

THIS SUNDAY'S COUNSEL

27th Week of the Ordinary Time

THEME:

Unwavering faith is lived through our humble service and obedience

PROMISE:

"...the just one because of his faith shall live" (Hb 1:4)

WORD:

Hb 1:2,3;2:2-4/ Ps 95:1-2,6,7,8,9/ 2 Tm 1:6-8,13,14/ Lk 17:5-10

ORDER:

1. "Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in faith and love that are in Jesus Christ. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us" (2Tim 1:13-14)
2. "Come here immediately and take your place at the table" (Luke 17:7)
3. "Stir into flame the gift of God" (2 Tim 1:6)
4. "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Tim 1:8)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Live a life according to the Word and will of God
2. Be open and responsive to the promptings of the holy Spirit
3. Answer his call to serve the community and share your gifts for God's greater glory
4. Remain steadfast in faith during trials and tribulations
5. Serve with humility and obedience

PSALM:

"Stir into flame the gift of God" (2 Tim 1:6). The LSS helps us recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, urging us to grow in love, wisdom, and understanding. To serve God, we must do so with humility and obedience. So, we pray to the Holy Spirit to ignite and renew us, for God has been with us from the very beginning. Without His power, we cannot move forward. We may fulfill our duties, but we must ask ourselves: Is our relationship with God based on a contract or convenience? Do we serve Him for the sake of reward, or do we serve simply because it is His will? We are called to give without expectation, to work without seeking rewards, and to do His will with a pure and sincere heart.

Do we truly love Jesus Christ? Do we long to see Him because our hearts are filled with love for Him—or is it simply because we desire to be saved? These are questions that challenge the very foundation of our faith. And when life becomes overwhelming, we often cry out: Lord, how can we increase our faith when we struggle so deeply?

What we need is unwavering faith. Obedience is the key—following His will in all things. Our trials and burdens are not meant to break us, but to build us, strengthening our faith and teaching us to trust that He will provide. In every challenge, we are given a choice: to surrender in obedience or to pull away. It is in surrender that we draw closer to Him.

In our daily lives and within our communities, we face real struggles—limited time, resources, and energy. These demands test not only our faith but also our willingness to serve. Yet Jesus reminds us that even faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains. We are called to serve with humility, to obey with trust, and to remember the constant faithfulness of the Lord. Let us remain steadfast in our journey. Through teaching and witnessing, we grow in understanding. What we learn must shape how we live, strengthening our spiritual lives and helping us live more faithfully. As our faith grows, so too can our community—flourishing in unity and purpose.

Lord, strengthen our faith. Help us to press forward with courage. May we fight the good fight by serving, thinking, and speaking in Your likeness. And may all we do bring us—and those around us—closer to You. Amen.

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"And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is LOVE" 1 Corinthians 13:13



BE A FAITHFUL SERVANT

Faith is one of those words that's used often but can be hard to explain, especially when it comes to belief in God. Why is that? Because faith isn't something you can touch or see—it's intangible. And naturally, people tend to struggle with believing in things they can't physically observe. Faith is essentially a deep sense of trust and conviction in what we believe to be true, reliable, and real. It's a profound response that resonates within us on a personal level. When it comes to belief in God, faith is essential in helping us cope with life's overwhelming challenges—those moments when we feel like we can't handle everything on our own. It's in those times that we turn to God for support and guidance.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts



God is a rescuer, an ever-present help in times of trouble. Cry out to God from the depths of your soul and watch as He comes to your aid. He will do it because He is faithful. The God of angel armies is the same God who saves you. Wait on him. He will not fail!

