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*The Eternal Light is Shining*

*Our Mission: "To evangelize the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit."*

**Renew Your wonders in this our day,  
as by a New Pentecost.**



**Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen**

**Pope John XXIII**



Be open to  
Christ, welcome  
the Spirit, so that  
a new Pentecost  
may take place in  
every community!  
A new humanity, a  
joyful one, will arise  
from your midst;  
you will experience  
again the saving  
power of the Lord.

—POPE  
JOHN PAUL II

in Latin America,  
1992

## Why a Prayer Meeting?

By Steve of the Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Toledo

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Due to the length of this article, we are presenting an edited excerpt.

This brings us to our times, to the renewal movements of the present. There have been many and they have all had a renewing affect on the church. Many hearts have been opened to Our Father and He knew that those hearts would need nurturing so He has gifted His people with opportunities for communing with Him. Of course, the most important opportunity is the Mass which is the source and summit of our prayer. All of our life leads to the Mass and the reception of Christ in the Eucharist empowers us to go forward and love as Christ loves. But is Mass attendance once a week all that He wishes for us? Obviously not. He knows that the environment that we live in is constantly trying to pull us away from Him. So, we are also called to daily individual prayer and to pray always. As St. Gregory of Nazianzen said, "It is necessary to remember God more often than one breathes." (Orationes 27, 4:Pg 250, 78)

Is there perhaps a call to a more pervasive and intense type of communal prayer that leads to and supports the Eucharistic sacrifice? A type of communal prayer where the Holy Spirit is not only present in His work of sanctifying us but also present in His work of empowering us. A place where we can lift our hands along with our hearts and engage our whole being, body and soul in praise of Our Lord. May I be so bold as to say that perhaps the communal prayer that we have come to call the "charismatic prayer meeting" may be the gift that the Holy Spirit has given to His church to fulfill the desire of our hearts in a way that has not been experienced by the church for a very long time?

It could be that the Eucharistic sacrifice was what we call "charismatic" in the beginning. It could be that the Charisms (gifts) of the Holy Spirit were fully operational in the mass as celebrated in the early church. We see evidence of this possibility in St. Paul's instructions to the church in Corinth.

We stress the phrase fully operational. It has been documented that the charisms of the Holy Spirit were operational and expected in the life of all church members until the 5th century. John Chrysostom observes that "the charisms are long gone...The present church is like a woman that has fallen from her prosperous days. In many respects she retains only the tokens of that ancient prosperity."

From that time on except for some of the great saints, we do not see documented evidence of the charisms. That is, not until the post Vatican II era.

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So we have many centuries of church culture that did not experience the charisms as normal. Is it any wonder that while members of the church do understand the role of the Holy Spirit to sanctify, they do not understand the role of the Holy Spirit to empower them through his charisms.

But why now? Why us? Part of the answer may be found in scripture. (Romans 5:20) "Where sin abounds, grace will abound even more." Let's face it, this is a very dangerous time that we live in. Never in the history of man has there been the temptations that the world faces now. Never before has there been the ability to disseminate lies as there is now. Never before has the culture of death been so pervasive. Never before have unborn infants been sacrificed on the altars of fear, confusion and selfishness on such an enormous scale. Never before have all of the ancient heresies managed to rear their ugly head at one time.

How do you counter such pervasive evil? As isolated individuals, we cannot. But with the graces (charisms) of God, the church can.

He has given us what we need and will continue to give us what we need. Will we accept the gifts and be more than conquerors or will we set them aside because we do not "feel" they are needed, they are not "my thing" or my style?

I believe it is time to look beyond our personal wants when it comes to God's gifts to us and see how we fit into the "church militant", the army of God. As soldiers in this army, we have the right and responsibility to use all of the armor and weapons that our King has provided for us. To do less would be irresponsible at best and cowardly at worst. One of the ways that we can deny God is by being passive and not saying or doing what is needed. The infant church of the Book of Acts was not passive. Their environment was not only spiritually opposed to their faith but also physically opposed to them. It was very dangerous and they had to gather together or perish. But they did not turn in on themselves. They attacked. They attacked by prayer and witness. They witnessed to the saving action of God in their lives. They preached with power as signs and wonders followed and many were added to their numbers. Many of them ended up being martyred. That is the ultimate witness.

