



# Community News

## This Sunday's Counsel

### THEME:

We have hope for eternal life as we endure our sufferings for Christ.

### PROMISE:

*"The Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." (2 Thes 3:3)*

### WORD:

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/ Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/ 2 Thes 2:16-3:5/ Lk 20:27-38

### ORDER:

- *Direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ. (2 Thes 3:5)*

### DIRECTIONS:

- Find joy in our sufferings for the glory of God.
- Find strength through prayers, receiving the Holy Eucharist and meditation of the Holy Scriptures.
- Be inspired by the lives of the Saints.

## Suffering As A Blessing

### REFLECTION:

Suffering- all of us will experience it in any way. At one point in our life we will face suffering and pain like problem with family, challenging health, difficulty at work, unemployment, the loss of a loved one, and others,



We need to welcome suffering. Colossians 1:24 says, *"Now I rejoice in my suffering for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body which is the church."* God wants us to participate in the work he does. *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."* This is part of our journey towards Him.

When you suffer, you increase your dependence on God and He wants us to be totally dependent in him, to hold on to him and remain connected to him through prayer and service. You can see suffering as a blessing, as an indication that you are transformed, a changed of heart and

changing your priorities. Take off whatever baggage you are carrying, whatever is bothering you, *"give your burdens to the Lord. He will carry them,"* says Psalm 55:2.

There is no maturity, there is no growth until you go through the trials and sufferings, some discomforts, some challenges, you really have to rely on God, the guidance of the holy spirit.

We need to embrace suffering, endure them, persevere in them. Our suffering is nothing compared to what Jesus has gone through, Jesus dying on the cross. We just focus our eyes on Jesus who showed us the real meaning of suffering, just so we could be given a new life, so that he could redeem us, to always believe that there is hope in eternal life. Suffering teaches us about God, about ourselves and about our relationship with HIM. God who bring light out of darkness must shine in our hearts.

### Tending the Flock

## God Of The Living

The Savior also demonstrated the great ignorance of the Sadducees by bringing forward their own leader Moses, who was clearly acquainted with the resurrection of the dead. He set God before us saying in the bush, *"I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob"* (Exodus 3:6). Of whom is he God, if, according to their argument, these have ceased to live? He is the God of the living. They certainly will rise when his almighty right hand brings them and all that are on the earth there. For people not to believe that this will happen is worthy perhaps of the ignorance of the Sadducees, but it is altogether unworthy of those who love Christ. We believe in him who says, *"I am the resurrection and the life"* (John 11:25). He will raise the dead suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, and at the last trumpet. It shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise incorruptible, and we shall be changed (1 Corinthians 15:52). For Christ our common Savior will transfer us into incorruption, glory and to an incorruptible life.

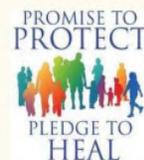
~ Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD)  
Commentary On Luke, Homily 136



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*"Protecting God's Children"*

VIRTUS TRAINING PROGRAM



November 12, 2022 from 10am - 1pm  
St. Monica Church, 679 W Veterans Way, Jackson, NJ  
Facilitator: Bing Fric (BLD Newark)

Please use following link to register and create an account for first time registrants:  
<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm>

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### The Lord's Provision

**October 28, 2022**

Tithe : \$ 495.00  
 Love Offer : \$ 251.00

*Thank you for your generosity!!!*

### God's Blessings

#### Birthday

Kristella Delacruz	11/4	Jaime Pascua	11/5
Drew Allen	11/5	Alfred Panganiban	11/6
Butch Chioco	11/5	Cora Velez	11/6
Abbot Del Pilar	11/5	Kitti T. Young	11/6
Jennie Dela Pena	11/8		

#### Anniversary

Francis & Bernadette Sunga	11/4
Tottie & Beth Felibrico	11/5
Totie & Nilda Araga	11/5
Jun & Rica Torralba	11/6
Bill & Luz Bunoan	11/10

### Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407  
 For Prayer Service - Bert & Cora Velez 732-688-1541

### BLD TRENTON MARK 10 & JOHN 6

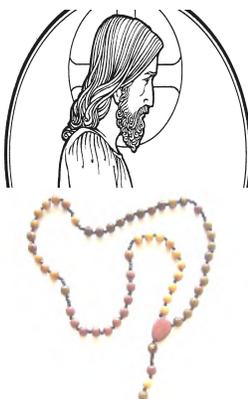
COME AND JOIN US!

