

GLEANINGS

RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH

EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Dear WWCCR friends,

Sue Gallwas, Executive Director of WWCCR retired March 31st. Jean Beers has stepped in as Interim Office Manager at the request of the Board until a new Director is hired. Jean is no stranger to the WWCCR office. She worked for the ministry in the 1990's and was the first Healing Mass Coordinator. She is familiar with the Renewal having spent more than 30 years working on the NSC's Pentecost Today magazine as well as decades of leadership in local prayer groups at St. George and St. Hubert parishes. Jean started April 1st, and has been working closely with Sue and the staff to get oriented to current ministry projects and events.

Your continued prayers during this time of transition are so appreciated. We are grateful for Sue's five years of heartfelt service to the ministry of WWCCR and ask God's favor, blessings and grace to be upon her always as she transitions into retirement. Please pray for Jean, the Search Committee, the Board and Staff, all ministries, and those who have applied or will apply, that the power of the Holy Spirit will lead, guide and inspire every aspect of WWCCR.

We hold each of you in our prayers and together give thanks for your love and support over the years.

Looking forward with joy,

Sharon Fox
WWCCR Board President

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WWCCR VISION AND MISSION

Vision: that all Catholics mature in a personal relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God The Father.

Mission: to renew the face of the earth by nurturing and inspiring Catholics:

- + To experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- + To fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments
- + To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship

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From The Heart Of Sue

A WORD FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been an honor and blessing to serve WWCCR and the Lord Jesus Christ in this position for the past 5+ years. I learned so much about so many things.

St Francis of Assisi said, "It is in giving that we receive." My heart overflows with love as I think of all the beautiful people that I have met and prayed with. Don't ever, ever, ever doubt how much God loves and cherishes you and wants to give you every good gift, especially His Holy Spirit! I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit on June 29th, 2001 at PLU in Parkland. It is the most life-changing event of my life. I fell in love with Jesus and He is still my everything. Remember to visit Jesus often in Adoration. He is waiting for you.

A few of the highlights for me are the classes on Prophecy, the Leadership Training Course in 2016, our wonderful 40th Anniversary Celebration, our most recent Women's Retreat with Andi Oney and every single Mass with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment!

I look forward to volunteering in whatever ministry God leads me to in the future. I will be around and hope to see some of you on May 19th. I want to thank each one of you for the important role you play in keeping WWCCR strong and moving forward. We are all in this together. In closing I will leave you with the words my Dad always said to people after they received his hug, "Jesus loves you, Mary loves you and I love you." May we all continue growing in our gifts until we meet our Savior face to face.

With love and gratitude,

Sue+



**Thanks to Sue Gallwas
for over 5 years service
as WWCCR Executive
Director**


May 19, 2019

**Reception
for Sue
3:00pm - 5:00pm**

Potluck appetizers: bring savories
* sweets * gluten free choices

**Fitzgerald Room, Christ the King Parish
405 N. 117th St. Seattle 98133**

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Army Boots in the Upper Room

BY MARGARET WHETHAM

“You’re next!” Joyful anticipation filled me as I read the email from Sue Gallwas the day before the WWCCR Women’s Retreat in early March. One hour later, I was no longer “next” – but officially in! I knew the Lord wanted me to be at that retreat. On Monday when I returned to the classroom for 7th and 8th grade religion class, I told the students I’d been on a retreat, and they’d better not get too close or they’d catch on fire!

The retreat was truly an Upper Room, “Peace Be With You” experience, complete with praise and worship in song and in tongues, with prophetic words and visions, and a time for each woman to be individually blessed by God through a prayer team. There were hours of Adoration, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and opportunities for special devotions such as the Rosary and the Divine Mercy. In his Mass homilies, Bishop Peter Smith amazed us when he shared that he knows two believers who have raised people from the dead. He also gave us a fresh take on Lent, urging us to adopt Lenten practices that will continue after Easter and bring about real change in us. The retreat speaker, Andi Oney, was charismatic in every sense of the word, and she came with the gift of a graced companion, Denise. The weekend was indeed a “visitation” of the Holy Spirit.

Since the retreat, the most obvious change in me is that I now make praising God the kick-off for my morning prayer time. Though definitely still a praise novice, when I meet God in the early morning, I set a timer for 5 minutes and begin praising. I have Psalm 148 open to look at for praise ideas when I begin to lag, and the words of Build My Life spread out before me to lead me into song. Then I break into praying in tongues as led by the Spirit. From praise, I can move into reading scripture and just being quiet before the Lord, the kind of prayer that I’ve always been drawn to by temperament. The first few days I kept looking at the timer to see if the time of praise had been fulfilled; now I want to extend it. Praise is becoming part of my spiritual DNA as I follow Andi’s teaching on the importance of practising praise. In my mind’s eye I see the music ministers modeling praise for us as naturally as breathing. I “caught” praise from them and Andi.

