

**UPCOMING EVENTS
HEALING MASSES:**

- **March 24 - 7:30 pm**, St. Bernadette Church, 5930 South Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Music by Steve Bystrand & Company
- **April 28 - 7:30 pm**, with Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI, St. Bernadette Church, 5930 South Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Music by Steve Bystrand & Company
- **May 26 - 7 pm**, Holy Trinity Church, 1032 Central Ave., Dunkirk, NY.
- **June 30 - 7 pm**, Sacred Heart Church, 380 Fairmont Ave., Lakewood, NY.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL WEBSITE: WWW.stbernadetteopny.org/charismaticnewsletter.pdf

FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST: SEE AD BELOW

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Charismatic Renewal of Buffalo and MAGNIFICAT are co-sponsoring a Life in the Spirit Seminar at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook (Elma) NY starting April 11 and continuing on April 18, April 25, May 2, May 16, May 30, June 6th. (No meeting Mother's Day & Pentecost Sunday). For info, call Evelyn 652-2286.

MAY 23 - PENTECOST MASS: There will be a Pentecost Celebration at St. Bernadette Church, 5930 South Abbott Rd., Orchard Park, with Mass at 3 PM and Fellowship following. Fr. DiGiulio will be presiding with Deacon Frank Shaughnessy as homilist.

The Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Buffalo invites you join us for a breakfast, praise & worship and a teaching by Fr. DiGiulio

FUNDRAISER BREAKFASTwith **FATHER RICHARD DIGIULIO****Saturday, April 10 • 9:30 am****Knights of Columbus Fr. Justin Council****2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY (North of William St.)****\$15 PER PERSON: Reservations with payment in advance, please!**

BREAKFAST TO BE SERVED INCLUDES HAM, EGGS, HOME FRIES, FRUIT, ROLLS, ORANGE JUICE, COFFEE OR TEA

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS!!**

We are starting something new this year. There is going to be a Fundraiser Breakfast on Saturday, April 10, 2010 starting at 9:30 am. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Fr. Justin Council, located at 2735 Union Rd. in Cheektowaga, NY. The cost per person will be \$15. We will share our thoughts on what is happening in Charismatic Renewal concerning the Diocese of Buffalo. This will be a time to enjoy each other in praise and worship and have a nice breakfast together. Please come and share this meal and bring your thoughts or questions for Charismatic Renewal. Anyone is welcome to come. Please register beforehand so we can plan properly the number of people attending. Please refer to the notice in this newsletter. (Page 4)

We also wish to remind everyone of our forthcoming Pentecost Mass on May 23 at 3pm. This will be at St. Bernadette Church, 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park, NY. Refreshments will follow for our social. This is our annual Mass for those involved in Charismatic Renewal. However, all are invited to attend. Deacon Frank Shaughnessy will be the homilist at this Mass.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held on Sunday evenings beginning April 11 until June 6 at St. Vincent De Paul Church, 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook (Elma). For more information please call Evelyn Morcelle at 652-2286. We invite you to grow spiritually and discover new power to live as a disciple of Jesus.

Charismatic Renewal flourishes to the extent that our prayer groups are functioning well. We do have several in Western New York. If anyone wishes to know about prayer groups, Healing Masses or Life in the Spirit Seminars, one can call our office at 649-3090.

— *By Father Richard DiGiulio, Director***DISCOVER THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE (PART 2)**

The following excerpts are taken from Fr. John Corapi's presentation in Buffalo this past summer, as submitted by Sandy Swiech, OLV Prayer Group, and the CCR Service Team. (Part 1 was shared in the last newsletter)

Take a look at the world we currently are in. We are in trying times. We need to strive for excellence or we won't win the fight that we're in. We need the Holy Spirit. Satan and the fallen angels are all over...We are out of touch with the Holy Spirit, and therefore out of touch with God the Father and Jesus the Son.
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A WORD FROM THE LORD

I would like to share with you what the Lord spoke to me on Sunday (3/7/10). I had gotten up about 8 am and was down in the basement doing laundry. As I stood folding the clothes, I heard the Lord clearly but gently speak to my spirit. "Come sit in my presence." I switched the clothes to the dryer and went upstairs.

I sat. I was just sitting quietly. Praying. Sitting quietly. I felt the Holy Spirit's presence come upon me, and the words, "What is the purpose of my speaking, when my people do not believe?" rose from my spirit. Just like "Come sit in my presence" did. Then again, "What is the purpose of my speaking when my people do not believe?" I thought, "Oh Lord, you're speaking, I will write it down." This is what the Lord spoke:

"What is the purpose of my speaking, when my people do not believe? Like a voice crying out in the wilderness. Many hearts are closed. When open, you hear your Shepherd's call. Even those who have been walking with Me, have closed their hearts to "hear" in some way.

I call you to come. Come. Let Me open the eyes of your heart, even more My children. I see exactly where you are. I love you exactly where you are. But I want for you to be free from the sin that closes off your hearts to Me. How are you to do this?

Here I stand knocking at the door of your heart. Open the door. I will enter and richly dwell. Do you believe in what I did for YOU upon the cross, my child?" (That was spoken with such longing and tenderness.)

"I hung there for you, for each child. Sin destroys our relationship. I promise to those who believe in who I am and what I have done upon the cross and rising again, that they too will rise with Me. Sorrows will come in to each of your lives, but joys too. Ask Me to enter in, from the door of your heart. I will be with you in a new, deeper, richer way.

Walk with Me in the garden, my love. Come walk with Me. I am the lover of your soul.

