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Put Out Into The Deep October 16th Mass and Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Raleigh with Bishop Kornel Fabray from Budapest , Hungry. This event was a beautiful opportunity for prayer and for Praise and Worship by the With You Band.

Thank you to Miklos and Bernadett Horvath and all who participated and ministered on prayer teams and choir. We are so blessed with an amazing Charismatic Community!



St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Apex Life in the Spirit Seminar was a beautiful opportunity for fellowship and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit!



"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58



Thank You Deacon Tom O'Brien for leading this years Life In The Spirit Seminar.





PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH AWESOME TESTIMONIES- WE WERE ALL VERY INSPIRED BY THE TEAM!

All the presentations were interesting annd insightful and really explained in detail all aspects of Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The volunteers, group leaders, presentors, music ministry and hospitality team did a great job. Thank you to all attendees . I had a great time making new friends and sharing my faith.

Catholic View: Baptism in the Holy Spirit

WHERE WILL THE POWER COME FROM?

BY FR. RANIERO CANTALAMESSA

"WHAT WILL ENKINDLE IN CATHOLICS A BURNING ZEAL TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH? NOTHING OTHER THAN A NEW PENTECOST -A RENEWED EXPERIENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT PROMISED BY JESUS IN ACTS 1:5 AND FULFILLED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST.

AT PENTECOST THE DISCIPLES WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (ACTS 2:4), WHICH MEANS THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE LOVE OF GOD. THEY HAD AN OVERWHELMING EXPERIENCE OF BEING LOVED BY GOD. THAT ALONE, HE SAID, EXPLAINS THE UNEXPECTED AND RADICAL CHANGE THAT TOOK PLACE IN THEM. PENTECOST IS THE MOMENT WHEN THE HEART OF STONE IS SHATTERED TO BITS AND ITS PLACE IS TAKEN BY THE HEART OF FLESH AND THIS "HEART-TRANSPLANT" DIDN'T TAKE PLACE UNDER TOTAL ANESTHESIA!

THIS INTERPRETATION OF PENTECOST IS CONFIRMED IN THE UNCOUNTABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TODAY WHO DESCRIBE THE MOMENT OF THEIR BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT AS FEELING "A TORRENT OF LOVE" COMING DOWN UPON THEM. THE FIRST EFFECT OF THE SPIRIT'S COMING IS THE IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO PROCLAIM CHRIST AND THE EXISTENTIAL RE-DISCOVERY OF THAT ELEMENTARY TEACHING IN THE BIBLE, THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Rediscovering the Need for God

by Ralph Martin

The Church needs to turn more ardently to God himself. "Whether it be heart-felt repentance or Pope Benedict's recurring calls for a new Pentecost, the challenges of the time are causing us to be aware of our great need for God."

How his presence and active role can be better understood and experienced.

The purpose of the Charismatic Renewal, Martin said, is not to get people to "join it", but to be a witness in the Church to what belongs to the Church: the Holy Spirit and his gifts.

What the Bible says about Baptism in the Holy Spirit: Acts 1:4-5, Jesus instructs the apostles not to leave Jerusalem until they receive the promise of the Father to be "baptized with the Holy Spirit," which, according to St. Peter in Acts 11:15-16, refers to the descent of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2)

Catechism of the Catholic Church: the sacrament of confirmation perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church (1288).In Acts 8, Peter and John lay hands on the newly baptized Christians in Samaria and give them a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, similar to that of the Christians in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost.

Who was Trish?

By Damaris Acevedo



Some of us called her wife, mom, grandmom, sister, or friend. Others knew her as Miss Trish, Patti, or simply Trish. But who was she, really? First and foremost, Trish was a devoted daughter of Jesus Christ. Her greatest desire was to be like Him and to spend eternity with Him, no matter what the cost.

So, who was Trish? She was a woman of many gifts—a composer, a singer, and someone who lived life to the fullest, even when faced with health and personal struggles. Trish loved unconditionally. She was witty and funny, and her smiles, hugs, and kisses were unforgettable. She always offered herself when you needed her, and she was generous to a fault, often giving away things she bought or made because she felt led by the Lord.

For example, she'd buy a beautiful rosary and, while walking, would suddenly give it to someone. She also started making patchwork blankets. I remember being at her house while she laid out the patchwork pieces. I asked if I could help with the design, and she gladly agreed. After several tweaks, we settled on a design. Months later, she arrived at my house with a large box. She told me the Lord had instructed her to give it to me, although she had struggled with the decision. Inside was the very first patchwork blanket we designed together. At first, I hesitated to accept it, but she insisted. I treasure it to this day.

She loved life and people, and she especially loved to entertain. If you were ever invited to her home, you saw her in her element—joyfully welcoming and feeding everyone.

Trish was a fighter. She battled not only for her own health, but also for her family, friends, and most of all, for her faith in Jesus. She helped many people overcome life's obstacles and never hesitated to stand by your side, especially in spiritual battles.

She had a big heart. She knew how to forgive, even when it wasn't easy. She loved deeply through some of the most difficult times in her life. I witnessed her struggle, but through persistent prayer and trust in the Lord, she found the peace that comes from letting go.

She was funny—her laughter was infectious, and she could make you laugh even when you didn't feel like it. She'd tell silly jokes or embrace you until you couldn't help but smile.

She had a special nickname for everyone—calling Jean “Jean McQueen” or me “Damaris the Princess.” She always saw the best in each of us, even assigning us titles in her phone.

She found delight in the smallest things, like discovering there were three Burke sisters at St. Ann. Trish would claim that she was related to the infamous Irish pirate Grace O'Malley; and then there were Maureen O’Connell and Jean Copper, whose maiden name is Burke.

Trish's life was simple, challenging, and beautiful. She filled our days with laughter and our hearts with love. Though she’s gone, her spirit lingers—gentle as a whisper, bright as a sunrise—reminding us to cherish every moment, to find joy in the small things, and to love with the fearless, boundless heart she showed us all. So let us remember Trish not with tears, but with smiles— for she would have it no other way. Her warmth, her wit, her loving spirit are woven into the fabric of our lives. And as we laugh, love, and gather together, her song continues—soft, steady, and forever.



Upcoming Events!

December 12, 2026

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Join us for fellowship, fun, food, raffles, gift baskets, games and music.

*We are sharing proceeds with a family who has had financial hardships this year.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR PARTICIPATING AND JOINING US.

All prayer groups, friends and family welcome from all around the Diocese of Raleigh to enjoy delicious food and fellowship.

LOCATION:

St. Andrew the Apostle Fellowship Hall,
3008 Old Raleigh Road, Apex, 27502

TIME: 6:00-9:00ish pm.

*Registration link coming soon!

December 18th 2026:

Cary Christmas Lights Meet up Get-Together

All are welcome: bring the kids, friends and family or just yourself!

We'll be strolling along Downtown Cary enjoying the Christmas lights and decorations. Sip some hot chocolate and goodies from food trucks and vendors as you take in the sights and sounds of the season.

Time: 7:00PM-8:30 PM

Location: meetup at Downtown Cary Park Water Fountain

Please let us know if you're able to confirm your attendance by December 16th. We hope you join us!

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