"The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit." John 3:8



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From Steve's Desk



There is an old saying that everything changes but everything stays the same. Sounds contradictory but is true in the sense that some things never change as God never changes. His love is constant but our circumstances and needs are constantly changing.

Sometimes the changes are

easy to adapt to but often they are not. In any and all circumstances, we can rely on the Lord to see us through. Realizing this makes change much easier to adapt to. The virtue of hope helps us to see past the present and pull the resurrection to us right where we are.

It is with this in mind that I would like to inform you that Pope Francis has discerned that there needs to be a change in the organization of what we call Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He has initiated what he calls "One service". This new organization has adapted the name **CHARIS** and has been elevated from private status to public status under the Dicastery of Laity, Family and life. All are hoping that this will enable the Baptism in the Spirit and all that goes with it more full and quickly into the fabric of the church. How this all plays out at the local level remains to be seen but we are very hopeful that it will do nothing but enhance our ability to minister to the needs of the local church.

On a personal level, there has been much change in my life and I am in a time of discerning what God has in store for Pamela and I. One of the things that I have realized is that being 74 years old means that many of my friends and family require a lot more of my personal time. Therefore, my ministry has been less geared toward administration and more toward one on one prayer and support. Combine this with a lessening of my physical abilities and stamina has led

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From Fr. Jim's Desk

Dear beloved sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May the Spirit of this holy season of Advent and Christmas be with you as you prepare to celebrate the Birthday of our King and Lord, Jesus the Christ.

I like the way St Paul puts it in the opening address in his letter to the Ephesians: (Continued inside)





7:00 pm

St. Jerome Church

300 Warner St. Walbridge, OH 43465

Witness of Healing • Adoration with Praise & Worship
• Teaching from Fr. Tom Oedy • Group Prayers for
Healing • After service an opportunity for Fr. Tom to anoint
individuals and send to personal prayer teams
Sacrament of Reconciliation

How has the Lord been healing?

• a woman canceled an abortion scheduled & she recognizes that the God is the reason! • A man was sitting outside in the Gazebo, a peaceful spot to reflect on his struggles. He was drawn into the Healing service. He spoke to Fr. Tom about his life and is going to follow up with the Deacon about RCIA classes. • A woman who has been attending says each month the Lord speaks to her needs through Fr. Tom and the prayer teams.

Future Night of Healings: 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Jan. 10 • Feb. 14 • Mar. 14 • Apr. 11

From Steve's Desk (cont. from front page)

me to ask the leadership team of the MCCR to undergo the process of a search for my replacement. There is a time to let the young people have a chance.

This all may take some time so you will have to put up with me for awhile longer.

Have a happy advent and a blessed Christmas. Steve and Pam

From Fr. Jim's Desk (cont. from front page)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him.

In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved." (Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12)

Many years ago when I was young and dumb, I very much disliked the Advent and Christmas season because of the cacophony of noise, lights and hawking of commercial "Xmas". It was hard to be quiet and spiritual, I thought in all this banality. I seriously considered going off to a monastery some place for some peace and quiet. The Lord spoke to me one year and said, "don't try to run away from it...it is to such a world that I came." I realized then and now that the word "incarnation" means just that: becoming one of us as we are in the midst of the worldliness and secular culture.

So I changed my attitude and decided to see Jesus in all kinds of different ways in the customs, the lights, the gift buying and giving. I noticed too that many of the seasonal songs are actually dealing with winter and snow and don't even speak of the Christmas event. But

the actual Christmas Carols that do are often sung by secular and even Jewish artists. So Jesus gets into it himself, even without my help.

But I, and we, do have our part to play by gentling bring to mind wherever we are the real meaning of Christmas mostly by our attitude and action. If we are empowered by the Holy Spirit and live by the Holy Spirit people should be able to readily see the radiance of the Spirit in our words and actions. We bring Jesus into the world again and again.

Wishing you the Love Jesus, Mary and Joseph knew on that first Christmas night. May you and your loved ones share peace and happiness of that love with each other. You and your family will share a special remembrance in my Christmas Masses.

I am quite aware of our need for serious prayer as Steve Toth steps down as our Leader of the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal. We need to search for his successor. Where is the Spirit leading us? Who is the Spirit calling? The New Year may be challenging but it is already in the hands of our Lord.

Be of Good Cheer! Our God "Emmanuel" is here.

I love you, Fr. Jim Brown



PERIOD OF PRAYER & DISCERNMENT

Nov. - Jan.

Details on www.mccrholyspirit.org

We need your help for our Diocese of Toledo, our communities and the Catholic Church.

We requests that all Prayer Groups and all members of the ministry to join with us to intercede and pray for the ministry.

Besides Steve Toth being the Director of the MCCR, he is also our Diocese's Liaison for the National Renewal for many years. In the last year, he has been attending meetings on the national level about Pope Francis's new reorganization of the Charismatic Renewal internationally and within the Church. It is an exciting time!

With this in mind, we ask you to intercede for this international process and for the leadership and direction of the local MCCR.

We are designating the next 3 months, November, December and January as a special period of prayer, discernment and renewal.

Please go to our website and sign up and we will email you the Stir into Flame packet. http://www.mccrholyspirit.org/events.html

Sat/Sun

Coming Events 2018/2019

Dec. 13 7:00 pm

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Nov. - Jan. www.mccrholyspirit.org/events.html



Encounter Conference 2019

We have been made aware of this conference coming to Toledo.

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Magnificat Breakfast • Our Lady of the Lake Chapter • Anjulina's 2270 Hayes Ave., Fremont Speaker: Joan Nunnery Starts 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Cost \$18. Mail check (Magnificat) & registration to Hortensia Člevenger, 316 Wexford Dr. Huron, OH 44839 - \$23 after Feb. 1 (There is no registration at the door.)

Magnificat Breakfast • Our Lady of Consolation Chapter • Old Barn Out Back Restaurant, Lima Speaker: Julia Monnin 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Cost \$15. By Feb. 27, mail check (Magnificat of Lima) & registration to Kay Smith, 2825 Hummingbird, Elida, OH 45807 (419-339-8791)

Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings

MONDAY: Defiance, OH Richard Boff	7:00 p.m. (419) 783-9891
Eden at the Springs, Greensprings OH (2nd Mon.) Judy Good	7:00 p.m. (419) 334-8145
St. Peter's Huron - Women's Prayer & Scripture Me Diane Dudenhofer	7:00-8:30 p.m. eeting (419) 433-4835
Norwalk, St. Paul's Bev Reichert	6:30 p.m. (419) 706-0464
St. Richards, Swanton Judy Cole	7:00 p.m. (419) 825-1589
Port Clinton Joan Nunnery	9:30-11:30 a.m. (440) 390-0054
TUESDAY: Ottawa Areawide (chapel in Church) Sharon Rump	7:30 p.m. (419) 523-3137
WEDNESDAY: Emmaus Community (in MCCR chapel) St. Jerome Walbridge, OH (chapel in Parish l	7:00 p.m. Life Center)

David Bland

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THURSDAY: Light of Christ (1st & 3rd Thurs.) Marblehead, St. Joseph (parish hall) Elaine Burris burrisdeno@frontier.com	10:00 a.m. (419) 734-2605
Lima, St. Gerard Jerry & Sharon Laurent	7:00 p.m. (419) 331-1763
Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul Candy Cordova	7:30 p.m. (419) 377-8053
FRIDAY: Defiance St. Mary (EVERY Fri.) Fela Trevino	6:00 p.m. (419) 784-4508
SATURDAY: Fremont, St. Jos. Hispanic Raul Gonzales	7:00 p.m. (419) 332-9252
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