The mind set apart from Me will not be able to attain the heights of new life. I am the one to bring you through to the Kingdom of My Father. I alone. Why do you worry

about the hearts of those you see across the world and do not see the serious condition of your heart? Be concerned with your heart that I alone will bring to life again. Then you will see a new walk, a new way. I will not only open the eyes of your heart but your mind as well.

I know every heart, every soul out there. I know the number of every hair upon their heads. My people, you think you know the vastness of time and space?

I, the Lord, am the creator, who has much patience for the souls I have made. Do not mock the Lord who made you. I who came into the world to die for you. I, who bore your sins. Come, set your sins aside.

Those who in their intelligence believe they do not need to know Me, I call you to come. I call to you in love. Don't reject the arms reaching for you, come into them. For-sake your sins and enter into My mercy for you. Do not wait for my justice. I am Truth. You will be before Me one day, and you will see your life. The truth of your life will be before Truth.

You will make the decision, to come and have Me say 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' Or, 'I do not know you.'

I urge you intellectuals, come. I urge all to come. The mind I have given you is precious. But apart from Me, the simplest thing, you cannot see, nor understand. Open your heart! Open your heart!

I love you all so. I call to you this day, child.

Will you come fully to Me? Fully in your will....Not perfection,... Not sinless. For I am perfect, I am sinless. I will dwell in you by My Spirit to transform you in your daily lives. I will come to your aid when you fall. I will lift you up. I will rejoice with you and comfort you in your sorrow. You live in this world. I live in you, in this world.

I love you, children...Come. I am Truth, I am Jesus. I am yours. There is nothing to fear.

My peace to you, My peace."

— Submitted by Mary Jarosz,

Holy Wounds of the Good Shepherd Prayer Group

AND A WORD OF THANKS...FROM US

Thank you to those who heeded the call for financial help. We received enough to cover the mailing of the last newsletter! Please, we need your continued support. God bless!

DISCOVER THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT . . . (continued from page 1)

. . . Without the Spirit, we lose the gifts that help us in every way.

We evict the Holy Spirit when we sin. But we can help ourselves by going to confession. This is the means of forgiveness of serious sin after Baptism. We have to be in the state of grace to receive the Holy Spirit. When we fall with sin, get up, preserve yourself with this sacrament.

We have had lapses in common sense. We cannot be timid because of past mistakes. We are all aware of the problems that happened in the priesthood. Get past this and let's move on. Losers make excuses. Winners make things happen.

Referring to abortion, Father Corapi noted how wrong this is and how obvious it should be. The truth is being distorted. A certain German chancellor once said "God has placed limitations on our intelligence but none on our stupidity." Smart people just don't get it.

The Holy Spirit is the gift that contains all gifts. Included in the gifts we receive:

Wisdom—We see God at work in our lives and in the world. Our lives take on a deeper meaning. Matters of judgment about the truth become clearer. Our job with our children is to pass on wisdom. If we don't have it, we cannot pass it on. The Holy Spirit will give us this wisdom.

Understanding—This gift helps us to comprehend how we are to live with Jesus Christ. This is also common sense. We have to make rational judgment.

Counsel—This helps us to distinguish the difference between right and wrong. Fruits of a morally confused culture are what we have today. The Holy Spirit is the remedy. If we were living our faith today, we would have a different world.

Fortitude—Courage and boldness. With this gift, we overcome fear and are willing to take risks as a follower of Jesus Christ. Firmness of mind is required in doing good. Standing up for what is right in the sight of God is not always easy. We need to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and go out and be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Knowledge—We understand the meaning of God's revela-

tion and are always learning more about scripture and sacred tradition. The fathers of the Church and saints of the Church teach us about scripture, and we must be open to learning all we can.

Piety or Reverence—We have a deep respect for God and His Church. We come before God with humility. There is a certain reverence required for God's children. With this gift, we are respectful in all situations.

Fear of the Lord—wonder and awe! We are aware of the glory and majesty of God. We realize that God is perfection of heart and mind. This is respect not fear.

We are temples of the Holy Spirit. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit and have these gifts, we radiate this to the world around us. Our Blessed Mother intercedes for us and leads us to the Spirit as she wants the best for her children.

This is the only answer to our problems. Seek the Holy Spirit. Know, too, that the Lord does not want mediocrity or lukewarm. You are either hot or cold. God is coming and He doesn't want you on the fence. You are either with Him or against Him. God wants us to lead the way for Him, and He gives us all the blessings and graces to do that. We need to make the right choice and live with humility and truth. We all know the last chapter, and we will win.

FATHER RICHARD MC ALEAR AND HIS MINISTRY OF HOPE AND HEALING

Father Richard Mc Alear, OMI, and his ministry of Hope and Healing is coming to Buffalo in April 2010. He will be having a series of Healing Masses in the area with one being at St. Bernadette Church (See **UPCOMING EVENTS**, page 4). The others are to be as follows:

Mon. April 26, 7pm — St. Jude The Apostle Church, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd., N. Tonawanda

Tues. April 27, 7 pm — St. Lawrence Church, 1520 East Delevan Ave., Buffalo

Wed. April 28, 7:30 pm — St. Bernadette Church, 5930 South. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park

Fri. April 30, 7 pm — Holy Angels, 348 Porter Ave., Bflo

Sat. May 1, 4 pm — Blessed Sacrament Church, 263 Claremont Ave., Tonawanda

For information regarding Fr. McAlear's complete schedule, go to www.frmac.org or call Karen 824-5128.