



BLD Trenton



# Community News

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## This Sunday's Counsel

### THEME:

We are renewed in mind and heart when we seek God and discern His will for our life.

### PROMISE:

*"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."* (Mt 16: 25b)

### WORD:

Jer 20: 7-9/ Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Rom 12: 1-2/ Mt 16: 21-27

### ORDER:

- *Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.* (Rom 12: 2)
- *Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.* (Mt 16: 24)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Seek God by studying His Word, by praying and following the teachings of His church and community.
- Put God above all else.
- Faithfully attend our Praise and Worship and participate in our mission and community work.

## Investing For Eternal Life

### REFLECTION:

As summer winds down to a close, we experience a bit of nostalgia, some sadness over the passage of time, that another year has gone by. With fond memories, we deeply sigh of the inevitability of time passage. We prepare ourselves emotionally, to let go and move on to the next season. That's life as we know it.

In His infinite wisdom and love for us, the Lord picked this time to remind us to reflect on what matters most in our earthly journey. With so many distractions around us He knows how difficult our walk can be. This Sunday's readings are helping us get back on track to what can be a perilous trip as we move on with life as His followers.

How we try to remain focus on our goal runs contrary to the solutions that the modern world presents. We come across thru social media self-help articles on how to balance life's moments, how to achieve peace and stress-free lives, longevity, how to reach the maximum potential in financial matters, how to retire comfortably. The readings indicate the joys of following Jesus but there is also a heavy cost before we can obtain the



eternal reward. It means giving up a lot of things here on earth so that we may know and fully focus on doing what the Lord wants us to do. And which would guarantee us a ticket to heaven. Following the Lord is no easy walk.

The first reading from Jeremiah 20 shows the initial struggles of the prophet in fulfilling God's wishes. But there is that irresistible pull towards God that cannot be avoided either. *"But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones;*

*I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it."* In the end, Jeremiah made the commitment to follow God knowing full well the hardships that come along with it. When one discovers the fulfilling joy of loving God, the sufferings that come with it will not deter us from going to Him. For what is the flip side? We know that when we turn away from God, we are faced with darkness, unhappiness, and guilt. Therefore, we are willing to go thru many sacrifices for the Lord so that we can gain our heavenly reward – sharing His glory in heaven.

When the psalmist cries *"for you my flesh pines, and my soul thirsts like the earth,*

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## Do It Again

Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, 'Do it again'; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again' to the moon.

~ G.K. Chesterton



Join our Fun in the Sand fundraising to support GK Medical Mission.

When : Saturday September 9, 2023

Time : 11:30 am - 3 pm

Where : Skateplex Park at Seven President's Park , Long Branch NJ

Contact Persons : Mike Zarraga -- 732 558 2935

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Malou & Eugene Yosuco - 732 500 5161

Mission Apostolate

"A generous person will prosper ; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. " ( Prov 11:25)



**BLD TRENTON  
JOHN 6 CROSSING**

Registration is Open  
for Children ages  
11 -15 years old

Date: September 29th - October 1st, 2023  
Place: Saint John Paul II Youth Retreat Center  
499 Belgrove Dr. Kearny, NJ 07032  
Registration Fee: \$150.00 per person.  
(Fee includes meals for the entire weekend.)

For inquiries and slot reservations, please contact  
David/Liberty Baliscao or Arnold/ Malou Paderon  
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### Online Giving

You can now send your tithes and love offerings via **Paypal**.  
Donate link can be found at  
[www.bldtrenton.com](http://www.bldtrenton.com)

Or mail check to:  
BLD Trenton Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1367  
Toms River, NJ 08754

### The Lord's Provision

**August 25, 2023**

Tithe :\$505.00

Love Offering :\$271.00

**Thank you for your generosity!!!**

### God's Blessings

#### Birthday

Kyle Robinson	9/1	Sherry Arabit	9/5
Totie Araga	9/2	Butch Chioco	9/5
Roy Rubiato	9/3	Sette Lemon	9/6
Janella Llave	9/4	Nestor Conde	9/7

#### Anniversary

Roy & Chinky Rubiato	9/3
Jay & Cathy Talag	9/4

### Last Week's Prophecies

- *My child, remember My covenant relationship with you that I am your one and only God, and that you will always be My people.*
- *If you have a strong faith, you may want to serve the church in some way. This is serving God which will lead to a special closeness to Jesus.*
- *I am pleased when you call me your God and Savior, when you go to Sunday mass and some of you even go to daily mass. I will be most pleased when you follow my commandments.*



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

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407  
For Prayer Service - Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

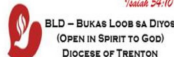
*My lips shall glorify you, O Lord my God, lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.*

### Solo Parent Encounter Weekend



*"Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, My love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord, who has mercy on you"*

*Isaiah 54:10*



Mature Singles  
Unmarried Guardians  
Separated Divorced  
Married to physically Handicapped Spouse  
Widows & Widowers

**ARE ALL WELCOME!**



SOLO PARENT ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

November 11 & 12, 2023 at 7am  
St Veronica Church  
4219 US 9 Howell Township, NJ 07731

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Evelyn Balondo 646.3463989



Bukas Loob Sa Diyos  
Diocese of Trenton  
*invites you to*

### "Life In The Spirit Seminar"

October 27-29, 2023  
St. Veronica Church, Howell New Jersey

FREE REGISTRATION

For all inquiries and registration,  
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*parched, lifeless, and without water*", it evokes the desires of one's heart for the presence of the Lord in his life. Nothing else on this earth satisfies our longing for Him, the same situation Jeremiah faced when he resolved to turn to the Lord.

How does one achieve a deep relationship with our Savior the way the psalmist and Jeremiah have? The 2nd reading advises us: *"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."*

To discern the will of God, that which is good and pleasing and perfect, means aspiring for spiritual matters over earthly things. The Lord knows that while we continue to exist on earth, we will get distracted from our heavenly goal. When we spend more of our time pursuing our personal

agenda, we will find ourselves slacking in prayer time. And prayer, both personal and communal, is an essential means to connect with the Lord and become grounded in His true reality. Without prayer and worship, we can never discover what the Lord wants of us. It won't be His voice that we hear. It will be our own voice, with our own wants and desires, that we listen to. On the other hand, when our mind is not renewed, we can memorize prayers, do devotions endlessly, go to mass daily but not fully understanding what it really means of Him being the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Being a disciple of Jesus entails hardship. Now as we grow older, we become conscious of the quality of our lives. In the financial field, people talk of putting the maximum contribution to reach a goal of comfortable living. The sobering words of Jesus in the Gospel challenge us to think not what

we prefer, but what God wants. Jesus stresses self-denial while following Him. We let go of our human ambitions and accept suffering and rejections when faced with conflict. Pride does not occupy our hearts when we try to carry out His will. We are willing to forgive those who wronged us even when to many people it meant being weak and foolish. We value our time spent on earth only in the context of doing what pleases the Lord. Despite the challenges of being His disciple, we move ahead to complete our mission with renewed determination and perseverance. We are able to persevere for we know we will be rewarded eternally according to our conduct here on earth. So what kind of investment are you willing to give up now to gain a foothold in heaven? Think about the consequence of your choices now. Are you willing to follow Him all the way to the end?

