



Reflections

Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center

October 2014

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

Have I lost the fire?

By Kathy Wilcox

If you are reading this, you are probably a subscriber to the Word of Life newsletter. If so, that must mean that you consider yourself a part of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Now for some critical questions: Were you baptized in the Holy Spirit? If so, do you realize that you received all nine gifts of the Spirit listed by Paul in 1 Corinthians chapter 12? Are you using these gifts, or charisms? If not, why not?

I was recently confronted with these questions. I believe that Our Lord is asking me to give Him an accounting for the gifts He has given me, just like the employer in the parable of Matthew 25:14-30. Here Jesus taught about the servants who were entrusted with their employer's property in the form of talents (about \$1,000 each). The servant who buried his talent instead of investing it to increase its value was taken to task, and the money entrusted to him was given to another servant who would use it wisely.

So if I am not using my gifts, have I lost them? The old adage: "If you don't use it, you will lose it" seems to apply. If you, like me, have allowed your gifts to become idle, the next question is: HOW

CAN WE GET THE FIRE TO FALL AGAIN?

As I prayed about this, the Lord gave me a vision of a person trying to make fire by rubbing two sticks together. The man rubbed and rubbed. Hours went by and still there was no fire. Finally the sun was going down, and without fire the man could freeze to death. He persisted, and finally there was a wisp of smoke and as darkness fell, a spark. Still the man rubbed; blisters on his hands, and finally a tiny flame. He blew on the flame, and then quickly added fuel. As he added more fuel, the fire became large enough to keep him warm through the night. But the next day he could not abandon the fire, he tended it; he fed it; he treated it as the lifesaving gift it was.

How do we get the fire to fall again? Jesus' disciples prayed in the upper room for fifty days until Pentecost! The Catholic charismatic renewal began at a weekend retreat in 1967 attended by several faculty members and students from Duquesne



University, a Catholic university in Pittsburgh. They fasted and prayed all weekend -- then the Holy Spirit came. There is no easy solution, just as there is no easy way to make fire. We must persist; we must pray; we must fast and pray. Prayer brings the fire of the Holy Spirit, and prayer is the fuel which keeps the fire burning.

There is a challenge to all of us who desire a refilling of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord is asking us if we are willing to do what it takes to regain what we might have lost. The second Thursday of each month has been chosen as a day that we can focus on prayer and fasting for Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Diocese of Erie and for an outpouring of the gifts. This one day is a minimum; we can certainly choose to pray and fast more days. How important is this to us? Am I as committed as the man who needed fire? As committed as the disciples in the Upper Room? What about you, are you committed?

COME, HOLY SPIRIT. LET THE FIRE FALL!!

Centering in

By Liz Geary

Prayer Brunch

You are invited to the Saturday, October 25th prayer brunch hosted by the Word of Life Renewal Center at St. Joe's/Bread of Life Community Center. Our featured speaker will be Amy Mosbacher. You might recognize Amy from her many articles featured in *Reflections*. Music ministry will be provided by Jim Dzuricky and catering will be provided by April Blum. Please try to get your reservation in by Tuesday, October 21st. You can find more information and a reservation form on page 7.

Cambridge Springs reunion

Please pray for a movement of the Holy Spirit at the Life in the Spirit reunion scheduled at SCI Cambridge Springs on Saturday, November 8th. Many thanks to the team, most especially Kathy Wilcox and T.A. Walkiewicz for organizing the day. Please also pray for the team as they prepare for November 8th.

Day of Renewal

Thank you to all who attended and helped with the September 6th Day of Renewal, "*Fully Catholic, Fully Charismatic*." A special "thank you" to speaker Renée Marazon, everyone involved with music ministry, and especially to T.A. Walkiewicz for organizing the day. I hope that all who attended felt the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and also enjoyed the PraiseFest that concluded the day.

Day of prayer & fasting

The board of directors of the Word of Life Renewal Center met recently and designated all second Thursdays of the calendar year as days of prayer and fasting for the Charismatic Renewal in the Erie Diocese and for the Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Renewal and the Center and for God's direction for both. We are in need of a "renewing of the Renewal."

We are considering starting a "31 Club" of sorts, meaning that a different person would be designated on every day of the month to pray and fast for these intentions. If that is something that you might be called to, please contact the Center so that I may start a list of people interested in doing so and begin penciling people in for specific days of the month.

Financial needs

I would like to thank those who responded to the financial appeal in the September edition of *Reflections*. With your help, we are beginning to gain ground in keeping up with our finances. If you have not sent in a contribution but are considering doing so, I would urge you to do it before year's end so that the Center can be "in the black" for 2014.

