



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We know and follow Christ's teachings when we repent and seek reconciliation with God and others.

PROMISE:

"There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
(Lk15:10)

WORD:

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
17, 19/ 1 Tim 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32

ORDERS:

- *Go after the lost.* (Luke 15:4)
- *Rejoice.* (Luke 15:6)

DIRECTIONS:

- Persistently pray for one another.
- Do fraternal correction.
- Acknowledge our brokenness and seek forgiveness from God and one another.
- Give thanks to the Lord for his love and mercy.

He Seeks Out The Lost

REFLECTION:

In tonight's scriptural readings, there is a gamut of human emotions. There is rebelliousness, anger, jealousy, resentment, regret and, finally, repentance, love, mercy and joy.

The first reading from the Book of Exodus is about the great sin of idolatry by the Israelites. While Moses was in Mount Sinai receiving the Law from God, the people made a molten calf and worshipped it. Of course, God was very angry. But Moses pleaded with Him. *"So, the Lord relented in the punishment He had threatened to inflict on His people."* This episode clearly exhibits God's overflowing mercy for sinners, no matter how grave their sins are.

The second reading is St. Paul's humble admission of his own unworthiness: *"I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant..."* He praises God for showing kindness and mercy to him: *"Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in*



Christ Jesus." This gives him more resolve to persevere in his mission of spreading this Good News: *"I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life."*

The Gospel reading contains three parables which are about the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. They were lost but there was great rejoicing when they are found. It is important to point out that it is always God who takes the initiative of salvation. When we are lost because of sin, we are paralyzed, immobile and spiritually dead. It is not we who find God;

it is God who finds us when we are lost. We are the lost sheep, the lost coin, and in the parable of the Prodigal Son, it is the father who runs out to meet him and that is because, God puts value in the individual person. Jesus purposely mentioned only one specific sheep, one particular coin, and one prodigal son. This is to point out that in the eyes of God, each one of us is valuable. The individual person is of

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Tending the Flock

From Selfishness To Joy

Dear Friends, how is it possible not to open our hearts to the certainty that in spite of being sinners we are loved by God? He never tires of coming to meet us, he is always the first to set out on the path that separates us from him. The Book of Exodus shows us how Moses, with confident and daring pleas, succeeded, so to speak, in moving God from the throne of judgment to the throne of mercy (cf. 32: 7-11). Penitence is the measure of faith and through it one returns to the Truth. The Apostle Paul writes: *"I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief"* (1 Tm 1: 13). Returning to the parable of the son who goes 'home', we note that when the elder brother appears, indignant at the festive welcome given to his brother, it is again the father who reaches out to him and begs him: *"Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours"* (Lk 15: 31). Only the faith can transform selfishness into joy and renew true relationships with our neighbor and with God. *"It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found"* (Lk 15: 32).

~ Pope Benedict XVI

Angelus Message, September 12, 2010

Fun in the Sand

Sat Sept 10, 2022
Skate Plex Center at Seven President's Park
in Long Branch NJ

There will be a 5K Run/Walk/Crawl Event followed by a Zumba Class

Fellowship after with Iteza Line Dancing, Deejay Music, Games and of course... food! food! food!

Registration for the 5K Event starts at 8am

So come join us and support this Fun Event to help raise funds for the GK Village in Mauban, Quezon

*Your voluntary donation for this worthy cause is most appreciated (GK suggested)

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The Lord's Provision

September 2, 2022

Tithe : \$ 580.00
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Thank you for your generosity!!!

God's Blessings

Birthday

Aaron Cruz	9/9	Mike Salada	9/12
Sam dela Pena	9/10	Kathy Iglesias	9/13
Manny Palacios	9/10	Elena Madarang	9/13
Jean DeJean	9/11	Pearl Labitoria	9/13
Baby Inid	9/11	Derek Dela Cruz	9/15
Sam Dela Pena		9/10	

*A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.*

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

Last Week's Prophecies



• *My child, always serve with humility and love for these are the seeds of charity.*

• *I was mocked. I was scourged. I was humiliated, nailed, and died on the cross for love of*

you. I humbled Myself before the Father. I expect you to do nothing else, My beloved disciples.

• *I lived a life of love. I lived a life of mercy. Now do the same!*

• *Pride, arrogance, self centeredness block the graces I so much want to bestow on you. Fix your eyes on Me. Be meek and gentle of heart, My children.*

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Life in the Spirit Seminar

An invitation... to enter more fully into God's Unconditional Love, to Deepen your awareness of and Relationship with Jesus Christ and to allow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to Reform, Renew and Enrich your life and your walk with the Lord...

"God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16)

Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend

NOVEMBER 4 – 6, 2022

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BLD TRENTON MARK 10 & JOHN 6

COME AND JOIN US!

EVERY FRIDAY
8:30PM – 10:30 PM
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT CHURCH
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HOWELL TOWNSHIP, NJ 07931

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE WILL REFLECT ON THE LIFE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY

- WE WILL LEARN TO MAKE ROSARIES
- WE WILL LEARN AND SING TOGETHER MARIAN SONGS
- WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND WE WILL PLAY AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

RS3 CONTACT: YOFI/FRITTE, SHARPE, DAVID/LIBERTY, SALICIAN, ANSOLO/MALOU, PADERON

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equal value to the whole. This is shown in the fact that the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine out in the field and looks for the one lost sheep. As I mentioned before, God loves each one of us, not as a member of a group, but as a unique, individual person, created in His image and likeness. Every human person is precious in the eyes of God.

Notice that in the Gospel, there is an overwhelming contrast between the outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners who approaches Jesus, eager to hear what he has to say. On the other hand, the Pharisees and scribes, are suspicious of Jesus. They complain about him associating with sinners. So, Jesus told them about the three parables. Again, let me summarize to point out the importance of God's message, first, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it,

the shepherd rejoices. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous Pharisees and scribes, who were righteous to the point of spiritual arrogance.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally, we come to the parable, the story of The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. The younger rebellious son desires financial independence and even though his father has not yet died, he demands his portion of his inheritance. Even though he squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his

return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. However; his dutiful actions were not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinners alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?