Offering for the full retreat is \$395 per person, \$695 per couple and \$350 for religious. (See our Website for details.)

#### Charismatic Retreats

#### November 5 - 7, 2021

Led by Dr. Carol Razza, Professor at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary

#### May 20 - 22, 2022

Led by Rev. Levi Hartle, Leader of Praise Nation; Diocese of Pitt, PA

Offering: \$250 per person. (\$50.00 deposit with reservation)

#### **Healing Retreat**

May 27 - 29, 2022

Led by Rev. Robert Richardson, Archdiocese of Washington

Offering: \$250 per person. (\$50.00 deposit with reservation)

#### **Special Days of Reflection**

Rev. Brian King

**Advent Day of Reflection** 

**December 18, 2021** 

Rev. Junesh Xavier, C.P. Suggested Offering: \$50

**New Year's Evening of Reflection** Dec. 31, 2021 Deacon Martin Serraes & Deacon Robert Rodriguez Suggested Offering: Commuter: \$85 Overnight: \$105

Ash Wed. Day of Reflection

March 2, 2022

Rev. Ed Wolanski, C.P. Suggested Offering: \$50

Please register prior to each event.

### **Divine Mercy Retreat**

May 13 - 15, 2022

Led by Rev. Edward Wolanski, C.P.

Offering: \$250.00 Registration & \$50.00 deposit required.

### **Twelve-Step Recovery Retreats**

Please use the contact information provided to register for a Twelve-Step Recovery Retreat.

November 12 - 14, 2021

Contact: John

December 3 - 5, 2021

Contact: Janet

December 10 -12, 2021

Contact: Patty

May 6 - 8,2022Contact: Frank

June 10 — 12, 2022 Contact: Janet

Ven. Matt Talbot Men's Retreat

908-770-8447

Ven. Matt Talbot Women's Retreat

954-609-7868

**Overeaters Anonymous** 

716-523-5442

Ven. Matt Talbot Men's Retreat

954-234-5441

Ven. Matt Talbot Women's Retreat

954-609-7868

# \*\*\*PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM AND COMPLETE ALL ENTRIES. THEN MAIL OR FAX (CHARGES ONLY) WITH YOUR SUGGESTED DEPOSIT OF \$50.00 TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center ATTN: Retreat Secretary 1300 U.S. Highway #1 North Palm Beach, FL 33408 561-626-1300 - FAX 561-627-3956 E-mail: retreat@cpprovfl.org

#### **WEEKEND RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM**

\*\*\*Please *PRINT* all information:

Name	Date of Birth/			
Address				
City	State Zip			
Phone or Cell()E-Mail				
Parish or Group				
Date of Retreat Type of Retreat				
New Retreatant (Yes) Dietary Restrictions (Vegetarian/Food Allergies-ONLY)				
ADA Room Needs*(*The Center has a limited number of ADA rooms accessible to people with <b>moderate</b> pl				
Additional Notes				
I hereby authorize Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center to o	charge my (check one):			
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SIGNATURE				
Amount to Charge\$PLEASE NOTE: If you are charging your expenses or paying by check, you may pay the suggested registration fee/deposit \$50.00 per person or the total amount. If your credit card billing address is different from the above, please write it on a separate sheet of paper and include with your form. We will notify you to confirm your reservation.				
Don't forget to include your deposit (or you may pay the full amount now).				
Thank you!!				
WE WILL NOTIFY YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION				

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#### Mission Statement:

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center is a Passionist Retreat House serving those who seek to deepen their relationship with God and with each other. Like the apostle Paul, we "preach Christ and Him crucified."

#### Vision Statement:

The Spiritual Center provides a peaceful and prayerful environment, open to all who come here to share the life of the Passionists priests and brothers. In all our programs, we strive to be open and hospitable to the needs of all in their quest for truth and in their faith journey. Our facilities are available to the wider ecumenical community, as well as to educational and non-profit groups whose programs are in harmony with our mission of spiritual and human development.