



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We are redeemed towards a new life when we acknowledge our sins and repent.

PROMISE:

"Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing." (Ps 126:5)

WORD:

Is 43:16-21/ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/ Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8: 1-11

ORDERS:

- *Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.* (Jn 8:11b)
- *Know him and the power of his resurrection.* (Phil 3:10)
- *Gain Christ and be found in him.* (Phil 2:8b)

DIRECTIONS:

- Forget what lies behind but strain forward to what lies ahead.
- Forget our past transgressions, amend our life and focus on holiness.
- Study, pray and meditate on the Word of God.

Breaking The Power Of Sin

REFLECTION:

By the time we are conceived and born we are already sinners. We inherited the original sin as written in the bible.

Through our baptism with trinitarian invocation, baptism washes away our original sin and purifies our

soul. Once purified, the Spirit of God dwells in us and it empowers us for a Christian life and service.

When we come to believe in Jesus as our Lord and savior, our lives become united to Christ's life. We renounce our service to sin and give our loyalty and service to Christ.

Living a Christian centered life is not always easy or glamorous. At times it can be downright dirty and painful as the curse of sin rears its ugly head and can cause a whole lot of problems for us and our loved ones. We will experience pain and suffering. During these trying moments, we need to be strong and confident in our faith. Our Lord is directing us to: Forget what lies behind but strain forward to what lies ahead; Forget our past transgressions, amend our life and focus



on holiness; Study, pray and meditate in the word of God.

Brothers and sisters, I believe that all of us in our BLD community are called to be servants and witnesses of our Lord's love and mercies. The Lord has planted a mustard seed in

each one of us, and thru this community He will take care and nurture that seed. In this community we will *"know him and the power of his resurrection."* (Phil. 3:10) In this community we will *"gain Christ and be found in him"* (Phil. 3:8b) In this community we will gain strength in faith and will be transformed, thus we can do what the Lord says: *"Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."* (Jn 8:11b)

Our Gospel reading this 5th Sunday of Lent is about a woman who committed adultery. The scribes and pharisees brought her to Jesus expecting Jesus to pronounce judgment for the sin she committed. Jesus told the crowd that the one without sin should throw the first stone. One by one the condemning crowd left. Then he told the woman: *"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more."*

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Long Island BLD Holds First Youth Retreat

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." (Rom 8:28)



BLD Rockville Centre Long Island, together with St. Aidan Parish has just successfully concluded their first Youth retreat on March 19, 2022. Held at the St. Aidan Parish Activity Center in Williston Park, New York, it was originally planned last March 2020 but Covid had halted all activities then. Two years later, plans were restarted and in the last week prior to the said retreat, there were no exact numbers of participants yet.

The following youth facilitators: Vanessa, Janus, Jillian and Dan from BLD Newark and BLD Trenton, sharers and the organizers, headed by Deacon Rudy, Mission

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The Lord's Provision

March 25, 2022

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Walter Cintron	4/1	DV DelValle	4/4
Allan Diaz	4/1	Mike Zarraga	4/4
Rene Odon	4/2	Ringo Odon	4/4
Elvie Atienza	4/3	Jim McCracken	4/5
Jasmin Zulueta	4/3	Agnes Monta	4/7
Margaret Tomczyk	4/7		

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For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 • 10:30 AM

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BLD Trenton

Washing of the Feet
Agony in the Garden
Retreat

Saturday - April 2, 2022
9:30am to 6:00pm

St. Dorothea's Church (Meeting Room)
240 Broad Street Eatontown, NJ 07724

Spiritual Director - Fr. Tito Ignacio

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When Jesus refused to condemn the woman, He was offering her the same kind of forgiveness He offers to every one of us. His words both extended mercy and demanded holiness. With forgiveness comes the expectation that we will not continue in the path of sin.

"We are redeemed towards a new life when we acknowledge our sins and repent." We are all sinners in so many ways, so let us all open our eyes, know our sins, repent and seek for forgiveness from our Lord. Let us all amend our sinful ways. Utilize our sacrament of penance for forgiveness of sins and purification of our soul. With forgiveness the Holy Spirit breaks the power of sin over us and transforms us to holiness.

Considering that we are all sinners, let us be mindful not to judge our brothers and sisters who commit sin. Instead share the mercy and forgiveness that Jesus gave us. Maybe

through us, they will see Jesus and they will experience the transforming power of mercy and forgiveness.

Our Lord promised us *"those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing."* (Ps.126:5) Jesus never promised this life would be easy but he promised we shall overcome if we trust in him and walk in his ways. We should remember to look ahead of our struggles and the tears we shed today will be like seeds that are planted in a field that in time through much toil and suffering will rise to a great harvest of joy and thankfulness. This helps build our faith and transforms our hearts to desire more for the Kingdom of God.

We should pray for our brothers and sisters in our BLD community that together we will overcome our daily battles. In the end because of our faith, all our wrongs will be righted, and our hope will be restored. God Bless!

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Apostolate DCS led by Gil and Anna Ocena continued to prepare for the said event. It was indeed a day that the Lord has made, since 18 youth came to the retreat. The activity ended with a mass inside the church itself where the participants walked in the aisle and read the gospel, and two facilitators sang at the end to great applause.



"Blessed are those who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk 1:45)