

THIS SUNDAY'S COUNSEL

Sixth Sunday of Easter

THEME:

We are shepherds in the likeness of Jesus when we keep His word and share His peace to all

PROMISE:

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn 14:26)

WORD:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

ORDER:

1. "Keep my Word." Jn 14:23
2. "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)
3. "...rejoice that I am going to the Father." (John 14:28)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Reflect and meditate on the Scriptures, so we can live our lives according to His Word.
2. Invoke the help of the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us in all we do.
3. Seek peace and solace through the Eucharistic Adoration.
4. Let joy reign as you live a life in the Spirit.

PSALM:

convey a poignant message about bidding farewell to a beloved person with a sense of deep sadness and the realization that a significant chapter in their relationship is ending. Even though the parting may be necessary; it speaks of the pain of separation while acknowledging the in/e/vita/bility of moving on. This might have been the bittersweet emotion that Jesus felt towards His apostles, but at the same time, the Gospel brought a message of hope at Jesus' invitation, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (John 14:23) Jesus is telling His beloved disciples that if they love Him, and keep his word, then Jesus will come back to them and live with them in the person of the Holy Spirit. This is the same promise that He is making with us today. Jesus will always be in our hearts. And when we have Jesus, we have peace unlike anything the world can give us. Jesus, follows up his invitation by reassuring us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (John 14:27). The Last Supper was essentially Jesus' last will and testament. His promise to us tonight is the same promise He gave to his apostles. Every experience, every teaching, every encounter, every miracle that they have witnessed in the past 3 years with Jesus will come alive as the Holy Spirit dwells in them. Jesus does not promise them a conflict-free, pain-free, or problem-free lives, but He did promise them inner peace.

So let us now delve into what "Peace I Leave with You, My Peace I Give to You" mean. Keep in mind that Jesus spoke these words knowing that his disciples would suffer a great deal. He warned them that they would be beaten, arrested, and otherwise persecuted everywhere they went. Not very reassuring, is it? And yet paradoxically, despite these trials that were yet to come, he promised them great peace.

For many people, peace can mean the absence of conflict or trouble. While this is a definition of peace, that is not what Jesus was talking about. The peace that He offers us is a state of rest, quiet, and stillness in our hearts. It is not the absence of trouble, but it exists in spite of trouble.

This peace pushes through all the disturbing circumstances that life can throw at us. It gives us the ability to endure and be calm even in the face of extreme turmoil. This peace doesn't eliminate conflict or trouble, but gives us the ability to endure through it. Consider it an inner confidence that we know God will come through in any situation. It removes fear and worries and replaces it with tranquility and harmony that comes from trusting in God's grace and power. It is the result of a right relationships with God, others, and creation.

During Mass, the priest tells us "Peace be with you" Hebrew, the word is Shalom which means wholeness with God that is made possible through Jesus. permanent, guaranteed, and eternal.

How do we then obtain this inner peace? First, we Word. Status and wealth may be beneficial, but to spiritual havoc. The soul's primary need is view objects and persons in reference to God. instead cling to His Word. Secondly, we must God. In every circumstance, in every trial of life, we and like Mary, "Be it done unto me according to completely and whole heartedly, will remain in understand God's will.

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Community News



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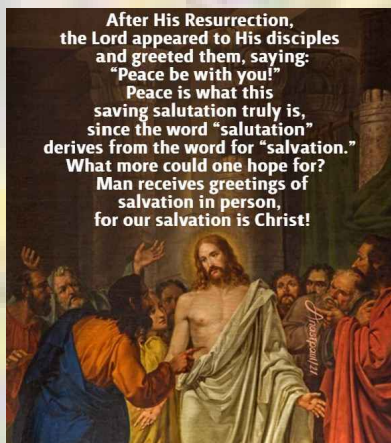
"And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love,
but the greatest of these is LOVE" 1 Corinthians 13:13



"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU"

Tonight's Theme is: We are shepherds in the likeness of Jesus when we keep His word and share His peace to all, is all about possessing inner peace and being at peace with others. Meanwhile, tonight's Promise: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" is Jesus' promise to us of inner peace through the Holy Spirit. As I portray the imagery of the Gospel, I will first describe the backdrop, the emotions that Jesus and His apostles may have felt and finally the message that it imparts. The Gospel is part of Jesus' Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper. It is His parting words to His closest friends of 3 years. Jesus is aware of the events that are about to transpire while the apostles are clueless. From Jesus' standpoint the mood can be best describe by the song, "Time to say Goodbye", sang as a duet by Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman. The lyrics

O God, let all the nations praise you!



