

The Flame

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He Is The One Who Baptizes in The Holy Spirit by Fr. Francis Martin

All four Gospels agree that John the Baptist compared his ministry to that of Jesus by describing his ministry as baptizing in water whereas the one for whom he was preparing the way would baptize in the Holy Spirit. In addition, Jesus is quoted twice as baptizing with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not with water. (John 1:26-27; 3:23-24). By using this comparison John was comparing his preparatory activity with the definitive action of Jesus which flows initially from the Cross. (John 1:33). Jesus, the Son of the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both



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all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Even upon your male and female servants, in those days, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

At the Regina Coeli Prayer in 2008, addressing the crowds from his balcony, Pope Benedict said the invitation to all: let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Let us recover awareness of our Baptism and our Confirmation. Ever timely sources of grace, as Pope Benedict has done when speaking of the Year of Faith, that we must have an encounter with the living Christ.

It is important, I think, to understand that the Baptist's promise of a future definitive saving action to and through his people Israel. I say this because, though none of the Old Testament prophecies use the exact language of the New Testament, the definitive future act of God. Here are a few examples:

The castle will be forsaken, the noisy city deserted; the tower will be ruined, the wall will be broken down. I will pour out water upon the thirsty ground, streams upon the dry land; I will pour out my Spirit upon your offspring, my blessing upon your descendants (Is 44:3).

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And, finally, the text quoted by St. Peter at Pentecost (Acts 2:17-18):

Which those who believed in him were doing.

John the Baptist already proclaimed this when he said: "I baptize with water, but the one who comes after me is greater than I am, and he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (John 1:26-27). Jesus, the Son of the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both

There are two other Johannine texts that open up the feast of Tabernacles when he explicitly promises that he himself will become the new rock in the desert from whom living water will flow:

On the last day, the great one, of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out: If someone thirsts, let him come to me and he will drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture says: from out of his midst rivers will flow of living water. Now he said this of the Spirit which those who believed in him were doing.

Dear Readers of the Flame,

Most of us have perfected the art of forgetting. I certainly does! However, apart from the aging mind, we have a way of forgetting God at the most inopportune times. We often think of the devil putting evil and suspicious thoughts into our minds to try to sour our relationships. And the enemy does use this tactic. However, C.S. Lewis said that the devil often tries to keep us from remembering the truth more than planting the lie.

In one of the most famous passages on discipleship, St. Paul instructs us:

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

We begin by offering our bodies to God. In a phrase dead animals. However, we are to become living sacrifices. This means that we make those painful low the way of the Lord.

the mind. If we take in the messages of this age, we will become *conformed* to this age. The Amplified are renewed by embracing the truth that comes from Jesus Christ, we are *transformed*, meaning we are changed from within.

In one of his homilies at a Confirmation, Bishop Quinn described the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat. The thermometer conforms itself to the temperature and tells us what it is. A thermostat actually sets the temperature.

If we are a thermometer, we are being conformed to the environment around us. The Holy Spirit wants to make us into thermostats. We are not to simply



power we become agents of change, influencing the people around us by, being transformed into his likeness.

Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection (1605-1691) was a Carmelite Monk in France. As an illiterate layman, Brother Lawrence worked in the kitchen of the monastery, shopped for the brothers and repaired sandals. Due to the nature of his service he did not have as much time for personal prayers as did the other members of the monastery. However, he worked at staying in touch with God. He writes,

"The time of business does not differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees before the Lord. Brother Lawrence is credited with the book Practice of the Presence of God, which speaks of being aware of and connecting to God amid the business of this world.

One who reminds us of all that Lord has done for us (John 16) to help us always be mindful of the Lord. With desires under His Lordship, with speech governed by his wisdom, we will become His disciples in fact and not merely in name.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco



Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars Fall 2013

Pope Benedict XVI

let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit; let us recover awareness of our Baptism and our Confirmation,

Cardinal Suenens

I am convinced that by far our most important gift to the Church is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. As Cardinal Suenens wrote in 1996: "The soul of Renewal - Baptism in the Spirit - is a grace of Pentecostal refreshment offered to all Christians". This grace will lead us into a personal, living relationship with God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -- and will help us to seek holiness. With the Baptism in the Holy Spirit come the spiritual gifts or charisms, which the second Vatican Council reminds us are "fitting and useful for the needs of the Church (Lumen Gentium 12).

