

## This Sunday's Counsel

### THEME:

We respond to live according to God's Holy Will by using His gifts to flourish His kingdom.

### PROMISE:

*"The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* (Phil 4: 7)

### WORD:

Is 5: 1-7/ Ps 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/ Phil 4: 6-9/ Mt 21: 33-43

### ORDER:

- *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.* (Mt 22: 27)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Love God by obeying His commandments.
- Love your neighbor by helping the poor and the needy; do corporal works of mercy.
- Be more prayerful that you may focus on the purpose God called you to do.



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# Community News

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## Faithful And Fruitful

### REFLECTION:

*"I have chosen you from the world to go and bear fruit that will remain,"* (Jn 15: 16). The readings this week should instill in us that God expects abundant fruit from us because of the generous gift of love and trust He has lavished us with. Everything comes from God because He is our Creator, who molded us to His likeness. All that we have belongs to Him. Every blessing He has given us comes from Him alone. But what will He see when He comes? Will He reap a good harvest and bear Him good fruit? Or, to His dismay we become "wild grapes" like the unfaithful tenants who yielded nothing but "bloodshed and outcry" for justice?

Being a Christian who lives a spiritually fruitful life is the only way to please, glorify and thank God for all His goodness. He designed us to be like Him and to thrive when we are humble, moral and grateful. And yet, what have become of us? How have we responded to God's generosity and gratuitous love, His trust and forgiveness to us as a nation, as community and as individuals?



Our stubbornness and hard-heartedness prevent us from seeing God as the source of our gifts. When pride blinds a person, he becomes insensitive and he feels he does not owe gratitude to anyone. He is convinced of his superiority and tells himself that everything he has is due to his own efforts. Being human, people love their own glory and forget to glorify God, to thank Him and express their gratitude. We should not be like those whom St. Paul reproached, *"What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?"* (1Cor 4:7).

Genuine gratitude glorifies God because it admits that we need Him. Those who are grateful recognize the presence of God in their life. When we live our lives in holiness, doing the will of God, trusting and remaining faithful, humbly obeying every command that He tells us, we demonstrate our gratefulness to God as a fruitful servant. A faithful heart is a thankful heart who believes in God's presence. Jesus' healing of the ten lepers gives an example of how he values thankfulness. He showed his

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Point Pleasant Beach  
Breast Cancer Walk

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10/15/23  
8:00 AM -  
12 Noon

110 ARNOLD AVENUE  
POINT PLEASANT  
BEACH, NJ

[HTTP://MAIN.ACSEVENTS.ORG/GOTO/BLDTRENTON](http://main.acsevents.org/goto/bldtrenton)

BLD Trenton  
Community Night



Theme:  
"International Cultural Night"

OCTOBER 14, 2023 | SATURDAY | 6pm - 10 pm  
Waterview Pavillion, Grand Ballroom, Belmar New Jersey

ATTIRE:  
Semi-Formal/Depiction of any ethnic origin and other countries

TICKETS: Adults (\$60) | Students (\$50) | Kids 12 years old and below (\$20)

CONTACT PERSONS:  
Bong and Faye Dixon (ME -14)  
Ramon and Lady Cooney (ME -13)



## Silence

In a world full of noise, we are no longer accustomed to silence; indeed sometimes we struggle with it, because silence forces us to face God and ourselves. Yet it lies at the foundation of the word and of life.

Silence is essential for the journey of Christian unity. Indeed, it is fundamental to prayer, and ecumenism begins with prayer and is sterile without it. Jesus himself prayed that his disciples *"may all be one"*. The silence that is prayer enables us to accept the gift of unity *"as Christ wills it... by the means he chooses"*, not as the fruit of our own efforts and according to purely human criteria.

