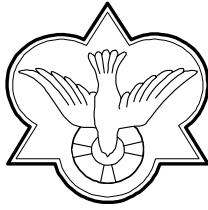




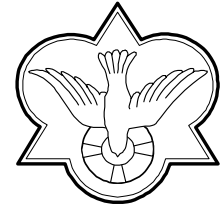
**Detroit Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

**May/June 2011**

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**PENTECOST CELEBRATION!!!**



*“Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.”*

Sunday, June 12, 2011  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
5780 Evergreen Avenue  
Detroit MI 48228-3996

Parish 6:30 PM Mass followed by Praise & Worship, Fellowship

*“When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room...” Acts 2:1*

Come, and let us all meet together in one room to worship and praise the Lord, and thank Him for the gift of His Holy Spirit that He so generously bestows on His beloved people! Let us learn from and be encouraged by one another as we share what the Holy Spirit is doing in our prayer groups, parishes, and personal lives.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS**

**Wednesdays**

May 4 – June 15

6:30 – 8:00 PM

“Wind and Fire”

St. Constance Church

21555 Kinyon Street

Taylor MI 48180-3798

Sponsored by the Light of

Christ Prayer Group

One-time \$5.00 fee will cover  
cost of materials.

Contact persons:

Mary Brua: #734-282-3337

Jerry LaMonica:

#313-561-7706

**Thursdays**

May 5, 12, & 19

7:00 – 9:00 PM

St. Vincent Ferrer Church

1087 E. Gardenia

Madison Heights MI

48071-3495

Presenters:

Fr. John C. Esper

Deborah Tourville

Register with the parish office:

#248-542-8720

Sponsored by the St. Vincent

Ferrer Prayer Group

**Tuesdays**

May 10 – June 13

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Our Lady of the Woods

21892 Gudith Road

Woodhaven MI 48183-1599

Sponsored by the Spirit of

Love Prayer Group

Contact persons:

Chuck & Bev Sapien:

#734-675-5525

Ron & Rosa Curry:

[rosacurry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosacurry@sbcglobal.net)

**Healing Prayer Teams' Prayer Day**

**All those who pray with and for others for healing of body, soul, mind, or spirit, are invited to attend this Day of Prayer, as well as other persons who want to know more about healing prayer.** There will be teaching, sharing, and ministry.

**Saturday, May 21, 2011**

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

DCCR Center  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
5780 Evergreen Avenue  
Detroit MI 48228-3912

Registration Donation: \$10.00  
Brown Bag Lunch  
Beverages will be provided.  
Register with the DCCR please.  
#313-982-3811

## Jamaica

by Ann Bonenfant

The trip that Arlene Apone and I made to Jamaica proved to be a blessed time of intercession and excellent Spirit-led teaching. I know that God is at work all over this world, but seeing it first hand in Jamaica encouraged me. People are hungry for God and His Word and good teaching. They want to know the Lord and listen to His voice. The importance of A Pilgrim's Way became even more apparent to me.

The members of the New Life Charismatic Community who sponsored our trip, have a warm and loving and close relationship with each other. We were blessed by their hospitality and their fun gatherings. The bishops, priests, parishes, and prayer groups that we visited all welcomed us and enthusiastically received the message of knowing and listening to the Lord and seeking His will and plan. There was great thanksgiving for Arlene's teaching and we pray that there will be great fruit borne from it in Jamaica.

### Our Trip to Jamaica, 2011

by Arlene Apone

Ann Bonenfant and I left for a six-week mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica, on January 12, 2011. The day we arrived, on a Wednesday, we were scheduled to speak at the weekly prayer meeting of the New Life Community. New Life sponsored our trip and it was my 10<sup>th</sup> visit to this wonderful community. Ivy, who was the first charismatic on the island, still runs the "House of Prayer" with Rina. They are the founders of this community and as we found out, were instrumental in at least ten priestly vocations. It was exciting to be back with all of the community and to renew friendships.

Don Wilson and his wife, Betty, were our hosts, and Don had arranged a six-week calendar of events for us. He had put months of preparation into all the details. Along with meetings of the New Life Community on Wednesday evenings, we met every Saturday at their new Center, formerly an Ursuline convent that the archbishop had given to them.