National conference

The National Charismatic Leaders' Conference will be held November 7-9, 2014 (Friday – Sunday) in Pittsburgh, PA. All are invited to attend. You will be joining with people around the globe for praise and worship, talks, and fellowship! For more details regarding the conference please visit www.nsc-chariscenter.org or call 1-800-338-2445.

Women's Conference scheduled in Erie

The first annual 1:38 Women's Conference (*Ref. Luke 1:38*) is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th at the Warner Theater in Erie. Featured speakers will be Sonja Corbitt, Sr. Catherine Marie, and Fr. Larry Richards. For more information or to register please call 814-455-7364 or visit www.138women.com.

2nd annual Men's Conference scheduled in Erie

The second annual 2232 Men's Conference (*Ref. Luke 22:32*) is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st at the Warner Theater in Erie from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Featured speakers will be Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jesse Romero, and Fr. Larry Richards. Bishop Persico plans to be in attendance as well. For more information or to register please visit www.2232men.com or call 814-455-7364.

Keeping our cup clean

By Jack Heintzel

DO YOU NEED REVIVAL?

According to Roy Hession in his book *The Calvary Road*, revival is being absolutely filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we need to be renewed and thus experience a more victorious life in Christ. The key to revival is brokenness, humbling ourselves before God and allowing Him to change us. He wants to fill our cup to overflowing, as David states in Psalm 23:5. This is God's work - all grace. All we have to do is to present our empty, broken self and let Him fill us.

Hession says we should picture our heart as a cup which we hold out to Jesus, longing that He might fill it. Jesus is pictured as bearing a golden water pot with the Water of Life. As He passes by, He looks into our cup. If it is clean, He fills it with Living Water. Since Jesus is always passing by, the cup can always be running over. This is revival, being full to overflowing with blessing to ourselves and thus to others.

But how do we keep our cup clean? By being cleansed of sin in its many forms. The Lord Jesus does not fill dirty cups. Anything that springs from self, however small it may be, is sin. Let's look at some of the sins that emanate from "self." Self-energy or self-complacency in service to God is sin; we must serve in the grace of the Holy Spirit, not in our own power. In times of trial, we may fall into self-pity rather than let God deal with our problems. We should

be aware of self-seeking in our job or in Christian work. We might become self-indulgent in our spare time. Self-defense, sensitiveness, touchiness, and resentment can arise when we are hurt by others. Let God deliver us from self-consciousness, worry, and fear. All these spring from "self;" they are sin and make our cup unclean.

Roy Hession notes that some may question whether it is right to call such things as self-consciousness, reservation, and fear sins. Those people say we should call them infirmities, disabilities, temperamental weaknesses, etc., but not sins. But if these things are not sins, then we must put up with them for the rest of our lives; there is no deliverance. If, however, we acknowledge them as sins, then we can put them under the Blood of Jesus and get rid of them. Their source is unbelief and an inverted form of pride.

There is one simple but all-inclusive guide from Scripture that is given by God to regulate our walk with Him, and let us know when sin has come in. Colossians 3:15 says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Everything that disturbs the peace of God in our hearts is sin, no matter how small it is. The peace of Christ is like a referee in our hearts. Like an official in a basketball game, it blows a whistle when a foul has been committed. It tells us when we have sinned.

Let us keep our cup clean so God can continue to fill it to overflowing.

Authentic prayer

"Prayer is not just spending time with God. No, prayer is dynamic. Authentic prayer changes us – unmasks us – indicates where growth is needed. Authentic prayer never leads to complacency, but needles us – makes us uneasy at times. It leads us to true self-knowledge, to true humility."

- St. Teresa of Avila

Son of God Prayer Group

affiliated with St. John the Baptist
and Holy Rosary Churches

Invites you to attend a

Healing Mass

With presider

Fr. David Poulson

at Holy Rosary Church

28th & East Avenue

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Mass will begin at 6:30 PM

Doors will be opened at 5:30 PM
to provide you time to write your
petition on a simulated Brick Wall.

These petitions will be offered
with the presentation of the gifts.

**Music by: St. Joseph Bread of
Life**

Healing Mass

Our Lady of Peace
2401 W. 38th St. 7:30PM
Wednesday Oct. 1, 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

In memory of

Larry Olon
Gus Janke
Genevieve Villalla

Requested by

T.A. Walkiewicz, Carol Mando
Jack & Audrey Reese, Vincent & Joie Martin
T.A. Walkiewicz

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.

