



MIRACLE ON THE MYAKKA

News and Happenings at OLPH Summer 2017

Rich Days of Prayer

It has been my pleasure to prepare most of the reflections for our monthly "Come to the Water" days of prayer this season. Thank you all for your generosity and faithfulness in gathering for these days! We were able to listen to one another and pray together. I was new, and you welcomed me warmly (after Boston, the Florida climate certainly helped). You gave me all those opportunities to share my own journey of faith with you, and to wrestle with some difficult questions about the complexities of life.

We dove deeper into the music, prayers, and Scriptures that we all know, coming face-to-face with our God and falling deeper in love with him. Although there is less and less water in the lake, we have still come to drink deeply of that water welling up to eternal life that Jesus extends to us every day here. May your summer be blessed in abundance! I will remember all of you fondly as I return to our seminary in Boston in August for my final year of studies in preparation for ordination.

May our blessed Mother, the ever-faithful virgin, hold you close and bring you to her Son!



Until we meet again,

Br. Paul, OMV

SUMMER DAY RETREATS

All are welcome free of charge!
Visit www.olph-retreat.org and check out
OLPH Summer Day Retreat podcast!

LUNCHEONS 4 LIFE

Thursday, July 6 9:30-3:30

**Featuring Pregnancy Careline
Keynote Speaker, Marjie Johnson**
Previous Executive Director

Includes: Beverage Service, Conference, Adoration and Mass. Free to all! RSVP for lunch to Jeannine Byrnes by [email](mailto:danmaxkei@aol.com) danmaxkei@aol.com or call 941-330-5913.



OLPH Family Retreat Day
Saturday, July 29 9:00-1:00

Bring your family together for a fun day of spiritual nourishment. The day includes a conference, break-out activities, scavenger hunt, Mass, lunch and discussion.

All are welcome!

Call Nancy Gazo to register at 941-486-0233 or [register online here](#).

**WELCOME TO OLPH
NEW VOLUNTEERS!**

Barb Rao...Welcome Back!

Rosa Ragozzino

UPCOMING RETREATS

Contact Denise Riley to schedule your retreat!

[Email here](#) or 941-486-0233.

Matt Talbot Men's Spiritual Retreat September 15-17 3:30pm Registration

A Matt Talbot retreat is for people of all faiths and is an opportunity for recovering alcoholics to enhance their spirituality and sober way of life. For more information,

Contact Matthew at 347-796-7131 or email mmarzano@gencooffice.com

Ignatian Preached Retreat

September 25-28, 2017

February 22-25, 2018

Our Ignatian Preached Retreats are silent retreats that include scheduled conferences each day, Mass, and an opportunity to meet at least once with the retreat director. The conference topics center around Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment.

[Register here!](#)

Prepare Your Heart For Christmas Advent Retreat

December 7-8, 2017

[Register here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

OLPH Fishing Derby

November 10, 2018 Registration opens July 28, 2017

OLPH Fashion Show

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Jacaranda Trace, Venice Hosted by Connie Blum

Operation OLPH Mystery Dinner Theatre

February 10, 2018

Presented by Florida Studio Theatre

Featuring songs from the 40's by the Boogie Woogie Bugle Girls at the sponsors cocktail hour.

CRUISE TO CUBA!

Cruise with Fr. Sean to Cuba

May 14-18 2018

Cruise into Havana Harbor on board Norwegian Sky and discover larger-than-life culture, visit the Havana Cathedral and weathered beauty during your overnight stay. Stroll the Malecón and get lost among Baroque facades and colonial cobblestone streets of Old Havana. We have 35 rooms available in our group. Hurry only 20 rooms are left! Cruises to Cuba are in high demand. Only a \$50.00 deposit to secure room and price. Pay in full February. OLPH group activities are being planned!!! CONTACT: COLLEEN 941-486-0233 OR EMAIL donahue@olph-retreat.org

Fr. Sean will celebrate Mass aboard!



SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

TIME!

Volunteers are needed to help clean up OLPH grounds on **Friday, July 28, 10:00am-2:00pm**. It is a great way to stay connected with your OLPH family! Lunch included. Please call Nancy Gazo at 941-486-0233.

TALENT!

OLPH is looking for events committee members to help plan our upcoming events. Contact Colleen Donahue at 941-486-0233 or [email here](#).

TREASURE!

There are many opportunities to support your retreat center. Our beloved St. Joseph Chapel is in desperate need of repair. Repairs include a new roof, drywall repair, windows sealed, facade repair and replacement of the exterior soffit. Please visit www.olph-retreat.org for information.

Help us make the goal of \$80,000 towards St Joseph Chapel Restoration Campaign!

DONATE

Support STREAM youth programs, (Science, Technology Religion, Engineering, Arts & Math).

We recently hosted 125 students from three schools for a day of STREAM. With your support, we can continue to provide this valuable program to our youth. Please visit www.olph-retreat.org for more information.

The best way to give a donation is where it is needed most. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center is a gift to us all and it is a blessing to have generous volunteers and donors who always support our mission, to serve those searching for God.

Please consider a gift of time, talent and treasure to OLPH!