



# Reflections

## Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center

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“Go into the world and tell the Good News to all creation.” Mark 16:15

### Resembling our Master

By Amy Mosbacher

Where did all the crowds go? Mary stood numbly at the foot of the cross, watching as Jesus' broken body was lowered to the ground. It had been so crowded at first. People threw insults or ridiculed; others just gazed, talking among themselves. As the hours passed some grew tired of the spectacle and left. After He had died – Mary's throat caught – they vanished, shaking their heads, disappointed, satisfied. Now only a few faithful remained. She rested her head against Jesus' cold chest and a hollow silence echoed in her ears. Her Son was dead. Did the world not care?

When we think about the Passion of Jesus, let's allow our head to rest with Mary's on the chest of Jesus and remember that for a while, no heart beat there. For love the Son of God had taken our flesh, and for love He allowed that flesh to be mutilated and crucified. And for a while, the world turned its head so as not to watch the condemnation of its Creator. People went back to their houses and lives, the event just another peculiarity of a strange man's life and death. And they thought of Him no more.

Will we think of Jesus with as much indifference? We have 2000

years between His life on earth and ours; His crucifixion isn't fresh in our minds. How often have I prayed a rosary only to find my mind drifting. And then when I've finished, knowing that I was unfocused, still go about my day? How often have I let someone pass without a smile for them -- or any acknowledgment at all? Jesus is in them, too. Our God allows Himself to be wounded yet again when we regard Him with indifference, when we go about our day as if He didn't exist. How Jesus thirsts for our love! He told us plainly, “I thirst.” Shouldn't we believe Him?

We need to make reparation for the coldness and indifference given Him far too often. He uses our acts (and not one goes unnoticed) to inflame other hearts to love Him. If we truly want to bring other people to God, are we willing to do more than give Him a brief glance during our day? We need to offer everything to Him continuously to give love back to Love. I know if I really want God to convert people then I have to let Him use me tirelessly – but I fail so often through my own weakness or fear. I know Jesus using me will make me His reflection -- crucifixion marks,

death, and all. Let us ask ourselves if we're willing to be exhausted by Jesus and then run to Him and ask for all the strength we need to do His will. God will never disappoint, and He takes such consolation from us when we give ourselves to Him. When Jesus is done with us, when we've come to resemble Him and we've finished our race, then He will gather us to Himself. He will make us perfect reflections of Himself glorified. Most of the world would think that a strange price to pay for such a reward, but we know better. Let's aspire to pay it every day by our full surrender.



## **Centering in**

By Liz Geary

### **Summer prayer brunch**

The summer prayer brunch will be held Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Joe's/Bread of Life community center. Our guest speaker will be Susan Yurkewicz, member of St. Joseph's church and author of the book Triumph. Please look for more information and a registration form in this edition and in the June edition of *Reflections*. I hope to see everyone at this very special event.

### **Life in the Spirit at Albion**

Please pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the Life in the Spirit seminar scheduled for Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Albion men's correctional facility. Both the participants and the team will be in need of your prayers. Many thanks go to Dan Zuba for organizing this day and to the team for sharing their time and talents.

### **Life in the Spirit for all**

There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar starting Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and running for five consecutive Tuesdays at Holy Rosary Church in Erie. Please consider attending or inviting someone to attend this seminar. Please call or e-mail the Center in advance to register at (814)824-1286 or [wolccrc@eriercd.org](mailto:wolccrc@eriercd.org). Many thanks go to the Son of God prayer group for organizing this life in the spirit seminar.

## **Day of Renewal**

I am pleased to announce plans for an upcoming Day of Renewal scheduled for Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Joe's/Bread of Life community center. We are very blessed to have Renée Marazon returning as our featured speaker for the day. Many of the ladies may remember Renée from past women's retreats. Renée will be speaking on "Fully Catholic, Fully Charismatic." We are planning on concluding the day with a praise fest. Both women and men are cordially invited. This event will replace our usually scheduled Catholic Charismatic Conference. The Conference should be returning in 2015. The Day of Renewal will also be used as a replacement for the usually scheduled women's Catholic charismatic retreat. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Office notes**

The Word of Life Renewal Center office will be closed Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. The office will re-open Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the regularly scheduled time of 8 AM.