Another huge encouragement from the retreat teaching was to persist in praying in tongues, and to be affirmed that God wants this, and not to doubt the gift or be lazy about using it. I now find the praise of song and tongues spilling over into times of routine jobs like chopping vegetables, driving, or even doing stretches. (Continue pg. 4)



I notice that this renewed grace of praise and tongues has changed my focus in daily life. The same “situations” challenge me both within and without, but my spirit is lighter – there’s more joy, less discouragement and complaining, more looking at God and depending on him to show his glory. I know I have to fight to defend this new land of praise, so I’m pulling my notes out and rereading them often, devouring Andi’s book Extravagant Praise and the other treasures I found at the retreat book table...and I gaze at my smooth rock.

The Rock Story: On the opening night of the retreat, we each took a rough, ugly rock and wrote a word on it pinpointing something that makes our relationship with God difficult. I wrote Hurt on mine. Then, at the end of the retreat, each woman chose a smooth, attractive rock and wrote a new word on it; mine was Joy. On Sunday before leaving, with a festal shout and having quite bit of fun, we threw our ugly rocks into Puget Sound, letting go of the heavy emotions and obstacles to holiness that we had brought with us. Now, whenever I feel that old hurt welling up, I remember the group throw, and I consciously strive to move from hurt to joy with praise and tongues. Glory to God for the victory of praise.



Experiencing the power of the holy feminine was another treasure from the retreat. It came through the many artistic, creative touches the retreat planning committee brought to us, like the rock activity, and being awakened each morning by the planning committee angels singing The Deer’s Cry in the hallways. It showed through Andi’s comfortable confidence in her own womanhood, and in her words affirming the special gift of receptivity that God has given to women. This power of the feminine also came through laughter: Some of the planning committee members shared hilarious quips when they were at the mic, and I enjoyed the giggles. But Andi reminded us that this holy feminine is also spiritually tough and ready to fight for Christ as we wear the army boots that we received at our Baptism. Though I am a bit of a hermit by nature, I enjoyed the gift of community at this retreat as never before, getting to know the beautiful women present and hearing their stories of faith.

So, glory to God for the powerful mission of WWCCR in making it possible for the Holy Spirit to visit us. We all left the Upper Room to go forth doing the will of the Father in our various ministries. We had experienced a visitation, a little Pentecost. As Andi often said: Amen! Alleluia! Glory to God!

Margaret Whetham is a parishioner and teaches 7th & 8th grade Religion at Holy Rosary school in Seattle

LORD JESUS, WE PRAY THAT THESE MEN, UNITED TO YOU THROUGH PRAYER AND SACRAMENT, MAY COOPERATE WITH YOU IN BUILDING YOUR REIGN OF MERCY AND TRUTH, OF JUSTICE AND PEACE.
AMEN.

(ADAPTED FROM POPE FRANCIS)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PRIESTS, DEACONS AND SEMINARIANS

May 1 Pope Francis
May 2 Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
May 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
May 4 Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
May 5 Fr. Jim Northrop
May 6 Fr. John T. Rashford
May 7 Fr. Armando V. Red
May 8 Dcn. LaMar Reed
May 9 Fr. John J. Renggli
May 10 Dcn. Rob Rensel
May 11 Dcn. John Ricciardi
May 12 Dcn. Michael Riggio
May 13 Fr. George O. Rink
May 14 Fr. Patrick J. Ritter
May 15 Fr. Dennis E. Robb
May 16 Dcn. David L. Robinson
May 17 Dcn. Ted Rodriguez
May 18 Fr. David A. Rogerson
May 19 Fr. Stephen T. Roman
May 20 Dcn. Rey Ronquillo
May 21 Fr. Cody L. Ross
May 22 Fr. Stephen C. Rowan
May 23 Dcn. Bob Rupno
May 24 Fr. Michael G. Ryan
May 25 Fr. Justin M. Ryan
May 26 Dcn. E. Jerome Sadler
May 27 Dcn. Ron San Nicolas
May 28 Fr. José de Jesus Sanchez
May 29 Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz
May 30 Fr. Timothy J. Sauer
May 31 Fr. Rajasekar Savarimuthu

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Jun. 6 Fr. Milton H. Scarpetta
Jun. 7 Fr. Frank R. Schuster
Jun. 8 Fr. Sebastin Santhosh Sebastian
Jun. 9 Fr. Dennis C. Sevilla
Jun. 10 Dcn. Tim Shamrell
Jun. 11 Fr. Patrick R. Sherrard
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Jun. 24 Fr. Stephen J. Szeman
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Jun. 26 Dcn. Mike Teskey
Jun. 27 Fr. Brian D. Thompson
Jun. 28 Fr. Francis K. Thumbi
Jun. 29 Dcn. Donald Tillitson
Jun. 30 Dcn. Bill Townsend

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We know that
PRAYER
changes
EVERYTHING!

