

*Our Lady of the Assumption Church*

*Day of Recollection & Renewal ~ Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016*

In declaring the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis tells us that in the parables devoted to Mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and Mercy. In these parables (one example is the prodigal son) we find the core of the Gospel and our faith, as mercy is a force that overcomes everything, filling our hearts with love and bringing consolation through pardon. Each one of us is called to show mercy because mercy has been shown to us. And so, with gratitude and hope in the Lord, we care for our neighbors, ourselves, and all of God's creation.

Sometimes we need a time out from the demands of everyday life in this busy world we live in today. **Please consider coming to a special Day of Recollection and Renewal at Our Lady of the Assumption on Sunday November 13, 2016.** The theme of the day will be *The Heart of the Community: Caring, Gratitude, Hope*. I am very pleased to announce that **Sister Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C. will facilitate the day** for us. During the day which will **begin with the 9:30 am Sunday Mass and end about 3:30 pm** there will be time for prayer, song, discussion and reflection. There is no charge for this retreat. We will enjoy a **pot luck lunch** during the program and ask that you each bring your favorite dish. I invite each of you to give this day as a gift to yourself to experience and then bring to others *The Heart of the Community: Caring, Gratitude, Hope*. **All are welcome.** Kindly complete the form below and return by Sunday, Nov. 6.

If you have any **questions**, please **see me or Gary Texter**, our Pastoral Assistant and Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, or call him at 845-733-5781.

In Christ's Love and Mercy,

*Fr. Paul*

Fr. Paul A. M. Denault, O.Carm.

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**RESERVATION FORM**

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Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring to the Pot Luck Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form no later than Sunday, November 6.**