Forty-eight students were sent to be trained to facilitate the six-month bible study called A Pilgrim's Way, a life in the spirit seminar formation series. Their pastors had been previously notified and sent them for this intense training; they will return to their parishes and start these classes. (As of this writing, 12 groups have already begun.)

Before each of the parish talks we gave, we met with the pastors for an hour or so – 16 priests, including 2 bishops, were visited. In all, we spoke twenty-two times in parishes including the cathedral. We were invited to address an all-girls' school, ages 14 – 16, and a confirmation group, ages 12 – 16. Sprinkled in between, we prayed with many individuals privately, twenty-six in all. We visited seven prayer groups and gave talks and healing services. We met with parish evangelization teams to discuss vision/mission, taped five radio shows for Catholic radio, and worked on a couple of exorcisms with two different bishops.

There was plenty of social time as well; we even managed to jump in the pool a few times! We slept soundly every night due to excellent accommodations. Our hosts fed us very well with lots of Caribbean fruits and exotic recipes. I thank God that Ann was there – her companionship and prayers kept up our energies, and the blessings were extraordinary! Many, many lasting memories – glory to God! Thanks for all your prayers!

### Inner Healing Prayer Day in Parishes

Saturday, June 25, 2011

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

No one is exempt from the need to receive inner healing. Periodically, the Detroit Catholic Charismatic Renewal is able to offer Inner Healing Prayer Days in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese, where individuals can receive inner healing prayer from prayer teams who have been trained and gifted in praying inner healing prayer. Persons can go to the following locations and will be prayed with individually in the order in which they arrive:

St. Kieran Church  
53600 Mound Road  
Shelby Twp. MI  
48316

Sacred Heart of the  
Hills Church  
3400 S. Adams Road  
Auburn Hills MI 48326

Our Lady of Hope Parish  
St. Germaine Campus  
28301 Little Mack  
St. Clair Shores MI 48081

St. Mary, Queen of  
Creation Church  
50931 Maria St.  
New Baltimore MI 48047

## **AREAS OF PRAYER FOCUS**

by Ila Mae Lancendorfer

Isaiah 58: 10, 12. *Feed the hungry. Help those in trouble. ....You will be known as "The People Who Rebuild Their Walls and Cities."* (The Living Bible)

As we continue to pray for the city of Detroit, there are concrete things we can do to help rebuild the city.

- In our prayer let us plead that God will heal any prejudice in us against Detroit, the people who live there, and the people who have been given the power to govern the city.
- Let us ask the Lord to help us grow in the love that casts out any fear in our hearts.
- We must curb our tongues from bad-mouthing the city.
- We can pass on our legitimate and loving concerns about the city to our children, relatives, and friends.
- Let us look for positive and encouraging reports about Detroit (e.g. check out [www.palladiumboots.com/exploration/detroit](http://www.palladiumboots.com/exploration/detroit).)
- We can do something to help the city rebuild:
  - Volunteer to help in a soup kitchen, food pantry, clean-up, or building program.
  - Take part in the Church's evangelization outreach in Detroit. (Help teach or facilitate a bible study or A Pilgrim's Way, assist in sacramental preparation or RCIA classes in a city parish.)
  - Donate clothing, household goods, or money to city charities.
  - Visit the city of Detroit. (Detroit Institute of Art, cultural events, festivals, the Riverfront, churches, theatres, Belle Isle, Greektown, restaurants, sports events, etc.)
- Let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us where and how we can serve and support the city of Detroit.

Prayer for the City of Detroit is good and needed, but some action needs to follow, as the Bible states in James 2:17: *It isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it.* (The Living Bible)

(Ila Mae Lancendorfer is a longtime Detroit resident, on staff at the DCCR, a member of the DCCR Assembly, and a member of and prayer group leader at All Saints Church, Detroit. Those who have selected the "City of Detroit" as their prayer focus intention for this year, call Ila Mae at the DCCR Center.)