### **Healing Mass**

Fr. David Poulson will be presiding over a healing mass on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Holy Rosary Church in Erie. Please consider attending this uplifting event.

## **Happy Mother's Day**

I would like to take this time to wish a blessed and happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers reading this. May you have a day filled with the joy of the Lord and have the opportunity to spend time with your family and friends. May we all praise God for the gift of motherhood and our own mothers, grandmothers, aunts, Godmothers, etc. Thank you for saying "yes" to life!

### **Book of interest**

I would like to alert you to a book that was featured in a recent issue of *Pentecost Today* that I thought everyone might find of interest. Then Peter Stood Up... documents the relationship between the Popes and the Renewal and is a rich resource for those who teach and those interested in the history of the Renewal. It is available for \$16 by calling 1-800-338-2445 to order a copy.

### **National Leaders' & Ministries Conference**

You are invited to attend the National Leaders' & Ministries Conference, "*Ignite*," to be held November 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh. Rates are \$69 (\$125 for couples) before April 30<sup>th</sup> or \$79 (\$145 for couples) after April 30<sup>th</sup>. Principal speakers include: Fr. Killian Loch, O.S.B., Michelle Moran, Mark Nimo, and Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. For more information or to register, please visit [www.nsc-chariscenter.org](http://www.nsc-chariscenter.org) or call 1-800-338-2445.

## **The Charismatic Renewal and Christian unity**

By Kathy Wilcox  
and Jack Heintzel

The Christian world has been in conflict for a very long time, and the Charismatic/Pentecostal movement has played a large part in changes. Here are some key events. On January 1, 1901 Pope Leo XIII ushered in the new century by solemnly invoking the Holy Spirit over all Christendom; he had long been dedicated to the reunion of all Christians. Also on that morning, in Topeka, Kansas, a young Methodist girl began speaking in tongues after a lay evangelist invoked the Holy Spirit. Then in about 1905, there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that began to shake the Christian world. This so-called Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles, with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, began a “modern” Pentecostal movement, even beyond the U.S. borders. After the original Pentecost outpouring and centuries of dormancy, God was now reviving His Church. In the early 1960s, this renewal reached the mainline Protestant denominations. In 1967, at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, a Catholic religious group organized a prayer weekend; but God surprised them with an outpouring of the Spirit. Some of the students went into a chapel to pray and were moved to speak in tongues; they found

themselves praying in a new prayer language by the power of the Spirit. This phenomenon spread as participants shared their experience with others in great excitement. The emergence of the Charismatic Renewal in the 1960s added a controversial element that Christians are still trying to understand and deal with. Christians were polarized by this new development – this Pentecostal or Charismatic experience, and there is still a division because of it.

Recently an online video on YouTube has provided some new hope for healing the friction in the Church, and perhaps greater acceptance of the Charismatic Renewal. Here is the back story.

Approximately 22 years ago, a young man, Tony Palmer, experienced a dramatic conversion to Christ and used the video tapes of Kenneth Copeland to form the foundation of his call to evangelize. He married an Italian Catholic woman and was employed by Kenneth Copeland Ministries to work in South Africa. He was ultimately ordained and eventually made an Episcopal bishop. He and his wife were led privately to pray in 1992 for the Catholic community since his wife was a former Catholic. In the year 2000 he was recruited to go to Rome to be the liaison to the Catholic Charismatic community. In this role he had the opportunity to travel to Argentina, and while

there had to ask the permission of the local bishop, Mario Jose Bergoglio to speak and attend various events. The two men developed a close spiritual friendship. When Bergoglio became pope, he called Bishop Palmer and asked him to come to Rome for a visit. At that meeting, Pope Francis expressed his belief that God was calling for the unity of Christians. Then he asked Bishop Tony if he had a phone to record a personal message to Pentecostals. A video recording of the pope’s message was made.