EVERY FRIDAY  
 8:30PM - 10:30 PM  
 ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT CHURCH  
 3740 LAKEWOOD-ALLENWOOD RD  
 HOWELL TOWNSHIP, NJ 07931

WHY PRAY WITH US?

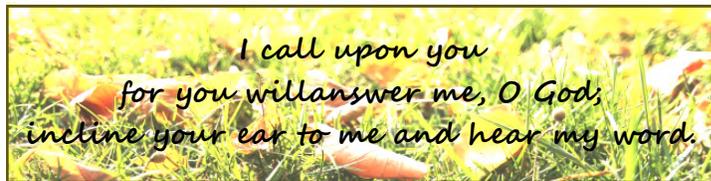
- FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY.
- WE WILL LEARN TO MAKE ROSARIES
- WE WILL SING TOGETHER MARIAN SONGS
- WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND WE WILL PLAY AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

PLEASE CONTACT YVONNETTE QUIARO, DAVID/LIBERTY BALSICAO, ANNE/DINALISA PADRON



Send your prayer requests to:

<https://www.bldtrenton.com/intercessory>



*I call upon you  
 for you will answer me, O God,  
 incline your ear to me and hear my word.*

### God's Gaze



Brothers, sisters, let us remember this: the gaze of God never stops at our past, full of errors, but looks with infinite confidence at what we can become. And if at times we feel we are people who are "short in stature", not up to the challenges of life and far less of the Gospel, mired in problems and sins, Jesus always looks at us with love... Let us pray to Mary, whose humility the Lord looked upon, and ask her for the gift of a new outlook on ourselves and on others.

~ Pope Francis

### Our Source Of Hope

Our Theme for the first week of November states – We have hope for eternal life as we endure our sufferings for Christ. Hope gives energy to life because it allows us to bear and see a better future beyond our dire present situation. We all experience loneliness, weakness, lack of drive to pursue our work, our plans and we sometimes succumb to helplessness and despair due to health, financial, emotional challenges and other life struggles that come our way.

The 1st Reading presents to us a dark moment in the history of Israel. They were under persecution but they continued to persevere in their faith in the Lord and their belief in resurrection. They would rather suffer and die than follow an order that is contrary to their belief. They trusted God who is the source of everything including their own lives. They hoped in God's promise that they would live forever. What an awesome faith and hope in God's providence and power!

God is the source of hope of salvation. It is through a life of prayer, a life obedient to the Lord's commands, always drawing inspiration from His word that we can gain hope, because only God can give hope. A few days ago, we commemorated All Saints Day. Let us be inspired by the lives of the Saints who suffered hardships in life and persecution, but remained faithful to God. They now reap true resurrection in Christ and eternal life. We also continue to pray for our dearly departed that they too will experience the life promised by our Lord in His kingdom, as written in Psalm 17 "Lord, when your glory appears, may their joy be full."

Adapted from [www.bldworld.org](http://www.bldworld.org)

### A Christian Prayer for Peace in Our Time

O God, author and giver of peace,  
 in whose image and likeness each of us has been created with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth and destined for eternal glory,  
 Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile earth, from our human family torn by violent conflict:

Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God, that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us and as we have experienced in these days, is a peace which the world cannot give.

To world leaders, grant the wisdom to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation to that common humanity that makes us all your children and brothers and sisters to one another.

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge or even in the cause of justice, grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue and constructive collaboration.

To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror, especially the frightened children, be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.

And to those who have already lost their lives as victims of human cruelty and chemical warfare, open wide your arms and enfold them all in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Mary, Mother of all and Queen of peace, pray for us.

Our Father...  
 3 Hail Marys...  
 Glory be... AMEN.