Father God,
Renew and revitalize your
creation to more deeply
reflect your most perfect
Will.

Our Lord Jesus, May we
as your faithful disciples
live the universal call
to holiness to be your
most beloved spouse, the
Church.

Holy Spirit,
Empower us to open
ourselves to the spiritual
gifts given at our Baptism
and strengthened in
Confirmation.

Blessed Mother Mary,
continue to intercede on
behalf of the ministry
of WWCCR led by your
spouse, the Holy Spirit.

The Pentecost Novena
starts May 31, 2019.

Join us in this devotion to
the Holy Spirit. There are
many options online or go
to our website.

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RETREAT WILL
BE AVAILABLE
ONLINE ON OUR
WEBSITE.

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PENTECOST IS A LIVING AND REAL PART OF OUR FAITH

by Claire Russell

My first time attending the WWCCR Women's Retreat in early March was a powerful and grace-filled experience. As someone who is beginning to explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit at work in and through me, it was inspiring to be surrounded by women who are instruments of His grace, whether they were leading the retreat or attending. Everyone came at a different point in her journey, yet there was connectedness and unity.

During the sessions led by Andi Oney I was reminded that we originally received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation. Those gifts are dormant in many believers, waiting for the breath of the Spirit to animate them so that He can use us in powerful and life-giving ways. I especially loved hearing about Mother Mary, who was a perfect example for us in her receptivity to the Holy Spirit. She is named as being present in the upper room when the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost. She would have been entirely filled with the Spirit and would have acted on His inspiration at all times.

Beyond the sessions, we had opportunities to attend Mass, praise God through song, process new insights within small groups, receive prayer from one another, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, enjoy the natural beauty at the Palisades campus, spend time with Jesus during all-night adoration, and eat a lot!

Pentecost is a living and real part of our faith, rather than a one-time event 2,000 years ago, and I have begun to understand the possibilities that this opens up for me to participate in setting the earth on fire with God's love and healing. Jesus promised that we would do works even greater than His.

I encourage you to courageously give the Holy Spirit permission to use His gifts to their fullest potential in your life!

CLAIRE RUSSELL is a
Parishioner of St. Mark, Shoreline





"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." Acts 1:4

LET'S STIR UP THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT AS WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE PENTECOST TOGETHER THROUGH:

- Scripture
- Testimonies
- Prayer Ministry
- Fr. Dwight Lewis
- Sonset Worship with Greg Stone

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

JUNE 8, 2019 7:00PM - 9:00PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BURIEN
15226 21ST AVE. SW, BURIEN

Prepare for the outpouring of the Spirit as we "wait for the promise of the Father." The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on May 31

MAY / JUNE

MAY 8 - Office Mass 11:00am (Fr. Cal Christiansen)
May 13 - Mass of Healing
St. Andrew Sumner 6:45pm
May 16 - Mass of Healing
St. Anne, Seattle 6:45p
May 19 - Reception for Sue
Fitzgerald Room, Christ the King, Seattle
3:00pm - 5:00pm

May 20 - Mass of Healing
St. Brenden, Bothell 6:45pm
MAY 29 -Office Mass 7:00pm (Fr. Tony Bawyn)
MAY 31 - Pentecost Novena begins
June 8 - Pentecost Celebration

June 12 - WWCCR Office Mass
Fr. Cal Christiansen @ 11:00am
June 24 - WWCCR Office Mass
Fr. Tony Bawyn @ 7:00pm
June 27 - 29 - Encounter Conference
St. Pius X, Dwelling Place

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JUNE 27-29, ST. PIUS X CHURCH



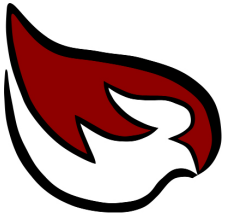
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Celebrant:
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Monday, May 13th
 St. Andrew, Sumner

Thursday, May 16th
 St. Anne, Seattle

Monday, May 20th
 St. Brendan, Bothell



**Celebration of Mass followed by
 Healing Prayer for Body, Mind and Spirit**

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