



May 2017

# Chapel News

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center



This year seems to be moving along very quickly. I find it hard to believe that it is May already.

Holy Week and Easter were wonderful at Our Lady of Florida. Our Sunrise Service was spectacular. The sun rose, the air was filled with the Easter Joy and we all shouted “Alleluia,” announcing that the Lord had truly risen! We knew we were on Holy Ground, and we felt His presence all around. May you and your loved ones always walk in the light of the Resurrected Christ.



As we begin the month of May, I fondly remember my childhood. Growing up in Baltimore, I attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Every year we had a May procession, where we moved through the streets and into the Church with a statue of the Blessed Mother. Once inside the church, a young lady would place a beautiful crown of flowers on Mary’s head while the congregation sang: “O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today...” I always looked forward to the event. One year my sister was chosen to place the crown on the head of the Blessed Mother. I have a beautiful memory of my mother watching my sister walk up the steps behind the statue to place the crown on Mary’s head.

During the month of May, we remember our mothers living and deceased. They have given us life and love. We also remember those mothers who have lost a child through death.

*“Grant, O Lord, that we, their sons and daughters may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.”*

(from the Order of Blessing of Mothers on Mother’s Day: [The Book of Blessings](#))

The Passionists of the two North American Provinces will be on Retreat May 1 – 5, 2017, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Please remember them in your prayers.

May is a busy month here at Our Lady of Florida. Deacon John Clarke will conduct our May Day of Reflection on May 3. His theme is “Staying Clear from the Summer Times Blues.” The Deacons of the Palm Beach Diocese will be on Retreat from May 22-26. The Healing Retreat with Fr. Robert Richardson will take place May 26-28. (See Page 2 for details.)

There is still one more opportunity to make a Parish Themed Retreat (“Reflecting Christ”) for women and men. Think about making a weekend retreat. It is a good way to begin the summer.

We hold you always in our prayers, and we ask that you remember us in yours.

We ask Mary, the mother of our Lord, to pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Fr. Melvin A. Shorter, C. P.*

## Theme Retreats 2017

### "Reflecting Christ"

May 19 - 20      Women's Retreat

June 2 - 4      Men's Retreat

Details at [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org)

### Healing Retreat

May 26 - 28, 2017

"Jesus Heals" presented by Fr. Robert Richardson

Donation: \$210

\$50 registration fee must accompany your reservation. Balance due upon arrival.

*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 561-626-1300.*

### Young Adult Retreat

July 7 - 9, 2017

"Reflecting Christ"

Open to Young Adults Ages 18 - 35  
Married Couples Welcome!



Come for prayer and solitude, share and strengthen your faith with other Catholic Young Adults, and draw closer to Christ.

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

*A \$50 Retreat Fee is required when making your reservation. The suggested donation for the retreat is \$195.*

*If you can find sponsorship, please do so. A collection will be taken at the Sunday Mass to cover the balances.*

*To register online, visit Our Lady of Florida's website, click on the Retreats tab and scroll down to Young Adults. For further assistance, call 561-626-1300.*

## Days of Reflection

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

**June 7:** "In the Meantime: The Journey between the Resurrection & the Second Coming"  
Presented by Fr. Melvin Shorter, C.P.

**July 12:** "Where your Treasure is, There also will be Your Heart" (Mt. 6:21)  
Presented by Sr. Roberta Popara, O.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 Passionist Date to Remember

May 16

In honor of St. Gemma Galgani



**Summer is a great time to start a new spiritual book.**

**Stop by our Bookstore and find a good read for your summer days.**

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

All of our publications and newsletters can be found at our Internet home: [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org)

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