



# Community News

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## This Sunday's Counsel

### THEME:

We are redeemed towards a new life when we rejoice in Christ's resurrection.

### PROMISE:

*"When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory."* (Col 3:4)

### WORD:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/  
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9

### ORDERS:

- *My will be done.* (Lk 22:42)
- *Pray that you may not undergo the test.* (Lk 22:40)
- *Let the greatest among you be as the youngest and the leader as the servant.* (Lk 22:26)



## A New Beginning

### REFLECTION:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! This is a joyful declaration by all of us Christians, believers and followers of Jesus, as we celebrate this glorious Easter, a day that the Lord has made.

The resurrection of Jesus has become our inspiration to start a renewed faith journey to a life that is totally renewed and transformed in Christ. It is a life filled with new hope. It is a new beginning manifested by the joy, peace and love of Jesus in our lives. As we rejoice in His resurrection, our life should radiate the Risen Lord to others and witness to His goodness and love throughout the earth.

With an overwhelming grief that her Master died a horrible death on the cross, Mary of Magdala was deeply distraught to discover that Jesus' body was no longer in the tomb. *"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him,"* (Jn 20:2b). For even just seeing His body once again to anoint Him with oil would bring consolation to her heart. Jesus was her Master having received from Him grace, mercy and forgiveness, and she loved Him. Later, it



was she who first saw the resurrected Jesus and she became the first person to witness that Jesus rose from the dead. She announced to the disciples, *"I have seen the Lord,"* (Jn 20:18). John's experience was different. Even with just seeing the empty tomb and the burial cloths, he was able to recall what the Lord told them about His death and resurrection. *"He saw and believed,"* (Jn 20:8b).

Jesus is no longer with the dead, but with the living. The empty tomb is

a sign of His resurrection - Jesus has conquered death. As His followers, we are to believe in His resurrection, casting away the "false news" and deception fabricated by the elders that the disciples stole his body (cf Mt 28:11-15). St. Paul exhorts us in his letter to the Colossians, *"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God,"* (Col 3:1). The disciples who were witnesses to that early morning glorious phenomenon proclaimed the Good News about Jesus Christ. In Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Peter boldly spoke about Jesus: *"We are witnesses of all he did,"* that, *"This man God raised on the third day..."*

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## Torch Of Hope

Dear brothers and sisters, we are going through hard times, but the approaching Easter is a reminder that death does not have the last word. Together with our most fragile brothers and sisters, let us keep the torch of hope burning!... Proximity, compassion, tenderness. With these three traits we see the face of God, the heart of God, the style of God. I bless you from my heart. May Our Lady protect you, for she is Mother and understands these things: she is better than we are!

*~ Pope Francis*

## Last Week's Prophecies

- *My children, obedience to My will gives peace, peace the world cannot give. Seek Me and not the pleasures of the earth. I will dwell in you and My peace that's divine has joy in it.*
- *The glory of My kingdom awaits you, My child. Believe, believe in My promise.*
- *Love, humility, and obedience. These are the virtues which all My disciples must possess.*
- *My child, face your trials and tribulation with faith and when you feel that you are about to give up, trust that I will be by your side to give you comfort.*

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**April 2, 2022**

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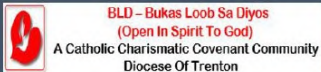
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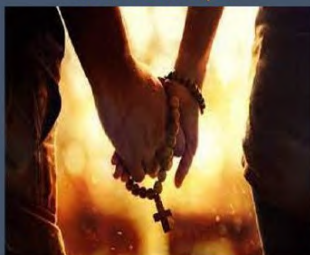
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Tony Riggio	4/16	Isabel Briones	4/20
Forting Yambao	4/17	Cathy Talag	4/21
Malen Juarez	4/18	Marie Guanzon	4/21

### Anniversary

Mike & Cher Chua	4/15
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Alfred & Aissa Panganiban	4/15



*What is God's plan in our married life?*



*An Invitation to a*  
**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Ave Maria Retreat House  
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA 18901

**May 20-22, 2022**

Registration starts at 8pm Friday

Deadline of Application: May 1, 2022

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*This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad!*

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The disciples became witnesses through their changed lives. Their preaching and teaching were backed by their conversion and their faith.

As Easter people, we are invited to stand firm with Jesus and defend Him. Our world is full of confusion, lies, deception, manipulation and injustice, filled with anger, self-gratification and other negativities, polluting the minds of God's people. We are called to witness to the Risen Christ, to live a life of hope, commitment and fidelity to God and service to our neighbors. Let us do

our share in making the resurrection of Jesus a victory in the lives of His people, especially the oppressed, less informed and marginalized brethren.

As people redeemed by the blood of Christ and raised with Him in His resurrection, let us persevere in our renewed life and "think of what is above, not what is on earth," (Col 3:2). For with Christ who is seated at the right hand of God, we will merit this promise: "When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory," (Col 3:1-4).

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**CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE**  
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 • 10:30 AM**

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## True Confession Of A Servant

It's true. When it comes to times of worship, I am a scofflaw and contemptuous of transformation. I cherish my creature comforts and promise myself to remain a receiver forever. The only time I actually perform duties is after each grace service and insouciance of my service leading. This has gone on for as long as I can remember, and the Lord was very patient. Long before the teaching started and teachings before this particular day, April 3, as our spiritual director opened the topic "Washing of the Feet," my directions steered to a clearer view.

Recently, however, I've been able to regularly do what is pleasing to me on a much less fraught path. If anything, my actions tend to elicit either smiles or apologies. Yes, apologies. And while I appreciate new lessons, infrastructure, emotional and physical obstacles take over again and tear it all out again. But this time I'm saying "NO." I'm more than prepared to continue undaunted. Somehow, I know that inside there is something the Lord has stored for me.

My new focus then becomes as clear as the horizon when the word "beholding" is mentioned several times at the beginning of his talk. It follows then that my heart is engaged. My affections are stirred as I admire what we perceive to be Christ like a Master Servant. He explained so intently, "To truly serve is to accept help or to be served" and closed his talk by saying, "The key to servanthood is to be human."

That evening, as I allowed others to wash my feet, I learned that my very strength comes from accepting the service of others. The Lord is nourishing me how to trust the ministry assigned to each one and how to listen for messages spoken through the blessed. We are to emulate Him, serving one another in lowliness of heart and mind, seeking to build one another up in true humility and love.