We are not so much physically opposed, although that seems to be heating up, but we are definitely spiritually opposed. Can we stay in our comfortable paneled homes and allow the enemy to gain ground or will we risk battle? Are we willing to become the modern day church modeled after the Book of Acts?

If so, we must use all that God has given us. He does not gift without reason and we need to honor Him by appreciating the importance of these gifts.

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Not sure how you can help? Call us! We'll help you to discern. (614) 237-7080

# Calendar of Events May & June 2011

- May 4, 11, 18, 25** Intercessory prayer, CCR office, 1 to 2 PM  
**May 5, 19, 26** Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph in Plain City, 1 to 4 PM  
**May 9** Pastoral Board Meeting, CCR office, 4 to 6 PM  
**May 12** Day of Renewal, St. Elizabeth Church, Registration at 9 AM, includes Praise & worship, healing prayer, teaching on the Our Father, & a Free Lunch.  
**May 22** Healing Mass, St. Elizabeth Church, Rosary 2:30 PM, Praise & Worship 3 PM, Mass 4 PM  
**May 30** Memorial Day, CCR office closed



- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Intercessory prayer, CCR office, 1 to 2 PM  
**June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph in Plain City. 1 to 4 PM  
**June 11** Pentecost Mass, St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus, Rosary 6:30 PM, Praise & Worship 7 PM, Mass 8 PM  
**June 13** Pastoral Board Meeting, CCR office, 4 to 6 PM

The Light of Christ Prayer Ministry  
Call Vicki Vennemeyer at (740) 548-9572 or contact the CCR office at (614) 237-7080

## Prophetic Words Needed!!!

The CCR office would like the prophetic words from your prayer meetings for comparison & to feature monthly in the Telis.

Just e-mail them to: [prophecy@columbusccr.org](mailto:prophecy@columbusccr.org)

## **Need Prayer?**

The C.C.R. now has a new prayer line...Call (614) 237-6847



# Pope Benedict XVI...on Pentecost

Excerpted from Pope Benedict XVI's Pentecost address on May 31, 2009, St. Peter's Square

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. Without him what would she be reduced to? She would certainly be an important movement in history, a complex and solid social institution, perhaps a sort of humanitarian agency. And to tell the truth she is considered such by those who do not see her from a perspective of faith. Yet, the reality is that in her true nature and also in her authentic presence in history, the Church is ceaselessly formed and guided by the Spirit of her Lord. She is a living body, whose vitality is, precisely, the fruit of the invisible divine Spirit.

Let us therefore invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, so that she may obtain for the Church of our time that she be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit. In particular, may the ecclesial communities that are suffering persecution in Christ's name feel the comforting presence of the Paraclete so that, participating in her suffering, they may receive the spirit of glory in abundance (cf. 1 Pt 4:13-14).

**...let us implore from God the grace of a new Pentecost... May tongues of fire, combining burning love of God and neighbor with zeal for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, descend on all present! —POPE BENEDICT XVI, Homily, New York City, April 19th, 2008**

## Lessons From Our Faith

### Catechism of the Catholic Church on Pentecost

**715** The prophetic texts that directly concern the sending of the Holy Spirit are oracles by which God speaks to the heart of his people in the language of the promise, with the accents of "love and fidelity." St. Peter will proclaim their fulfillment on the morning of Pentecost. According to these promises, at the "end time" the Lord's Spirit will renew the hearts of men, engraving a new law in them. He will gather and reconcile the scattered and divided peoples; he will transform the first creation, and God will dwell there with men in peace.

**726** At the end of this mission of the Spirit, Mary became the Woman, the new Eve ("mother of the living"), the mother of the "whole Christ." As such, she was present with the Twelve, who "with one accord devoted themselves to prayer," at the dawn of the "end time" which the Spirit was to inaugurate on the morning of Pentecost with the manifestation of the Church.

