



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We lovingly respond to Christ's calling when we store goodness in our heart.

PROMISE:

"They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be." (Ps 92:15)

WORD:

Sir 27:4-7/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45

ORDERS:

- *...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord...* (1Cor 15:58)
- *...remove the wooden beam from your eye first...* (Lk 6:42)
- *Praise no one before he speaks...* (Sir 27:7)

DIRECTIONS:

- Remain faithful and persevere in doing God's work.
- Be humble enough in acknowledging our own faults and weaknesses.
- Always seek the goodness in others.

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God Sees Our Hearts

REFLECTION:

What exactly do we have in our hearts? Do we love everything in this world and our selfish needs? Have we pushed or crowded out our Lord from our hearts?



Brothers and

sisters, our loving and merciful God sees our hearts and nothing else. He sees our intent and fruits through our hearts. We may put on a good show by saying the right words or by doing the work for our Lord for all the wrong intentions. But He sees the intent and contents of our hearts, He sees our true designs. For our great Lord judges our hearts and not our appearance, the fruits that we produce out of the goodness of our hearts is what He seeks. The readings and the Gospel this Sunday remind us of our own frailties, our own imperfections and the weakness of our faith.

The Gospel from Luke, uses exaggeration to drive home the point. The blind leading the blind, the pupil being greater than the teacher, and noticing the speck

on our brothers' eye while failing to see the beam in ours. Ambition, arrogance and self-righteousness are some of the verbs that come to mind when reading this Gospel passage. Our ambition, our

inflated self worth, thinking that we are qualified to lead the blind while failing to recognize our own blindness. Our arrogance, to think that we are a better disciple compared to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Lastly, our self-righteousness, our lack of humility, our need to judge others while we ourselves are bigger sinners.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, humility, turning our hearts in humble submission is what is being asked of us all. We come to worship as often as we can, we describe ourselves as followers of our risen Lord, but why do we still have evil in our hearts? Why do we still condemn. Is it for us to feel better about ourselves? Do we still discriminate against certain types of people because of the color of

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Tending the Flock

Remember Our Frailties

The word hypocrite is aptly employed here (Luke 6:42, Matthew 7:5), since the denouncing of evils is best viewed as a matter only for upright persons of goodwill. When the wicked engage in it, they are like impersonators, masqueraders, hiding their real selves behind a mask, while they portray another's character through the mask. The word hypocrites in fact signifies pretenders. Hence we ought especially to avoid that meddlesome class of pretenders who under the pretense of seeking advice undertake the censure of all kinds of vices. They are often moved by hatred and malice. Rather, whenever necessity compels one to reprove or rebuke another, we ought to proceed with godly discernment and caution. First of all, let us consider whether the other fault is such as we ourselves have never had or whether it is one that we have overcome. Then, if we have never had such a fault, let us remember that we are human and could have had it. But if we have had it and are rid of it now, let us remember our common frailty, in order that mercy, not hatred, may lead us to the giving of correction and admonition. In this way, whether the admonition occasions the amendment or the worsening of the one for whose sake we are offering it (for the result cannot be foreseen), we ourselves shall be made safe through singleness of eye. But if on reflection we find that we ourselves have the same fault as the one we are about to reprove, let us neither correct nor rebuke that one. Rather, let us bemoan the fault ourselves and induce that person to a similar concern, without asking him to submit to our correction.

~ Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Mabel Bartocillo	2/25	Cecil Sanchez	2/26
Dennis Buenafe	2/25	Nelia Doropan	2/27
Raquel Adame	2/26	Nona Alquiros	2/28
Roy Roldan	2/26	Drin Aparicio	3/2
Nilda Araga	3/3		

Anniversary

Renato & Elena Madarang 3/1



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What is God's plan in our married life?



An Invitation to a MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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

May 20-22, 2022

Registration starts at 8pm Friday

Deadline of Application: May 1, 2022

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*I give thanks to you,
Lord Most High,
and sing praise to your holy name.*

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their skin, their religion, their ethnicity, their standing in the community, their wealth or lack of it, their political views? But why do we fail in spite of our religious fervor? We come to worship most of the time, we continually pray, we do works of charity and yet we find ourselves falling short. Why is it so easy to condemn than to be merciful? Being prayerful and offering sacrifices or offerings are a lot easier, way easier than forgiving or showing mercy to someone if you really think about it. We hear this all the time, just last week how forgiving those who trespass

against us is so hard and difficult. But we continuously ask for forgiveness, it is easier for us to ask forgiveness than to forgive.

“Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.” (Mt 9:13)

Let us reflect and examine ourselves, look at that mirror and ask ourselves, have I been a true disciple of my Savior? Have I treated my brothers equally? Have I shown them all my mercies and love, not hatred or condemnation?

FOR WHOEVER WISHES TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT,
BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE
WILL FIND IT

Matthew 16:25

DAY OF RETREAT
02.26.2022

Saturday | 10AM | Queenship of Mary Church
16 Dew Road | Plainsboro, New Jersey
The General Assembly will immediately follow after the retreat from 1:30-3:30pm. Please inform your ministry coordinators and/or your ME class shepherds to confirm your attendance

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A Christian Prayer for Peace in Our Time

O God, author and giver of peace,
in whose image and likeness each of us has been created
with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth
and destined for eternal glory,
Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile
earth, from our human family torn by violent conflict:
Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God,
that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us
and as we have experienced in these days,
is a peace which the world cannot give.
To world leaders, grant the wisdom
to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation
to that common humanity that makes us all your children
and brothers and sisters to one another.
To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge

or even in the cause of justice,
grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue
and constructive collaboration.
To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror,
especially the frightened children,
be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.
And to those who have already lost their lives
as victims of human cruelty and chemical warfare,
open wide your arms and enfold them all
in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Mary, Mother of all and Queen of peace, pray for us.
Our Father...
3 Hail Marys...
Glory be...