



BLD Trenton



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We follow Jesus as the way to the Father when we preach His gospel and make disciples in His name.

PROMISE:

"I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28: 20b)

WORD:

Acts 1: 1-11/ Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/
Eph 1: 17-23/ Mt 28: 16-20

ORDERS:

- *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.* (Mt 28: 19)

DIRECTIONS:

- Read, reflect and meditate on the Scriptures daily.
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.
- Surrender to the will of the Holy Spirit and trust in His presence as you go on missions.

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Share The Gospel Of Salvation

REFLECTION:

We celebrate the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ to commemorate the completion of His mission to fulfill God's plan. He ascended to the Father in His resurrected body so that all of us may ascend with Him in His divinity. It marks the end of Jesus' life on earth, and the beginning of our sharing the heavenly life because we are invited to follow Christ, if we believe, live and share all that took place leading up to this glorious moment.



God immediately promised His plan of salvation when original sin was committed. He handed down the laws that would direct the people to live righteously and He spoke to them through the prophets. Because this was not enough to change the erring life of the people, He then sent His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish the promised redemption. Jesus inspired

the people to follow Him through His teachings, in His miracles of healing and raising the dead, and in the ultimate act of sacrifice and offering His life to redeem mankind from sin. His resurrection is a manifestation of His divinity. His Ascension to mount His throne shows His majesty and authority over all the earth.

As Christians, we are reminded to reflect on the grace we have received, as we share in the glorious ascension of Je-

sus and answer the call to fulfill Christ's mission to preach to all about the saving plan of God. Jesus instructed his disciples: *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned,"* (Mk 16:15-16).

Jesus established the Church where He gathers all His disciples and followers to continue the work He has started, with His

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Message From Our Cluster Shepherds

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our heartfelt gratitude first of all to our Almighty God for the success of The Madrigal Singers Concert. We could boldly say that the hands of God are upon us as we prepared for this major fund raising activity.

The show was amazing and it showcased the magnificent musical talent of our people. We are blown away by the work and effort each of you has put into this project and we were so touched by everyone's dedication. It was such a joy to see all of you working



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An Invitation

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
JUNE 9 - 11, 2023

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

Free Registration
Meals and Accommodation To be Provided

For all inquiries:
German/Letty Butay (732) 887-5298 or lbutay@yahoo.com
Nestor/Cecille Vasquez (908) 578-9138 | Toy/Malen Juarez (609) 954-2300

Online Giving

You can now send your tithes and love offerings via **Paypal**. Donate link can be found at www.bldtrenton.com

Or mail check to:
BLD Trenton Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1367
Toms River, NJ 08754

The Lord's Provision

May 12, 2023

Tithe :\$775.00
Love Offering :\$247.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!

God's Blessings

Birthday

Mike Belonia	5/19	Dennis Zulueta	5/21
Charlie Dingerdisen	5/20	Dominga Gant	5/22
Annielette Manuel	5/21	Andre Apostol	5/24
Nicole Touchette	5/21	Mike Nieveras	5/24
Grace Gallofin	5/25		

Anniversary

Boylly & Raquel Arriola	5/20
Jeric & Weddy Balmaceda	5/22
Jojo & Marlene Legaspi	5/24
Bob & Lalaine Academia	5/25
Jojo & Ino Dominguez	5/25

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

*I sing hymns of praise to you, my God,
the most high, the awesome,
the great king of all the earth.*

Last Week's Prophecies

- I gave you 10 commandments. They're not for you to pick and choose what is convenient for you. Be obedient and humble. Follow all of them to the best of your ability and always with My grace.*



- My children, I have given you feet to walk with Me; I have given you hands, work with Me; I have given you ears, listen to Me; and I have given you hearts, love with Me.*
- My child, in your journey to heaven, the visa for entrance is to obey Me, to believe in Me, and to have faith in Me.*
- My child, I know that you are bothered. You are slipping away from my hold. You are bothered with what's going on around in the world. Confess your sins. The Holy Spirit is in you. He will guide you. He will support you. Call on Me.*
- Be still...I am still your God. Look deeply in your heart and you will find love.*

The Mission

Like the first disciples, do not neglect to nourish your life and your apostolate with the Word of God, the Eucharist and prayer. For the mission, like communion, is first and foremost a mystery of Grace. It is not our work, but God's; we do it not alone, but moved by the Spirit and docile to his action. Mission and communion spring from prayer, are shaped day by day by listening to the Word of God - listening in prayer - and have as their ultimate goal the salvation of the brothers and sisters the Lord entrusts to us. Without these foundations, they become empty and end up being reduced to a mere sociological or welfare dimension. And the Church is not interested in providing welfare... helping, yes, but first of all, evangelizing, bearing witness: if you give assistance, let it come from witnessing, not from proselytizing methods.

~ Pope Francis

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together giving the true meaning of a Christian community.

As we join hands together, let us move forward so that BLD Trenton may continue to flourish as we pursue our mission to bring Christ to everyone.

May God bless us all,
Art and Agnes Monta

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apostles as the early leaders. We belong to this Church to learn everything that Jesus taught and performed while He was still on earth. As members of the Church we are called and given the task to participate in the apostolic mission to be "fishers of men," to share the gospel of salvation and draw them to experience the love and new life offered by God. We may face challenges in this endeavor but the Holy Spirit whom God sent as our Advocate will anoint us with wisdom and strength that will help us continue these mission works. In Acts 1:8, "you will receive

power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and to the ends of the earth." Furthermore, Jesus promised us, "I am with you always; until the end of age," (Mt 28:20). He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Our active participation in the community enables us to be faithful followers of Jesus as He commanded us to pursue the work He started. The formation we go through aids in

transforming us from our worldly life to a spiritually-nourished life which is an essential witnessing to inspire people to follow Jesus. The discipleship we accepted has enlivened us to serve in the community and share our time, talent and treasures. Responding to mission and evangelization works make us experience true joy and fulfillment in serving the Lord, through the people entrusted for us to minister. The grace of the Ascension will surely encourage all of us to embrace the command of Jesus to follow Him and be His witnesses.

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