## Together we need to:



- Pray for the mission of the CCR to be accomplished
- Pray one Hail Mary every day at 3:00 PM for the intention of the CCR
  - Volunteer time and talent
  - Make sacrificial financial gifts

*Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.*

*(Luke 6: 38)*

### We also need the following supplies:

- Copy paper
- Folders
- Stamps
- Mailing envelopes
- Plates, napkins, cups, forks, spoons, knives
- Coffee (reg. & decaf.), creamer,
- sweetener
- Cleaning supplies

### Wish list:

Refrigerator

Please contact Fay if you can help with any of these items...(614) 237-7080

### Why a Prayer Meeting? continued from p. 3

The charismatic prayer meeting has the potential to be a focal point of power and grace. It certainly can be at least part of our response to St. Paul's directive to "pray at every opportunity in the Spirit" (Eph 6: 18). The charismatic prayer meeting is a place where we can praise God with all of our being. We can abandon fear, raise our hands, raise our voices, pray and sing in tongues, get on our knees, weep in exultation, laugh in joy and abandon ourselves in fellowship with God (CCC 2702 through 2704). Charismatic prayer can be, as Ralph Martin points out in his book The Fulfillment of All Desire (p. 289), contemplative prayer as "we enter into the presence of Him who awaits us. When we let our masks fall and turn our hearts back to the Lord who loves us, so as to hand ourselves over to Him as an offering to be purified and transformed." (CCC 2711) When this happens, it is a marvelous, beautiful, holy and healing time accompanied by signs and wonders.

I would like to dwell on the subject of "signs and wonders" for a bit. I believe this aspect of God's work in us has been allowed to dissipate. I believe the Apostles expected signs and wonders to be a normal part of the church's experience. They had lived this experience with Christ. They knew what affect it had on people. They saw that the signs and wonders can lead to repentance (Matt. 11:20). To repent is to turn away from what is not of God (the lie) and turn toward God (the truth).

They were told by Jesus that they would do what He had done and even more. They knew that faith should expect God to enter our lives with the power of love that alters and transforms supernaturally. They had heard Him admonish the people about their lack of faith keeping Him from performing miracles in their midst (Matt. 13:58). They knew that they could not force God to act in such a way but that they should not hinder God either. Should we expect any less?

I have given my rationale but I realize that it is my personal viewpoint and not everybody will share it with me. I know that it is hard to maintain a prayer group when we are getting old and the numbers are dwindling. It is perfectly natural to say to Jesus as Simon did in Luke 5:5, "Master, we have worked all night and have caught nothing." These are problems but they are not insurmountable problems.

# Charismatic Prayer Groups

## Monday

### **Sword of the Spirit**

7:30 PM St. Paul's School,  
Multipurpose Room  
61 Moss Rd., Westerville  
Contact: Sue Donchatz  
(614) 523-3045

### **Blood of Jesus**

7:00 PM St. James the Less Church  
1652 Oakland Park Ave.  
or Bob & Pat Woods (614) 888-1304

### **Disciples of Christ**

7:00 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Grove City  
Contact: Geno & Karyl Pulsinelli  
(614) 871-0961

## Tuesday

### **Fruit of the Vine**

7:30 PM St. Francis Church (chapel)  
Newark  
Contact: Roger Sherer  
(740) 345-1523

### **Light of Life**

7:30 PM St Mark's Center  
324 Gay St., Lancaster  
Contact: Mike McDevitt  
(740) 653-1121

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#### **Office Hours:**

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Monday through Friday

## Wednesday

### **Loaves and Fishes**

7:30 PM St. Elizabeth Church  
Sharon Woods Blvd.  
Contact: Ruth Shaner or Jo Crosswell  
(614) 882-7387

### **Little Flock**

8:00 PM St. Mary Church  
602 Marietta St., Bremen  
Contact: Leo Smeltzer (740)569-7758  
Janice Fink (740) 743-2360

### **Come to the Water(1st & 3rd Wed.)**

7:30 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
5133 Walnut St., Buckeye Lake  
Contact: Jim Winnestaffer  
(740) 246-4644

## Thursday

### **Holy Spirit**

7:00 PM Meets in various homes  
Marion  
Contact: Jan Kraschinsky  
(740) 389-1908