After His Resurrection,
the Lord appeared to His disciples
and greeted them, saying:
"Peace be with you!"
Peace is what this
saving salutation truly is,
since the word "salutation"
derives from the word for "salvation."
What more could one hope for?
Man receives greetings of
salvation in person,
for our salvation is Christ!

and we respond "and also with you". In in all of life. It is a spiritual reconciliation It transcends understanding; a peace that is

must be attached only to God and to His be overly concerned about them causes inner communication with our Creator. We need to We need to be "dead" to the world, and conform our will perfectly to the will of must say like Jesus Christ "Thy will be done," thy word." He who embraces God's will perfect peace, even though he may not

The Lord's Provision

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God's Blessings Annivesary Birthday

"So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together, let no
one separate." Matthew 19:6

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you"
Jeremiah 1:5

Jojo & Marlene Legaspi May 24
Bob & Lalaine Academia May 25
Jojo & Ino Dominguez May 25
Gene & Leleng Del Carmen May 29
Rizal & Linda Mijares May 29

Teresita "Terri" Albano May 23
Andre Apostol May 24
Sylvia Duma May 24
Mike Nieveras May 24
Grace Gallofin May 25
Mildred Pasigna May 25
Wendell Lumapas May 26
Linda Mabutas May 27
Lolit Manuel May 27
Jay Edralin May 29
Cita Villaluz May 29

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's Visit
For Prayer Service

Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

Send Prayer Request To:

www.bldtrenton.com/intercessory

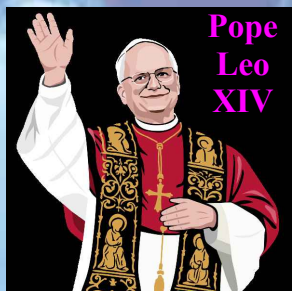
In Christ Jesus,
we welcome you all to join us every Friday

Healing Mass

1st Friday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

Praise and Worship

2nd, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Friday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

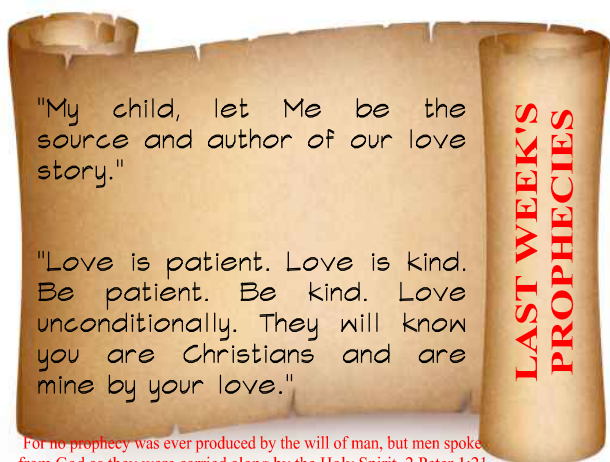


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"We are living in times that
are both difficult to navigate
and to recount. They present
a challenge for all of us but it
is one that we should not run
away from. On the contrary,
they demand that each one of
us, in our different roles and
services, never give in to
mediocrity."

HIS WORDS, YOUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

"We see this in today's Gospel, which takes us to the
Sea of Galilee, where Jesus began the mission he
received from the Father: to be a "fisher" of
humanity in order to draw it up from the waters of
evil and death. Walking along the shore, he had
called Peter and the other first disciples to be, like
him, "fishers of men." Now, after the resurrection, it is
up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their
nets again and again, to bring the hope of the
Gospel into the "waters" of the world, to sail the
seas of life so that all may experience God's
embrace."



"My child, let Me be the
source and author of our love
story."

"Love is patient. Love is kind.
Be patient. Be kind. Love
unconditionally. They will know
you are Christians and are
mine by your love."

LAST WEEK'S
PROPHECIES

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke
from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21

BLESSED MOTHER MARY MAY CROWNING



In behalf of all Mark 10 and John 6 ministry members. We would like to
remind all of you that our May crowning will be this coming Friday May 23
at St. Veronica Church, Howell, NJ.

Rosary will start at 8:00 and immediately after rosary, we will start the
crowning. We would like to ask children first then adults with flowers lined
up near the pew in the middle. May we kindly request the adults who can
bring some extra flowers for our offering. Thank you all for your love and
support to our ministry. God bless.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED!

ME 24

Grand Reunion



MAY 31, 2025 | SATURDAY | 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
St. Monica Church, Jackson NJ
Lunch will be served

SAVE THE DATE

We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISING



Your youth ministry is holding a plant
fundraiser for the month of May to support
our upcoming YE activity. We will be
bringing the plants every Friday for the
month of May. We are praying for
everyone's support. Thank you for your
support, and God bless your family.

Grateful for your generosity,
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