~ Pope Francis

### Online Giving

You can now send your tithes and love offerings via **Paypal**.  
Donate link can be found at [www.bldtrenton.com](http://www.bldtrenton.com)  
Or mail check to:  
BLD Trenton Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1367  
Toms River, NJ 08754

### The Lord's Provision

**September 29, 2023**

Tithe : \$486.00  
Love Offering : \$ 69.00

**Thank you for your generosity!!!**

*Restore me, O Lord, God of hosts;  
give me new life, and I will call  
upon your name.*

### Last Week's Prophecies

- I am the God of mercy and love. I am the God of forgiveness. Tarry no longer. I am waiting for you. You have been away for a long, long time. You have to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation because you have been gone for a long time now. TARRY NO LONGER!*
- I am reminding you of the covenant you have with your God. You are expected to live up faithfully to your commitment to bring back the lost, more families, and inactive members to the community I have founded for you.*
- Humility, obedience, and fruitful hearts; virtues I expect from all My disciples.*
- My children, My power is greater than any other; My mercy is forever; and My love for you will last till the end of time.*

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disappointment of the nine lepers who did not return to praise God for their healing, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" (Lk 17: 17). Unfruitfulness would only mean unbelief, unfaithfulness and ingratitude to our Creator and these are those whom our God reserves severest judgment, "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit," (Mt. 21:43).

The Lord has given us opportunities to be faithful and remain fruitful in His kingdom. Through Jesus, His Son, whom He sent so that we may live an abundant life. Jesus Himself invites us to remain in Him to be fruitful because without Him we can do nothing. We are just the branches that should be connected to the vine of life, Jesus Christ. We are reminded to avoid the pitfalls of living a barren life in this world, to think about what is in heaven, not what is on earth.

With all our strength, let us

offer our firm commitment and covenant to our God, that we will bless Him all the days of our lives, to live by His word and serve His chosen people. Even if life is full of challenges, we can choose to be grateful and live an abundant life filled with love, joy and peace. St. Paul shares with us this promise, "The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4: 7)

### Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for the beauty of all Your creation and for the trust in making as stewards to make this a fruitful life. Thank you for all your blessings and benefits You have generously gifted us. May we always be worthy of Your caring love and be obedient to Your will to remain fruitful despite the many trials and difficulties. May all our words that we speak and all the actions that we do please and glorify your Holy Name. Amen.

Adapted from [www.bldworld.org](http://www.bldworld.org)

### God's Blessings

#### Birthday

Lito Lingat	10/8 Eric Tan	10/10
Ian Reyes	10/9 Cher Chua	10/12

#### Anniversary

Adrian & Noreen Vergara	10/8
Cesar & Agnes Morte	10/9
Arman & Elvie Atienza	10/10
Leo & Carmela Toledo	10/11

### Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?


For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407  
For Prayer Service - Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

### Tending the Flock

### Attached To The Vine

Firmly anchored in faith to the cornerstone which is Christ, let us abide in him, like the branch that can bear no fruit unless it remains attached to the vine. The Church, the People of the New Covenant, is built only in him, for him and with him. On this the Servant of God Paul VI wrote: "The first benefit which We trust the Church will reap from a deepened self-awareness, is a renewed discovery of its vital bond of union with Christ. This is something which is perfectly well known, but it is supremely important and absolutely essential. It can never be sufficiently understood, meditated upon and preached" (Encyclical Ecclesiam Suam, 6 August 1964: AAS 56 [1964], 622).

~ Pope Benedict XVI

 **Bukas Loob Sa Diyos**  
Diocese of Trenton  
invites you to

### "Life In The Spirit Seminar"

October 27-29, 2023  
St. Veronica Church, Howell New Jersey

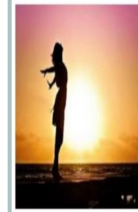
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### Solo Parent Encounter Weekend

Mature Singles  
Unmarried Guardians  
Separated/Divorced  
Married to physically Handicapped Spouse  
Widows & Widowers  
**ARE ALL WELCOME!**



"Through the uncertainties leave their place and the hills be shaken. My love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord, who has mercy on you."

Isaiah 54:10  
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(OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD)  
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SOLO PARENT ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

November 11 & 12, 2023 at 10am  
St. Veronica Church  
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