## **NOW WORD SERIES**

by Stephen Cooper

*Oh, that today you would hear his voice.* (Ps. 95:7)

Wherever you go on your spiritual journey, you hear that God wants to speak to you. Whether in your prayer, in reading Scripture, or during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, God wants to speak to you.

However, I keep hearing from people, "God doesn't speak to me."

I heard the following statement just recently on TV, and it gave me the idea for this article: "If you would stop running, you then could get ahead."

There are some mornings we get up late, so we say a quick prayer and move on. During the day we think of God and say another quick prayer. We might stop in an adoration chapel on our way home from work, pull out our rosary, read from a book of prayers, then leave. We seem to have a hard time with silence. Why can't we just sit with our God and have Him flood our mind with His words, His love, our being with His being? We miss God's words because we think we have to talk.

When we are new at listening to Jesus, we might not know that when He gives us a word, a face, or a name, we can ask Him what this means, and He will give us the answer. Beginning to hear God's word starts out very slowly; we may hear only one word at a time, and need to ask what we should do with that word.

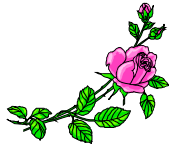
Richard Foster wrote, "Today the heart of God is an open wound of love. He aches over our distance and preoccupation. He mourns that we do not draw near to Him. He grieves that we have forgotten Him. He weeps over our obsessions with muchness and manyness. He longs for our presence."

I would like to ask you a question. Go deep, deep within and pray on this: ***How close do you let Jesus into your life?***

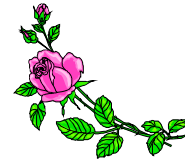
*Oh, that today you would hear his voice; harden not your heart.* (Psalm 95:7-8)

(Stephen Cooper is a member of the DCCR Assembly and the Community of God's Love Prayer Group at St. Kieran Church in Shelby Township.)

Fr. John Esper and Debbie Tourville would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support of the March inner healing retreat at Manresa. It was full with a waiting list. Fr. Gregory Hyde, S.J., the Manresa director, has asked them to consider doing two per year. The next one will be September 23,24,25, 2011. Early registration will be necessary as these retreats fill quickly. Register with Manresa at #248-644-4933.



# DCCR CALENDAR



April 30 – AMCCC Spring Conference (See pg. 2)  
Grayling, Michigan

May 4 through June 19 – Various Life in the Spirit  
Seminars (See pg. 1)

May 11 – Mass with Healing Prayers, 7:00 PM  
St. Lawrence Church, Utica MI

May 28 – DCCR Assembly - discern the NOW word.

May 21 – Prayer Day for Healing Prayer Teams  
St. Thomas Aquinas, Detroit MI 48228

June 12 – Pentecost Celebration  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
Detroit MI 48228

June 25 – Inner Healing Day  
Various Parishes (See pg. 2)

*“Why do you walk around as if you have wet matches in your pocket? You carry a blazing fire within you.”*

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### AMCCC Spring Conference

Saturday, April 30, 2011

*"Embrace Your Cross with Joy; Reflect My Light"*

St. Mary Church

707 Spruce Street

Grayling, Michigan 49738

Cost: \$25.00 (Includes lunch)

Speaker: Fr. Mark Rutherford

Fr. Mark has been involved with the Charismatic Renewal since he had a personal experience of God at a Steubenville, Ohio conference that changed his life. He was ordained on June 9, 2009 and is presently the Parochial Vicar at St. Patrick Church in Brighton, Michigan. He is a member of the Livingston Gathering, a group that meets monthly for praise and worship and testimony sharing.

Contact AMCCC: #800-837-2622 or #517-372-6222.

### Future Events for the Year 2011

July 23 - West Side Retreat Day with Healing Prayer  
Our Lady of the Woods Church, Woodhaven MI

July or August - East Side Retreat Day with Healing Prayer (Date and Location to be announced.)

July 29-31 - AMCCC Summer Conference in Saginaw, Michigan with Sister Ann Shields, S.G.L.

November 18-20 - The Charism School and Miracle Healing Service with Damian Stayne and team from England, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. You will receive a notice with a registration form in our next mailing. Watch for it!

This year our copy machine became very ill. Could anyone help us find a new or gently-used replacement?