

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We are renewed in mind and heart when we gratefully accept God's grace and generosity for all.

PROMISE:

"The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works."
(Ps 145: 9)

WORDS:

Is 55: 6-9/ Ps 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20: 1-16a

ORDER:

- Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.
(Phil 1: 27a)

DIRECTIONS:

- Follow Jesus' example of loving-kindness and generosity to all.
- Seek the power and strength of the Holy Spirit to bear fruits in your ministry works.
- Answer God's calling in serving the community with gladness and gratitude.



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A Unique Sense Of Justice

REFLECTION:

In the Gospel this Sunday, we encounter another thought-provoking parable from Jesus. A landowner searches for laborers for his vineyard and tirelessly seeks workers throughout the day, from dawn to the last hour of the working day, extending his invitations to those standing idle in the marketplace at various times. What is surprising is the landowner's action when it comes to pay the laborers. He gives the same wage to those who began their work early in the morning as he does to those who joined in the late afternoon. This seemingly unequal treatment causes discontent among those who worked the entire day, but the landowner views it as fulfilling his promise to them.

In this Gospel narrative, Jesus highlights God's unique sense of justice, one with compassion and generosity. The landowner demonstrates justice by delivering the agreed-upon wage, and he exhibits compassion and generosity by ensuring that all workers receive enough for their daily needs. Isn't this the same as the way we experience God's mercy and generosity amid life's challenges?



At first glance, we may find ourselves identifying with the laborers who worked from early morning, sharing their sentiments of injustice. However, in the Book of Isaiah the Lord reminds us, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,"* (Is 55: 8). It's challenging to fully understand the depth of God's love, mercy, and generosity; but one thing is certain, we experience it every moment of our lives. So, what message does the Lord convey to us, members of our beloved community, particularly to the covenanted disciples and leaders?

The Gospel encourages us to reflect on the landowner's actions and the accompanying lessons. His primary intent is to engage idle laborers and invite them to work in the vineyard, never ceasing his efforts to gather workers. To those who heed his call, he extends his generosity and the rewards of laboring in His vineyard. For us, committed to our community and dedicated to serving the Lord, this offers the promise of a life filled with joy, peace, love and blessings in God's presence.

Now, as we revitalize our community and strive to invite more members in the mission

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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 (\$50) | Kids 12 years old and below (\$20)

CONTACT PERSONS:

Bong and Faye Dixon (ME - 14)
Ramón and Lady Cuassy (ME - 15)

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
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A Pagan's Prayer

Cornelius was a pagan, yet he was told that his prayers were heard by God and that he should send and ask Peter to come to his house. At this point, with Peter and his doubts, and Cornelius uncertain and confused, the Spirit overcomes Peter's resistance and opens a new chapter of missionary history. That is how the Spirit works. In the meeting between those two men, we hear one of the most beautiful phrases of Christianity. Cornelius meets Peter and falls at his feet, but Peter, picking him up, tells him: *"Get up. I too am a man"* (Acts 10:26).

~ Pope Francis

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


September 15, 2023

Tithe :\$375.00
Love Offering :\$180.00

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

 **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...



God's Blessings

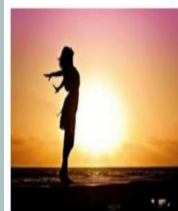
Birthday

Cesar Angeles	9/22	Adam Tomczyk	9/25
Jaye Jacinto	9/22	Chat Conde	9/26
Sylvia Lingat	9/23	Mildred Lumapas	9/26
Leleng Del Carmen	9/24	Josie Rivera	9/26
Mary Mainque	9/24	Tony Bartocillo	9/28
Vic Mabunay	9/24	Kris Taguam	9/28
Delia Cuasay	9/25	Bert Velez	9/28

Anniversary

Edd & Marilyn Roy	9/23
Sam & Jennie De La Pena	9/24
Melo & Linda Mabutas	9/24
Butch & Gel Chioco	9/26
John & Weng Alberto	9/27

Solo Parent Encounter Weekend



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



"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."

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 7am
St. Veronica Church
4219 US 9 Howell Township NJ 07731

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of our apostolates, we are urged to follow the landowner's example. We can start by actively inviting our family members, friends, and officemates including the younger generation, youth, and singles, to participate in our encounter programs. However, our duty doesn't end with the invitation; we must guide them to become active disciples through our formation programs and involvement in community mission activities.

Generosity in this context involves breathing life into pastoral care. It entails cultivating a welcoming spirit, showing care, love, compassion, understanding, and dedicating our time to inspire newcomers. Our role is to foster a profound personal relationship with Christ in them, motivating them to fulfill their covenant discipleship pledges. The challenge for leaders in ministries and our entire community is to be living witnesses. We must place Jesus as number one in our priorities and make serving Him our lifestyle. As Philippians 1: 27a tells us, "conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ." Remember, if we say "Yes" to working

for Him, He will provide for us abundantly. He is a God of overflowing generosity who understands our needs. He desires all of us to experience a life filled with joy in His Kingdom here on earth. All we need to do is trust in His plans for we are assured that *"The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works."* (Ps 145:9).

Let us rejoice in the generosity of God toward our neighbors, for it is the same generosity He will bestow upon us.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, guide us to live our lives characterized by compassion, generosity and justice. Make our hearts overflow with love and spirits willing to selflessly serve others. Inspire us to be conduits through which our brothers and sisters can walk the path of faith, journeying together toward discipleship and holiness. We seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, whose generous love draws us nearer to her Son through her ceaseless prayers for humanity. Amen.



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**Tending
the
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Joy Of Feeling Called

St. Paul, for whom we are celebrating a special Jubilee Year, also experienced the joy of feeling called by the Lord to work in his vineyard. And what a lot of work he accomplished! Yet, as he himself confessed, it was God's grace which worked in him, that grace which from persecutor of the Church transformed him into an Apostle to the Gentiles, to the point of saying: *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* However he immediately added: *"If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell"* (Phil 1: 21-22). Paul clearly understood that working for the Lord is already a reward on this earth.

~ Pope Benedict XVI

*Great are you, O Lord,
and near to all
who call upon your holy
name.*