Bishop Tony introduced Catholics to his audience by explaining his relationship to the church and the present pope. He mentioned that when he was in Rome for the Charismatic Conference in 2012, Pope Benedict addressed the group, telling them that the Charismatic Renewal is the “hope” of the Catholic Church.

In this video outreach, Pope Francis expressed his love for the Lord, his sadness for the sin which separates the churches, and the Lord’s desire to bring unity to the body of Christ. His message was sincere. He then asked for prayers. Kenneth Copeland responded by praying in tongues, and then sent a recorded message back, praising God and agreeing that this truly was a message inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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### Healing Mass

Our Lady of Peace  
2401 W. 38<sup>th</sup> St. 7:30PM  
Wednesday May 7, 2014

### Contemporary Mass

St. Joseph Church /  
Bread of Life Community  
11:00AM every Sunday  
Children's Liturgy of the Word

### Perpetual Adoration

Bread of Life Chapel  
St. Joseph Community Center

### Chaplet of Mercy

Every day at 3:00PM in Bread of Life  
Chapel

### St. Joseph Novena

St. Joseph Church / Bread of Life  
Community  
Every Wednesday 7:00PM

## Memorials

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Contributions have been made for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
Prayers will be offered for the comfort and support of the families.

**“When Christ died on the cross,  
He wrote a check for the world.  
When He rose from the dead,  
the check cleared.”  
– Unknown**

All Scripture quotes in this newsletter are from the New International Version unless noted otherwise

## PRAYER GROUPS



### † Sunday

**Shalom in Jesus Prayer Group**  
In home 6:30PM  
Rick Kenawell (814) 375-0328  
DuBois, PA  
May 4,11,18,25

### Acts II Community

St. Julia Church 6:30PM  
West 8<sup>th</sup> & Powell Ave.  
Jack Heintzel 838-1325  
May 4,11,18,25

### † Monday:

#### **Disciples of the Holy Spirit**

St. Mary's Church Annex 6:00PM  
139 Church St., St. Marys, PA  
Mary Ellen Frank (814) 781-3904  
May 5,12,19,26

### **Leopold Center**

1017 West 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Mary Lou Peterson 866-5678  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary  
At 3:00PM (before Mass)  
May 5,12,19,26  
(Except major holidays)

### **River of Life PG**

2nd & 4th Monday evenings  
7:00PM  
St. Bridget Ch., Rm. 4, Meadville, PA  
Amy Mosbacher (814) 724-6104  
May 5,19

### † Tuesday:

#### **Son of God Prayer Group**

Holy Rosary Church  
2701 East Ave. 7:00PM  
Pat Montefiori 823-3968  
May 6,13,20,27

### **Chosen Prayer Group**

St. Theresa Church,  
Shinglehouse, PA 10AM - 12Noon  
Mary Kuhn (814) 697-7519  
May 6,13,20,27

### † Wednesday:

#### **St. Mark's Prayer Group**

St. Mark Church 7:00PM  
Religious Education Center  
Emporium, PA  
May 7,14,21,28

### † Thursday:

**St. Joseph Church / Bread of Life  
Prayer Meeting** 7:00PM  
139 W. 24<sup>th</sup> St. – Upstairs in Center  
Regi Connelly (814) 866-0505  
May 1,8,15,22,29 (Call first)

### **St. Boniface PG**

7615 Wattsburg Rd. 7:00PM  
John Griebel 825-3588  
May 1,8,15,22,29

### **Wildfire Prayer Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month 7:00PM  
5031 W. Ridge Rd.  
S.S.J. Living Center  
Sr. Gerry Olon 836-4165  
May 8

### † Friday:

#### **Light of the World Community**

In Home Prayer Meeting – Call for  
Location 7:30PM  
Bob Zimmer 868-5344  
May 2,9,16,23,30

## God's hidden blessings

By Agnes D. Helsley

Many of you faithful readers know the story of my Down Syndrome grandson Jackson, fondly called "little Jack." His life has turned a hard corner. His "mama" passed away on March 3. Jack has been able to adapt to life without this very important person in his life because of his ability to deal with the present but not the abstract. Truly it is a blessing to be spared the sorrow of a child mourning the loss of a parent. By the grace of God his life goes on, as we adults deal with grief and picking up the pieces of normal life and attempting to fill the void. Jack is still the loving and precious little person for whom we care so much. In the eyes of many people DS is an affliction, in my eyes it is a mixed blessing.

