



BLD Trenton



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We are renewed in mind and heart when we unconditionally forgive those who have wronged us.

PROMISE:

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then...your own sins will be forgiven."

(Sir 28: 2)

WORDS:

Sir 27: 30- 28: 7/ Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Rom 14: 7-9/ Mt 18: 21-35

ORDERS:

- *Forgive your neighbor's injustice.* (Sir 28: 2)
- *Think of the commandments; hate not your neighbor.* (Sir 28: 7)
- *Forgive your brother from your heart.* (Mt 18: 25)

DIRECTIONS:

- Always remember that your responsibility takes precedence over your right.
- Forgive first then give yourself time to heal and not the other way around.
- Seek the grace of God to be able to forgive unconditionally.

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A Christian Response To Injustice

REFLECTION:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times,'" (Mt 18: 21-22).

One could say that this is a very radical response to a normal situation that we face daily in our life. In a world where injustices continue to prevail, we may feel justified if we are able to forgive from time to time or when the hurt is gone. Perhaps Peter thought that if he is able to forgive occasionally (seven times), he has done well. The categorical response of Jesus is to forgive always (seventy-seven times).

In the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus gives us an illustration on how to deal with forgiveness. God's forgiveness is instantaneous, unconditional and without limit. In fact, in the parable, the debtor owed the master a huge amount which required selling off his properties and family to settle the debt. *"Moved with compassion the master of the servant let him go and forgave him the loan,"* (Mt 18: 27). The message of forgiveness is close to the heart of Jesus, and in this parable He shows us concretely how to deal with forgiveness and what the consequence will be if we are ungrateful or when we fail to forgive.



The categorical response of Jesus tells us that there must be no limit to mercy and forgiveness we can offer to one another. We should not count the times a brother sin against us, nor the number of times we extend forgiveness. Jesus Himself set the supreme standard of forgiveness by

forgiving everyone on the cross, not only to those who crucified Him, but by His very act of sacrifice and death on the cross, He saved mankind from death and sin. We look up to His mercy and compassion which endures forever. Thus, St. Paul tells us, *"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord...Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living,"* (Rom 14: 7-9). Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we ask to be forgiven by God for all our trespasses. The only condition to forgiveness is our sincerity to be forgiven and the resolve not to sin again.

This should inspire us to think about the extent of forgiveness that we can offer to anyone who offends us. For if God can forgive us unconditionally and without limit, why can't we do the same for others? In reality though, it is often difficult to accept and embrace forgiveness especially if the accom-

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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 (\$30) | Kids 12 years old and below (\$20)

CONTACT PERSONS:

Bong and Faye Dixon (ME -14)
Ramona and Lady Cooney (ME -15)

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Without Measure

And we should not think how many times we forgive, but we should cease to be angry with those who sin against us, as often as the occasion for anger exists. Pardon's frequency shows us that in our case there is never a time for anger, since God pardons us for all sins in their entirety by his gift rather than by our merit. Nor should we be excused from the requirement of giving pardon that number of times [i.e., seventy times seven], since through the grace of the gospel God has granted us pardon without measure.

~ St. Hilary of Poitiers
315-367 A.D.



**BLD TRENTON
JOHN 6 CROSSING**

Registration is Open
for Children ages
11 - 15 years old

Date: September 29th - October 1st, 2023
Place: Saint John Paul II Youth Retreat Center
499 Belgrove Dr. Kearny, NJ 07032
Registration Fee: \$150.00 per person.
(Fee includes meals for the entire weekend.)

For inquiries and slot reservations, please contact
David/Liberty Baliscao or Arnold/ Malou Paderon
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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

September 8, 2023

Tithe : \$505.00
Love Offering : \$311.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!

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

Last Week's Prophecies

- *My child, with the same degree of love that you have revealed to Me, be considerate, be respectful with your neighbor so as to ensure harmony and peace with each other.*
- *I bore your pain in my heart. Come to My merciful heart and be reconciled with My love and let forgiveness reign in your heart.*
- *My children, I equipped you all to be a vessel of My love and peace. Bring it around to your brothers and sisters near and far.*
- *My children, do not indulge in idle talk and petty bickering. If your brother sins, correct him but do not shame him, rather build him up with love and prayers. Love one another, my children.*
- *Tonight when you lie in bed in the quiet of the night, listen to a tiny warm voice saying, FORGIVE. When you reach the eternal kingdom, to enter you must be EMPTY.*



God's Blessings

Birthday

Derek Dela Cruz	9/15	Bong Saria	9/19
Lalaine Academia	9/16	Jessica Matthews	9/19
Cesar Agustin	9/16	TJ San Miguel	9/19
Archie Arigorat	9/16	Arlene Roldan	9/19
Peter McNamara	9/17	Jan Fune	9/20
Carl Duque	9/18	Det Quiapo	9/20
Alan San Rafael	9/18	Caryn Monta	9/21

Anniversary

Yoyoy & Det Quiapo 9/20
Louie & Lani Hombrebueno 9/21

*Pardon all my iniquities, O Lord;
and from destruction redeem my life.*

Prophets Of Peace

Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world which God has given us as the home of all and a home for all. Simply PEACE... In this way, the lives of our dear ones will not be lives which will one day be forgotten. Instead, they will be present whenever we strive to be prophets not of tearing down but of building up, prophets of reconciliation, prophets of peace.

~ Pope Francis

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panying hurt is deep and done repeatedly. Such hurt may have affected our pride, our ego, and emotion which could not easily be mended. It may take some time before one can forgive. But the sooner the conflict is resolved, the faster healing takes place.

As Christians, we must strive to rid ourselves of any tendency to hold on to a grudge and remain in anger and eventual hatred. We must seek to free ourselves of bitterness and allow mercy to heal every hurt. We are renewed in heart and mind when we unconditionally forgive those who have wronged us, in imitation of Christ. The heart and mind of a true Christian enable us to respond positively whenever we face all sorts of offenses, insults or injustices. As we emulate the love of the Lord, we will be able to bear, understand and forgive. We rely on His goodness and mercy, blessing us with a compassionate heart to grant mercy. When we

are able to forgive, we likewise set the example for others to be able to extend forgiveness as well.

Our love for others must be demonstrated with the same mercy and compassion which God has given to us. We are given this assurance in Sirach, "Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then... your own sins will be forgiven," (Sir 28: 2).

Prayer:

Most merciful and compassionate Lord, guide me with the unconditional love You have for us. Remain in my heart so that I can share true mercy and forgiveness every time I feel offended. Help me be conscious of any anger or bitterness that may start to affect me, and grant me the grace and strength to remove them from my mind and my heart and replace it with love, joy and peace. This I pray in Your most loving name, Amen.



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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

FREE REGISTRATION

For all inquiries and registration,
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*"Behold,
I make all
things new."*



Come... Holy Spirit... Come...

Solo Parent Encounter Weekend



"Though the mountains 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."

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(OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD)
DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Mature Singles
Unmarried Guardians
Separated Divorced
Married to physically Handicapped Spouse
Widows & Widowers

ARE ALL WELCOME!



SOLO PARENT ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND
November 11 & 12, 2023 at 7am
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