### **Spirit's Love**

7:30 PM St. Matthew Church  
Gahanna  
Contact: Loretta Brackman  
(614) 478-7284

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## Friday

### **Haitian Community (1st Friday of the month)**

7:00 PM St. Matthias Church  
Contact: Fr. Valcin (614) 299-5781

### **Jesus and Mary Prayer Group**

7:30 PM St. Peter Church  
6899 Smokey Row Rd.  
Contact: Joe & Anastasia Rayen  
(614) 792-8655

## Saturday

### **Young Adults in Transition (2-3 times per month)**

6:30 PM Contact: Theresa Brundage  
(614) 297-0057  
[brundage.12@osu.edu](mailto:brundage.12@osu.edu)

## Sunday

### **Springs of Living Water**

1:00 PM St. Mary of the Springs  
Mohun Hall  
Contact: Sr. Jeremy Lawler  
(614) 253-8517 ext. 6257

### **People of God's Love Covenant Community**

Meets twice per month  
Contact: Bill Durant (614) 237-5216

### **Christ the King**

5:00 PM Christ the King Church  
2777 E. Livingston Ave.  
Contact: Patrick and Cheryl Shroyer  
(614) 595-2421

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**Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified (Mariam Baouardy)  
1846 to 1878, Beatified Nov. 13, 1983 by Pope John Paul II**

Blessed Mariam of Jesus Crucified, a Carmelite nun, also known as the “Little Arab”, lived a life of humility filled with the love of God, His son Jesus and His Mother Mary, and is a special inspiration to those who pursue the Truth as present in the Holy Spirit. Before becoming a nun in 1871, she was subjected to severe demonic torments for forty days. She persevered in her simple, child-like faith and was later fixed with the stigmata of her crucified Savior, experienced levitations, transverberations of the heart, knowledge of hearts, prophecies, and facial radiance. She would often say, “Everything passes here on earth. What are we? Nothing but dust, nothingness, and God is so great, so beautiful, so lovable and He is not loved.”

Blessed Mariam had an intense devotion to the Holy Spirit. Here is her simple prayer :

**“Holy Spirit, inspire me. Love of God, consume me. Along the true road, lead me. Mary, my good mother, look down upon me. With Jesus, bless me. From all evil, all illusion, all danger, preserve me.”**

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I will offer some ideas of how to remove some of the hindrances that keep us from attending and may even help us to “go out into the deep and lower the nets.”

1. Prayer groups can gather in regional meetings on a monthly basis. This will allow the charisms to be shared more affectively.
2. In this respect, form a regional leaders group to oversee the monthly meetings.
3. Make use of the diocesan renewal office resources.
4. Form a regional music ministry.
5. Do car pooling. This will be a great help to the elderly and the poor.
6. Encourage the infirm. Do not abandon them. Visit them and pray with them. They are a wonderful source of intercessory prayer. Their suffering should not go to waste or be ignored.
7. Provide baby sitting for parents of young children. These young parents are inundated with activity. It would be good to help diffuse this distractive “Martha” type busyness so that they can have some time to sit at the feet of Jesus.

These are just a few ideas of how to allow the Holy Spirit to breathe life into the prayer meetings. I am sure if some people get together and pray and discuss these ideas, more ideas will surface. I believe it would be good for the parish prayer meetings to continue. In fact they will probably become stronger because of the strength garnered from the regional meetings which will be the well from which the living water can be shared.

I will close with words of Pope John Paul II, “Being baptized in the one Spirit (cf. 1 Cor. 12:13) means being set on fire with the love of God. Being “given to drink” of the Spirit means being refreshed by the beauty of the Lord’s plan for us and for the world, and becoming in turn a source of spiritual refreshment for others. Being “sealed with the Spirit” means not being afraid to stand up for Christ, letting the truth of the Gospel permeate the way we see, think and act, as we work for the triumph of the civilization of love.” (from the 23rd World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia)

If you would like to read Steve’s article in entirety, we’ll be happy to e-mail it to you. Just contact us at [info@columbusccr.org](mailto:info@columbusccr.org).