Jack now attends a new school. He will be 11 years old in May and has become much more adept at signing and speech. We do encourage him to use his words. Thanks to his electronic gadgets, he is quite knowledgeable about animals. On a recent trip to the zoo he and his aunt viewed the compound of the llamas. Upon walking to the next animal display, his aunt said, "look, Jack, another llama." Jack quietly informed her that animal was an alpaca. Aunt Edie was unsure as to whether he had read the sign which she missed or had he simply known the difference.

Jack loves books. In fact, it is an excellent bribe. If we go through the bedtime routine diligently, we will have books which he picks out and we thoroughly enjoy, sometimes to the dismay of any disinterested

over-hearers. We really employ accents and gestures to emphasize our stories. In short we ENJOY BOOKS.

We are grateful for our loving Father who cares for His children of all ages and for His ability to bless us in the midst of the difficult times in our lives. Jack is a precious gift for whom we are most grateful.

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### Ever-evolving, ever-loved hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save," often known simply as "The Navy Hymn," dates back to 1860, when William Whiting wrote it for a student of his about to travel by ship from England to America.

Original verses testified to the protection of God the Father, Christ, the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity. In 1940, the U.S. Episcopal Church rewrote the hymn to include travel on land and in the air. Many verses have been written since for Navy SEALs, submariners, astronauts, military families, ship dedications and more.

The following verse, intended for Memorial Day, may be used with the credit line below:

We thank you, God, for loved  
ones dear

Who clung to faith beyond  
their fear,

Who served and paid the  
highest price

For freedom bought with  
sacrifice.

May they remind us of your  
Son

Whose death our final freedom  
won.

— Heidi L. Mann, 2012

### Son of God Prayer Group events

The Word of Life Center encourages you to attend the following events being held at Holy Rosary Church. These events were well attended last year. The Center is cooperating with the Son of God Prayer Group to help make both the Healing Mass and the Holy Spirit seminar successful. This prayer group is affiliated with St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary Churches and is a supporter of the Center's activities.

#### May 6<sup>th</sup> – Healing Mass with Fr. David Poulson presiding

The Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Holy Rosary Church at 6:30 PM. Music will be provided by the St. Joseph/Bread of Life music ministry.

#### May 13<sup>th</sup> – Seminar: "Draw Near to God and God Will Draw Near to You."

This Scripture-based seminar, inspired by James 4:8, will run for five consecutive Tuesdays at Holy Rosary (in the church). Each session will begin at 6:30 PM, except for the first session which will have registration at 6:00 PM. The seminar provides an opportunity for participants to explore and enter into a fuller life of the Holy Spirit.

For more information, call Patty at 823-3968 or Gerry at 452-2499. You can also register by contacting the Word of Life Center at 824-1286.

There are many who are already openly opposing this outreach and attempts at unity. There have been critical, judgmental videos and blogs denigrating the video, the Pope, and Charismatics. So what do we do? We in the Charismatic Renewal are in a unique position. We have a pope who is openly Charismatic. He is leading the way; will we follow? Will we pray, perhaps in tongues, for reconciliation in the body of Christ? Remember Jesus' prayer in John 17:23: "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

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### **Thanks, Mom**

Dad came home to find toys all over the living room, dirty dishes stacked in the sink, clothes piled in the laundry room, beds unmade and kids still in their pajamas. The house was a wreck, like nothing he'd seen before.

Worried, Dad rushed upstairs to find Mom reading a book in bed.

"Are you okay?" he asked. "What happened?"

"You know how you always ask what I do all day?" Mom replied. "Well, today I decided not to do it."