**“In the light of forever, our present
difficulties are insignificant.”**

— Mahesh Chavda

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
October 5,12,19,26

Acts II Community

St. Julia Church 6:30 PM
West 8th & Powell Ave.
Jack Heintzel 838-1325
Oct. 5,12,19,26

† 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
October 6,13,20,27

Leopold Center

1017 West 8th St.
Mary Lou Peterson 866-5678
Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary
At 3:00PM (before Mass)
Oct. 6,13,20,27
(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
October 13,27

† Tuesday:

Son of God Prayer Group
Holy Rosary Church
2701 East Ave. 7:00PM
Pat Montefiori 823-3968
October 7,14,21,28

Chosen Prayer Group

St. Theresa Church,
Shinglehouse, PA 10AM - 12Noon
Mary Kuhn (814) 697-7519
October 7,14,21,28

† Wednesday:

St. Mark's Prayer Group
St. Mark Church 7:00PM
Religious Education Center
Emporium, PA
October 1,8,15,22,29

† Thursday: Wildfire Prayer Meeting

2nd Thursday of month 4:30PM
5031 W. Ridge Rd..
S.S.J. Living Center
Sr. Gerry Olon 836-4165
October meeting. cancelled

St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Prayer Meeting 7:00PM
139 W. 24th St. – Upstairs in Center
Regi Connolly (814) 866-0505
October 2,9,16,23,30 (Call first)

St. Boniface PG

7615 Wattsburg Rd. 7:00PM
John Griebel 825-3588
October 2,9,16,23,30

† Friday:

Light of the World Community
In Home Prayer Meeting – Call for
Location 7:30PM
Bob Zimmer 868-5344
October 3,10,17,24,31

Prayers for times of trial

By Agnes D. Helsley

Scripture presents some great prayers to strengthen our hearts and build faith and trust in troublesome times. These few are part of my daily prayer time.

- (Ps. 3:7-8) Arise, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked. From the Lord comes deliverance. May Your blessing be on Your people.

- (Ps. 9:19-20) Arise, O Lord, let not man triumph, let the nations be judged in Your presence. Strike them with terror, O Lord, let the nations know they are but men.

- (Ps. 10:12) Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless.

- (Ps. 44:26) Rise up and help us; redeem us because of Your unfailing love.

- (Ps. 68:1-2) May God arise, may His enemies be scattered; may His foes flee before Him. As smoke is blown away by the wind, may You blow them away, as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.

- (Ps. 82:8) Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are Your inheritance.

- (Ps. 83:1-2, 18) O God, do not keep silent, be not quiet, O God, be not still. See how Your enemies are astir, how Your foes rear their heads. Let them know that You, whose name is the Lord—that You alone are the Most High over all the earth.

- (Ps. 94:1-2) O Lord, the God who avenges, O God who avenges, shine forth. Rise up, O Judge of the earth, pay back to the proud what they deserve.

- (Ps. 108:12-13) Give us aid against the enemy, for the help of

man is worthless. With God we will gain the victory, and He will trample down our enemies.

- (2 Chron. 16:9a) The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.

Anima Christi

(Soul of Christ)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from Christ's side, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

From the malicious enemy, defend me.

In the hour of my death, call me

And bid me come unto Thee

That I may praise Thee with Thy saints and with Thy angels.

Forever and ever. Amen.

(A 14th century prayer)

Pope Francis speaks

Pope Francis, in homilies in the Spring of 2013, “asked that people be granted the grace to become accustomed to the presence of the Holy Spirit, this witness of Jesus who tells us where Jesus is, how to find Jesus, what Jesus tells us.” The Pope continued by saying, “we should get into the habit of asking ourselves, before the end of the day: ‘What did the Holy Spirit do in me? What witness did he give me?’” Because, the Holy Father said, He is a divine presence that helps us move forward in our lives as Christians.

Just between you and God

Misty Taggart often heard about the concept of having a personal relationship with God. She wondered how she could experience such a relationship. She tried silent prayer, but something always seemed to interrupt – a ringing telephone, a clanging clothes dryer, or something else demanding her attention. How was she to have a conversation with God?

Misty began writing in a journal. She wrote thoughts that she wanted to share with God and what she thought God was saying to her. Journaling “is an incredible tool for you to use, and it’s a life-line between you and God. The blessings that will come to you from this are amazing.”

Now, through her business called Ordinary Woman-Extraordinary God, she teaches women to grow closer to God by keeping a journal. Misty explains that journaling “is just between you and God. You are sharing this with the Person who loves you the most in the whole world.” It’s revealing and helpful to go back later and review what the journal contains. “You see the incredible things God is doing in your life. Your faith increases dramatically.”

“Your pen,” she says, begins to sketch out “your dreams, your joys, your cares, your prayers, your praises. It’s like your life’s blood.”

— Adapted from *The Arizona Republic*

Prophecy corner

Here is a brief summary of prophecies spoken at two September 2014 events.

