

## This Sunday's Counsel

### THEME:

We know and follow Christ's teachings when we are just and compassionate to the poor and the marginalized.

### PROMISE:

*"Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry."* (Ps 146:7)

### WORD:

Am 6:1a, 4-7/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/ 1 Tim 6:11-16/ Lk 16:19-31

### ORDERS:

- *Keep the commandment without stain or reproach.* (1 Tim 6:14)
- *Lay hold of eternal, to which you were called.* (1 Tim 6:12)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in serving others.
- Know and live the word of God.
- Do corporal and spiritual works of mercy.



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## Beware Of Indifference

### REFLECTION:

Our guiding theme for the week speaks of emulating the heart of Christ by reaching out and sharing our time, talent and resources with the poor. The readings focus on the virtue of generosity, the underlying message being that – just as our Triune God is always generous to us, generosity should be part of our normal disposition as Christians.

In the 1st reading, Amos describes the behavior of a wantonly over-indulgent, self-centered rich, wallowing in all the excesses wealth can buy, and living in wild abandon, luxury and revelry, unmindful of the sufferings of poverty around him. In contrast, in the 2nd reading, St. Paul exhorts Timothy to live an exemplary life as a leader in community through the exercise of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: *"But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness,"* (1 Tim. 6:11). Paul's exhortation



also extends to all of us in this generation so that we may not get consumed by the dictates of the world and thus lose gaining Eternal Life promised us by Jesus Christ. In the last judgment what matters is how we have treated the last, the least and the lost among us.

In the Gospel, the mindless, self-indulgent rich man was totally absorbed in his comforts and luxury, he could not spare a thought, let alone reach out in love, to the starving beggar at his gate. He was so immersed in his own luxurious, narrow world; he was blind to the

plight and numbed to the pain and suffering of the man at his doorstep. When both men died, the rich man went to the place of torment, while Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's side.

When we live our life 'in the spirit', we receive the power to be generous in thought, word and deed. For a life lived 'in the spirit' is a life of active faith in God, whether we are rich or poor, because gen-

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### Tending the Flock

## God Favors The Poor

God does not forget those who are forgotten by all; those who are worthless in human eyes are precious in the Lord's. The story shows how earthly wickedness is overturned by divine justice: after his death, Lazarus was received *"in the bosom of Abraham"*, that is, into eternal bliss; whereas the rich man ended up *"in Hades, in torment"*. This is a new and definitive state of affairs against which no appeal can be made, which is why one must mend one's ways during one's life; to do so after serves no purpose.

This parable can also be interpreted in a social perspective. Pope Paul VI's interpretation in his Encyclical *Populorum Progressio* remains unforgettable. Speaking of the campaign against hunger he wrote: *"It is a question... of building a world where every man... can live a fully human life... where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man"* (n. 47).

We cannot say that we do not know which way to take: we have the Law and the Prophets, Jesus tells us in the Gospel. Those who do not wish to listen to them would not change even if one of the dead were to return to admonish them.

~ Pope Benedict XVI  
*Angelus Message, September 30, 2007*

## BLD TRENTON MARK 10 & JOHN 6

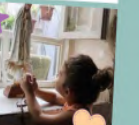
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EVERY FRIDAY  
8:30PM - 10:30 PM  
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT CHURCH  
2740 LAKEWOOD-ALLENWOOD RD  
HOWELL TOWNSHIP, NJ 07935

WHY PRAY WITH US?

- FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE WILL REFLECT ON THE LIFE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY
- WE WILL LEARN TO MAKE ROSARIES
- WE WILL LEARN AND SING TOGETHER MARIAN SONGS
- WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND WE WILL PLAY AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

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**God's Blessings**

**Birthday**

Sylvia Lingat	9/23	Chat Conde	9/26
Leleng Del Carmen	9/24	Mildred Lumapas	9/26
Mary Mainque	9/24	Josie Rivera	9/26
Vic Mabunay	9/24	Tony Bartocillo	9/28
Delia Cuasay	9/25	Kris Taguiam	9/28
Adam Tomczyk	9/25	Bert Velez	9/28
Bong Dizon	9/29		

**Anniversary**

Pris & Nin Brendia	9/23
Edd & Marilyn Roy	9/23
Sam and Jennie Dela Pena	9/24
Melo & Linda Mabutas	9/24
Butch & Gel Chioco	9/26
John & Weng Alberto	9/27
Leo & Norms Llave	9/29
Toti & Inna Lukban	9/29

**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



**Healthy Haste**

*Did you know?*  
 A healthy haste drives us always upwards and towards others. Yet there is also an unhealthy haste, which can drive us to live superficially and to take everything lightly. Without commitment or concern, without investing ourselves in what we do. It is the haste of those who live, study, work and socialize without any real personal investment. This can happen in interpersonal relationships. In families, when we never stop to listen and spend time with others. In friendships, when we expect our friends to keep us entertained and fulfill our needs, but immediately look the other way if we see that they are troubled and need our time and help. Even among couples in love, few have the patience to really get to know and understand each other. We can have the same attitude in school, at work and in other areas of our daily lives. When things are done in haste, they tend not to be fruitful. They risk remaining barren and lifeless...  
*"the plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want".*

*~ Pope Francis*

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**Life in the Spirit Seminar**

An invitation... to enter more fully into God's Unconditional Love, to Deepen your awareness of and Relationship with Jesus Christ and to allow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to Reform, Renew and Enrich your life and your walk with the Lord...

*"Gods Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16)*

**Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend**  
 NOVEMBER 4 – 6, 2022

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erosity is a response to God's commandment of love. And no one is so poor, he has nothing to give, or so rich, he cannot receive. It is all a matter of honoring God in our lives, the Author, Creator, and Source of all that we are and all things we call our own. God should be at the center of everything we do. Therefore, excessive attachments should serve as a warning to us about where our souls might be headed. This is not to say we are not to enjoy God's blessings here on earth, but mindless overindulgence and indifference to the needs of the poor are what will condemn us, like the rich man in the

gospel.

As Christians, we are to be sensitive to the needs of our brothers, fix our eyes on the Giver and not the gift, and strive to be like Christ, our loving, compassionate, generous and merciful God. As the Psalmist declares in our promise this week:  
*"Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry."*  
 (Ps 146:7)

**Prayer:**

Father God, I come before You with a repentant heart for the times I failed to see and respond to the

needs of others, especially the poor; for the times when I allowed myself to be so absorbed in the pleasures of this material world, or so focused on my own needs, that I failed to share, or deliberately withheld the resources you have given me from those who needed my help; and for the times I failed to honor you and respond to your call to minister to the lonely and broken hearted. I acknowledge my shortcomings, Lord, and I ask that You grant me the grace to become more generous with my time, talent and resources.  
 Amen.

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