The Lord's Provision

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LOVE OFFERING: \$ 512



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God's Blessings Annivesary Birthday

"So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together, let no
one separate." Matthew 19:6

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you"
Jeremiah 1:5

Tony & Arlene Riggio
Tony & Lolit Manuel
Joe & Sara Diaz
Adrian & Noreen Vergara
Ceasar & Agnes Morte

Oct 3
Oct 5
Oct 7
Oct 8
Oct 9

Chito Ciocon
Evelyn Balondo
Jan Bacus
Brooksie Brooks
Lito Lingat
Duque, Diana Rose
Ian Reyes

Oct 3
Oct 3
Oct 4
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Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's Visit
For Prayer Service

Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

Send Prayer Request To:

www.bldtrenton.com/intercessory

**In Christ Jesus,
we welcome you all to join us every Friday**

Healing Mass

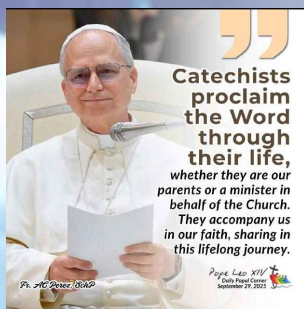
1st Friday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

Praise and Worship

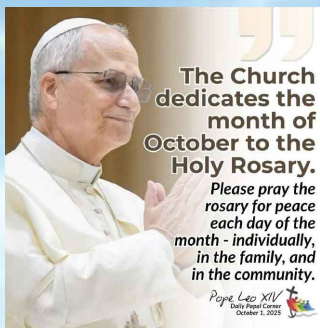
2nd, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Friday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

"For if we remain in his
love, he comes to dwell in
us and our life will become
a temple of God. His love
enlightens us, influences the
way we think and act,
spreads outwards to
others and embraces
every situation in our lives."

**HIS WORDS,
YOUR JOURNEY
TOGETHER**



"Was Saint Therese of
the Child Jesus and of
the Holy Face not the
great Doctor of
scientia amoris that our
world needs, she who
breathed the Name of
Jesus at every moment
of her life, with
spontaneity and
freshness, and who
taught the little ones an
easy way to access it?"



Diocese of Trenton: Jubilee Year's Pilgrimage of Hope
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA

In a spirit of expectant joy, BLD Trenton joins the Diocesan Pilgrimage of Hope in connection with the Church's global celebration of 2025 as a Holy Jubilee Year announced by then Holy Father Pope Francis with the theme, "Hope Does Not Disappoint" from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:5. Reminding the church that the message of Christ is hope, Bishop O'Connell, C.M. called upon the faithful to be the light of hope to those who have lost their way or confused of their purpose, during his homily in the pilgrim-filled church. Present during the mass are the parish priests of the Diocese of Trenton and the Pauline Priests & Brothers. During this Jubilee Year, the pilgrims are reminded not to lose hope and to continue to deepen their spiritual journey of faith and focus on spreading hope in the world with prayer, reflection, and penance to foster forgiveness and reconciliation. After the mass at the main church, pilgrims had the choice to avail of the Sacrament of Penance, complete the Pilgrim Passports, or listen to the Speakers at St. Ann's Chapel or outdoor pavilion.

One of the speakers, Rev. Zack Swantek, spoke about the history of Our Lady of Czestochowa (also called Black Madonna because of the unique appearance attributed to years of smoke from votive candles lighted by those seeking her intercession) and shared the story of redemption and reconciliation with the Lord as conveyed in Leviticus 25 and Isaiah 61. Following the tradition of the faithful seeking the Black Madonna's intercession, our very own Isaiah Ministry members spent a moment of prayer with lighted candles.

In the afternoon, BLD-Trenton participated in the multi-language rosary prayer: English, Spanish, Polish, Filipino and French. Gene Del Carmen led the Fourth Joyful Mystery in the Filipino language. The multi-cultural rosary prayer representation captured the diversity of our Catholic faith. In conclusion, Romans 5:5 states that "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us". Grounded on His unconditional love through the Holy Spirit, God's promises will not fail.

--Isaiah Ministry (BLD-Trenton)



This Life in the Spirit Seminar #25 brings us a special joy, as we celebrate the successful evangelization of 39 candidates. This milestone stands as a powerful witness to the fruitfulness of our ministry through our shepherds and God's faithfulness in transforming lives. Each new lamb with their shepherds reflects the impact of our collective love and obedience to His calling.