Board of Directors meeting

When I call you, come. Whatever
I call you to do, do it. Let me be
your Lord.

(Jack Heintzel)

Trust in Me, my children, by
giving everything to me, and you
will see Me act.

(T.A. Walkiewicz)

I gather you here to show you a
new way. Show My way to others.
I have a great work for you. Trust
in Me. Follow Me.

(Dan Zuba)

Day of Renewal

I see your hearts. I see that you
want to be holy. Your struggles
are taken care of. I feel your pain.
The battle is Mine and not yours.
Surrender. Know that I am your
Lord. Trust me. In Me you will
find love, joy, and peace.

(Audrey Reese)

Do you believe I tell the truth?
Surrender to Me. I cannot force
you to do it. I need your
permission. I love you.

(T. A. Walkiewicz)

I am your God and you are My
people. You are Mine and I am
yours. I created you to know Me,
to love Me, and to serve Me. I will
lead you, fear not. I love you.

(June Adam)

*(Ed. note: the dominant words
here seem to be trust and
surrender. Will we?)*

The language of the Spirit

By Jack Heintzel

In a book called *The Hidden Power of Speaking in Tongues*, Mahesh Chavda makes a good case for the power of the Holy Spirit's prayer language. He calls this gift "an amazing key" to the Christian life. Hopefully all of us will agree with him.

Chavda says this: "Through the years I have heard many people ask questions like, 'Should all Christians speak in tongues?' 'Is the baptism of the Holy Spirit really necessary?' 'Is speaking in tongues the only way for us to 'connect' with the Holy Spirit?'"

You and I have seen much doubt in the Church about the role and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church today. Many believers contend that being baptized in the Spirit is not necessary for a Christian. They say that they can live satisfying and effective Christian lives without speaking in tongues. But we can ask, "Why settle for less than the best?" If the baptism of the Holy Spirit, along with speaking in tongues and all its other advantages, is readily available to all believers, why not embrace it?

Those of us who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, with its accompanying sign of speaking in tongues, know how important this gift is. First, it connects us to the glory of God. Second, the language of the Spirit helps us grow in our faith. Third, it helps place a spiritual covering and protection over ourselves and our families. The anointing and blood of Jesus protect us, and the Holy

Spirit is the vehicle by whom they come to us.

Chavda goes on: "We are convinced beyond doubt of the value and power of speaking in tongues. It is the language of the Spirit, the prayer language that keeps us in the atmosphere of Heaven and helps us remain sensitive to the work of God's grace in our lives and to the healing and redemption provided for us by the cross of Christ. As we learn and practice praying in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit Himself molds inside us a heart through which spiritual gifts and spiritual fruit can flow easily."

This is why he says that this gift will help us unlock the treasures of healing, victory, and restoration that we might have thought were out of reach for us.



24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Son of God Prayer Group, affiliated with St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary Churches, will hold their second 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be present for the adoration to be held in Mary's chapel at Holy Rosary Church, 28th and East Avenue. It will start Friday, October 17th at 6:00 PM and end Saturday, October 18th at 5:45 PM. Please contact Gerry Valahovic at 814-452-2499 to sign up for a time slot or to get more information. **All are welcome.**

Prayer Brunch

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**Word of Life
Catholic Charismatic
Renewal Center**

DATE: 10/25/14

9:30—NOON

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

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

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

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

Speaker—Amy



Amy Mosbacher has a gift for taking daily life experiences and finding the spiritual, the touch of God in them and helping others to see these touches as well. "I've traveled many places and find God everywhere, whether it's discovering icons behind pictures of Lenin in Russia or simply being handed a cup of cold well water in a peasant village. Sometimes finding God in the first-world countries is more challenging, but if I can help anyone see him then I'm doing my job."

Amy recently completed her first book which will be published sometime early next year. It's a book of meditations following the liturgical year through the eyes of Jesus and Mary with meditations from a modern viewpoint. She also leads a

charismatic prayer group year round, teaches CCD, cantors at Mass and still finds time to write articles for the Reflections newsletter. Helping people to experience spirit-filled relationships with Jesus drives her activity.

Amy grew up along the banks of the Mississippi River in southern Illinois and currently resides in northwestern Pennsylvania with her husband and two daughters.

Register early, you won't want to miss this spirit-filled talk!

Please keep top portion for future reference

Prayer Brunch Registration Saturday, October 25, 2014

8.50 _____

**Deadline for registration is
October 20, 2014**

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone No. _____

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I KNOW THAT
thou canst do every thing,
AND THAT NO THOUGHT
CAN BE WITHHOLDEN
from thee. JOB 42:2, KJV
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