Life in Christ Series | Divine Word Catholic Church, Kirtland
 Thursdays: September 19th - October 24th, 8pm | 10pm
 Call Mark & Loretta 440 -256 -6829 or Joe & Mary 440 -256 -3478

Life In the Spirit Seminar | St Mary Church Hudson 44236
 Mondays: September 16th - 30th, 7pm | 930pm
 Cal Ryeo 234 -380 -1457 or Maria 330 -388 -6088

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 Call Jim McGuire 330 -612 -5969

Life In the Spirit Seminar | St Mary Church Bedford 44146
 Fri Oct 25th 630pm -930pm & Sat Oct 26th 830am -6pm
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See More Details of the Life In the Spirit Seminars Listed:

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Renewal Ministries Events

St. Mary Parish in Hudson is sponsoring a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** on Mondays, **Sept. 16, 23, & 30 from 7p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** The topic for each evening will be: Sept. 16th . . . **Baptism of the Holy Spirit; Growth and Maturity.** The Church is located at 340 N.Main St., Hudson 44236. For information call Ryeo Kim at 234-380-1457 or Maria Urbanic at 330-388-6088.

Taste and see the goodness of the LORD! **CRM Traveling Charismatic Mass** for September will be held at Holy Family on **Friday, September 20th, at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. The church is located at 3179 Kent Rd., Stow, 44224. **Charismatic Mass** is scheduled for **Friday, November 15th, at 7:00 p.m.**, at St. Columbkille, 6740 Broadview Rd., Parma 44134. Fr. Jamie Mazanec will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer. For information call Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or the CRM office at 440-944-9445.

The beginning of the end of abortion. The Fall 2013 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will begin on September 25th, and run through November 3rd. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting; Peaceful vigil ;Community outreach. Check out the web: www.40daysforlife.com

CRM invites all to attend a **Festival of Praise** on **Saturday, September 28th, at St. Mary Church (Bedford)** from **7p.m. - 9:15 p.m.** This is a very special time to worship & praise God through song and prayer. The church is located at 300 Union St., Bedford, 44146. Call Jerry or Grace Wrobel at 330-425-2678.

You are invited to a **Life in Christ Series** designed to your life. The series is presented by Families in Christ Jesus and will be held on **Thursday evenings, September 19th through October 24th from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.** at Divine Word Catholic Church. The series is open to all and will consist of talks, group discussion, and fellowship. Divine Word Church is located at 8100 Eagle Road, Kirtland 44094. There is no registration fee for the series. Please call Mark & Loretta at 440-256-6829 or Joe & Mary at 440-256-3478.

The 2013 Erie Charismatic Conference is scheduled for Friday, September 27th & Saturday, September 28th at St. Mark Catholic Center. The featured speaker is Fr. David Poulson. For more information call 814-824-1286 or Email wolccrc@eriercd.org.

St. Hilary Charismatic Prayer Group will host a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** on **Friday, October 18th, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. & Saturday, October 19th, 8:30 a.m.-9:15 p.m.** The church is located at 2750 W. Market St. in Fairview, 44133. Teachings will be given by leaders in the Renewal: Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Patti Mansfield, David Mangan & Sr. Ann Shields S.G.L. using the **CE • Á Ó ^ Á CE Á Þ ^ , Á Ú ^ } c ^ & [• c + Á Ö X Ö È** on Saturday, and the seminar is free! Please use the rear parking lot; the seminar will be held in the lower level of the church. Info & RSVP* Jim McGuire 330-612-5969. *Thoughtful accommodations for meals & seating are prepared for your comfort. Although walk-ins are welcome please RSVP at least one week in advance.

St. Mary Church (Bedford) will host a weekend **Life in the Spirit Seminar** on **October 25th & 26th.** Registration on **Friday, Oct.25th**, will begin at 6:30 p.m., the session will run from **7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** On **Saturday, Oct. 26th** the praise & worship, teaching, and discussion sessions will run from **8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** The seminar sessions will be in the church and adjacent church convent, it is located at 300 Union St., Bedford, 44146. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. A free will offering will be taken. Please call Jerry or Grace Wrobel at 330-425-2678 for additional information or to register.

You are invited to The 2nd Annual Men & Boys Conference: Manning- i d . ' C j Y f W c a] b [' @] Z Y D sponsored by the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Wadsworth) Men's Prayer Group on November 9, 2013. Mass will begin at 8:00am, followed by breakfast and teaching sessions. A working lunch is scheduled and the conference will end at about 1:30pm. Father Mike McCandless, our homilist and conference leader, was ordained in 2008 and serves our Diocese as the Coordinator of Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood. Our conference theme deals with the seven deadly sins. As men in a secular society, we all face these hurdles in our lives, but there is hope. Father will use the teachings of Pope Francis to show us how to deal with these common sins and temptations. So, save the date, bring high school-aged boys and be there. As there is limited space register early with Mark Smith, 737 Crestwood Avenue, Wadsworth, OH 44281 or phone 330-606-7195. Registration costs: \$10 for Men, \$5 for boys. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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