**May 11, 2014**

### **Prophecy corner**

*In this space we will periodically print prophetic words from God that have meaning for us.*

"Trust Me and don't be afraid. Think what it means to have Me as your strength. I spoke the universe into existence; My power is absolutely unlimited! Human things, consecrated to Me, are like a magnet, drawing My power into your neediness. WHEN YOU RELATE TO ME IN CONFIDENT TRUST, there is no limit to how much I can strengthen you. Remember that I am also your song. I want you to share My joy, living in conscious awareness of MY PRESENCE. " (Ref. *Isaiah 12:2-3, Psalm 21:6*)

*Shared by Audrey Reese,  
February 2014*

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### **Are You in my heart?**

By Jean Heintzel

If I truly had You  
in my heart  
You would be  
in my mind  
in my thoughts  
in my actions.



If I truly had You in my heart  
I would praise You  
I would worship You  
I would serve You.

If I truly had You in my heart  
I would come to You  
I would be with You  
I would love You.

**AND I DO  
AND YOU ARE**

### **A life-filled prayer**

A high school senior in Washington, D.C., offered this graduation prayer, which applies to people of all ages: "Dear God, grant us one thing before we leave the sheltered reassurance of our childhood. Show us life. Not an empty, shallow world of shallow people and shallow dreams, but real life. For we have known the bliss of childhood as well as the passion of adolescence.

"We want to make the world a better place, but we don't know how. We want to throw our arms around our brothers and our sisters, but our hands cannot reach. We want to break the cycle of violence and the bonds of injustice in our society, but we're not strong."

"Smile on us when we drink from the waters of truth. When we are old, reassure us that our struggle helped make the world a kinder, gentler and more peaceful place. And please, God, don't let us die without ever having lived."

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### **St. Anselm's prayer**

"Lord Jesus Christ, let me seek you by desiring you, and let me desire you by seeking you. Let me find you by loving you and love you by finding you. I confess, Lord, with thanksgiving, that I am made in your image, so that I can remember you, think of you, and love you. I do not seek to understand so that I can believe, but believe so that I may understand. And what is more, I believe that unless I do believe, I shall not understand."

- St. Anselm of Canterbury

# Prayer Brunch

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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CENTER

DATE: 6/21/14

9:30—NOON

- Fellowship
- Brunch
- Praise & Worship
- Talk
- Prayer for personal needs

**Brunch fee: \$8.50**  
**Must accompany reservation.**

**A free will offering will be taken.**

**Held at St. Joseph Bread of Life  
Community Center  
147 West 24th Street, Erie PA**



**Susan Yurkewicz**

Susan Yurkewicz lives with her husband Stephen and their seven children in Erie, PA. Though she's up to her eyebrows in laundry, school art projects, dishes and sports schedules, she has managed to carve out time to write her first book and do that which she passionately believes in: *encouraging others to utilize and share their God-given talents*. Susan's blog, [HarborlilyCreative.com](http://HarborlilyCreative.com), is where she shares her maternal wisdom and "keeps it real" as she lives out her own life and mission.

Susan has recently written a book titled: "Triumph: A Story of Finding Hope in a Love That Knows No Bounds" (Foreword by Fr. Larry Richards). It's a personal story which offers a universal and powerful message of hope. The Yurkewicz family was expecting their seventh child in 2008 when their son was diagnosed with a chromosomal defect – Trisomy 18 – a condition doctors told us was "incompatible with life." Susan shares the journey through that pregnancy, joy-filled birth, and the heart-wrenching farewell to their son a mere 48 hours after birth. Their incredible journey not only impacted their family, but profoundly touched their community as well. Susan will share this powerful story of hope and healing during this presentation. You won't want to miss this powerful testimony so get your reservations in early.

Please keep top portion for future reference

## Prayer Brunch Registration Saturday, June 21, 2014

\$8.50 \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for registration is  
June 16, 2014**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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*“Many women do  
noble things, but you  
surpass them all.”*

*Proverbs 31:29, NIV*

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