

This Sunday's *Counsel*

THEME:

Our life is transformed when the gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit are in us.

PROMISE:

"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth." (Ps 104:30)

WORD:

Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3B-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

ORDERS:

- "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22)

DIRECTIONS:

- Faithfully spend time in prayer and meditation of the Word.
- Regularly avail of the Sacrament of Penance and receive the Holy Eucharist.
- Be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in everything that we do.
- Use your gifts and talents to serve one another in glorifying God.
- Be a good witness by being merciful, loving and forgiving one another.



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Declaring the Mighty Works of God

REFLECTION: In our BLD community, we serve, teach, and prophesy, all to proclaim the mighty works - or acts - of God, each with his own gifts, given by the Holy Spirit for the good of all. We do this by the power of the Holy Spirit, for we can do nothing, not even say Jesus is Lord, except in the Spirit. The charism - or special gift - of the BLD community



comes from Pentecost itself. Pentecost is our foundation. The nourishing gifts given by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost - and down through the ages to us - replenish all the members of our community, and the whole world. Sometimes we are so burdened by problems that we tend to overlook the mighty acts of God. What is a mighty act of God? It is that He has given us His spirit to share! How do I share His Spirit? I do this by first devoting my time to acts of prayer and gratitude to the Lord, then by using the gifts the Spirit has given me for the good of all in the community. Jesus bestowed peace on His disciples, but until the day

of Pentecost, they were afraid, and did not know what to do. We, too, are imperfect, afraid to make mistakes. But in spite of our anxieties and doubts we - like the disciples after Pentecost - need to do our job of using the gifts given us by the Spirit, and to allow everyone in our BLD community to use their gifts as well. Our lives are transformed when the gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit are in us. We are all different with different gifts, but we are one in the Spirit.

Without comparing our gifts to the gifts of others, we ought to use our own gifts mightily, and praise and thank God for the gifts He gives our brothers and sisters. One in the Spirit, we are sent into the whole world to proclaim God's mighty works. "And when He had said this, He (Jesus) breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. With these words Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church asks us to receive this great sacrament of Confession often, for when our hearts, minds, and souls are cleansed of sin, then the Holy Spirit will

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Pentecost—Birth of the Church

"Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind. . . it filled the whole house. . . And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." On Christmas, we celebrate the birthday of Christ in His Physical Body. Today is the birthday of the Church, of all those who have been reborn into His Mystical Body. How did the first Christians prepare? They were all "in prayer" with Mary; and they were "all of one mind," under the leadership of Peter, making ready to tell "men from every nation under heaven. . . of the wonderful works of God." Yes, prayer and action are the marks of the true Christian. In the Offertory, we ask the Holy Spirit to "confirm" the graces "wrought in us" when we were baptized and confirmed. We pray also "to relish" things of the Spirit and to benefit by "His consolation" in the struggle of Church and soul against "the prince of the world."



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God's Blessings

Birthday

Chris Cabrera	6/5	Fr Tito Ignacio	6/6
Lenny Palao	6/5	Kevin Palencia	6/6
Ernie Doropan	6/5	Ronald Rebong	6/6
Ramon Cuasay	6/6	Cece Ortiz	6/9

Anniversary

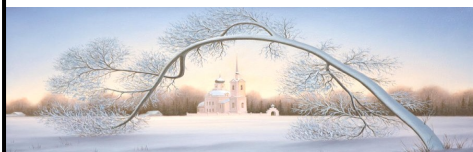
Chito & Aileen Ciocon	6/3
Jomar & Teena Janolo	6/3
Eric & Arlene Tan	6/5
Mark & Lilia Senter	6/8
Dennis & Jasmin Zulueta	6/8

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

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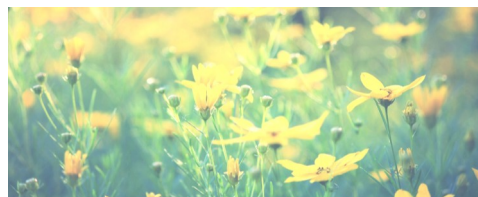
best be able to use His life-giving gifts - through us - for the good of everyone in our families, our jobs, our BLD community, and wherever God sends us, day by day. May we always seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit - the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity - in all we do, for the Holy Spirit speaks the language of peace, love, and unity, and has the power to make peace happen. May we seek His counsel in knowing how to use His gifts mightily, so that we may please God at all times and proclaim His mighty acts of love to all. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



Called to Serve

This Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the birth of the Catholic Church. Upon Jesus' Resurrection, the first gift He gave to the Church was the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and would serve as their strength, wisdom and power to propagate the word of God. Coincidentally, our BLD community was conceived on Pentecost Day twenty one years ago. From its humble beginnings of a few members, it has grown to twenty two ME classes. From within each ME class are diverse individuals of different professions, social status and interests. Our growth in the community is guided by the Holy Spirit, manifested during our Life in the Spirit Seminar. BLD Trenton is a small

Church comprised of "many parts." We are at the threshold of providing even more to the larger Church complementing our evangelization of our neighbors. We have extended our services to helping those that are underprivileged through our feeding the hungry outreach. We also provide entertainment to the lonely during special occasions. We fight for the unborn babies and participate in prayer rallies and Evangelical concerts. But there is more work to be done.



Tending the Flock

Reflecting on the Marriage Encounter Weekend (ME22)

(Husband): When my wife shared she wanted us to attend a marriage encounter, I figured it's just another staycation in place for us. Boy was I in for an awakening.

(Wife): When my husband finally agreed to do the marriage encounter, I thought it would be to my advantage as I could find an ally since BLD community is mostly Filipino couples.

God has been a huge part of our lives and marriage specially when we got involved with Filipino community. But after attending the retreat, we see just how important dialogue with God and each other truly is. Giving to Him all the glory is how we choose to live.

Meeting such a large, loving, giving BLD community and making new friends, we realized that God's spirit is within everyone. With Father Del Rosario explaining the liturgical side, our presenters giving testimony and the auxies demonstrating the spirit of God all around us, we realized how God really is the center of all we do.

Showing up after a hectic, sleepless week of work, it was a treat to be greeted by so many God loving souls in the BLD group. They were there to help in any way they could. The spirit of God is in us all and the best of people is what we found.

In ME22, we learned deeply how to make our vow mean so much more. The tips, tricks and techniques will forever save us from many unwanted attacks. Having learned more about ourselves and each other, we feel ever more prepared and confident that we have tools to see us through all of life's challenges. Thank you BLD for an amazing ME22 experience.