



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We serve God wholeheartedly when we love one another.

PROMISE:

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes... for the old order has passed... I make all things new." (Rev 21:4b, 5b)

WORD:

Acts 14:21-27/ Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Rev 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

ORDERS:

- Love one another as I have loved you. (Jn 13:34)
- Persevere in the faith. (Acts 14:22)

DIRECTIONS:

- Love unconditionally.
- Remain steadfast in prayers.
- Do corporal and spiritual works of mercy.
- Always seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Loving And Serving

REFLECTION:

Serve God wholeheartedly. Serving can mean everything we do that is wholesome and beneficial to someone, and done out of our heart's desire to make a difference in the life and experience of another person.



The meaning of Christian service comes very close to how the scripture describes love. In 1 Cor 13:4-6, Christian love is described as patient, kind, not jealous, not pompous, not inflated, not rude, it does not seek its own interest, it does not rejoice over wrong doing but rejoices with truth. All the qualities that describe Christian love can be applied to service as well. Love and service are like twins. We are also invited to serve others wholeheartedly. To serve with your whole heart is to serve willingly and out of love of Jesus.

We are like Jesus when serving others. He gave us an example by washing the

disciples' feet saying *"I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do,"* (Jn 13:15). Like Jesus, we should leave the comfort of our own world and embrace the world of the people

we meet in our every day life. We are to sacrifice our personal convenience, self-centered ambitions and desires, for the sake of serving others and making their lives better. Furthermore, our love should not be mere words, but a genuine concern for the welfare of others by caring and sharing our time, talent, and treasure to the people around us.

Cardinal Tagle said: the love replicated by Paul and Barnabas is the kind of love Jesus has. Not the kind of love mainly used by us in the context that imply deep affection, emotional attraction and good feeling, it is not love in the mutual and romantic sense. Rather, it im-

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Our Gift Of Christian Faith

Members of BLD Trenton together with other volunteers from Mercer county, led by Malen Juarez, gratefully served at the Thanksgiving Mass for the 500-year anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines last Saturday, April 30, at St. Robert Bellarmine Co- Cathedral, Freehold. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell and concelebrated by 25 priests serving different parishes in Monmouth, Ocean, Mercer and Burlington counties. The celebration was organized by our very own Spiritual Director, Fr. Mark Nillo. The Homilist was Rev. Msgr. Jeremias Rebanal, Pastor Emeritus and Church Historian in the Archdiocese of Newark. He warmly encouraged hundreds of Filipino Catholics who attended that we are to continue to persevere and bring the Gospel to all, to evangelize and carry on with the mission of bringing Christ to others. The faith we have received as a gift from God has been nurtured in the rich soil of the Philippines. For 500 years, this vibrant faith has been, and continues to be, lived out daily and this vibrant faith has been a precious gift shared with others.

Now, feeling grateful, I gained a deeper understanding of the blessings and love of our Lord. Yes, we have

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You can now send your tithes and love offerings via **Paypal**. Donate link can be found at www.bldtrenton.com

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P.O. Box 1367
Toms River, NJ 08754

The Lord's Provision

May 6, 2022

Tithe : \$ 45.00
Love Offer : \$ 85.00
GK : \$3,680.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!

God's Blessings

Birthday

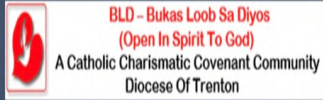
Manny Crisol 5/13 Mary Gay Reodica 5/16
Ester Tambor 5/13 Irma McCracken 5/18
Mike Belonia 5/19

Anniversary

Jeff & Gina Sarmiento 5/13
Edgar & Sherry Arabit 5/15
Forting & Libring Yambao 5/16
Ronald & Eppie Rebong 5/19

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



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

\$300/couple
includes meals & accommodation

May 20-22, 2022

Registration starts at 8pm Friday

Deadline of Application: May 1, 2022



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been chosen and truly gifted with the faith. This carries a great responsibility. We should thankfully accept the gift, and now it is our turn to continue and pass it on to the others, our families, parishes and in our community wherever we are. Let our prayer be... may we always be grateful and continue to share our Lord's unending love now and forever. Amen.



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plies reaching to others in a caring attitude for their well being regardless of whether there will be similar response from the other person. Cardinal Tagle also emphasized to love those that cause harm, love everyone who hurt you.

It would be difficult for me to love President Putin who I believe hurt the people of Ukraine or who simply behaves in a way which I cannot accept as good. But it's possible for me to love President Putin by praying for him and to wish God's blessing that he may change his ways not to suit me but for his own well being and bring him back into harmony with God's way.

Therefore, to love like Jesus Christ, we must allow the Holy Spirit to change our heart by obeying God's word. We can share the unconditional, sacrificial and forgiving love towards our fellowmen. As

children of God we ought to serve Him with whatever gifts He bless us with. This will require serious commitment, time and consistent work. Let me say, for instance you're a worship leader, you need time gathering and studying resources, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, rehearsing, seeking, and spending time with the Lord. Excellence will be your aim, but not to show off but because you understand the importance of your role which is for the benefit of the community. Having said that, we would like to affirm the services rendered by the various ministries under the different apostolates and those working behind the scene like the intercessory, word, and coach development ministries that cheerfully serve with love. The key thing is not to please someone, everything we do is for the glory of God, the one whom we have freely

chosen to serve.

Unity in the community reveals Christ's presence as everyone is drawn to follow Him. When members of a community are one, people see Christian love stemming from the heart of everyone and is expressed through authentic concern and concrete action. And when others see such kind of care and love, they will say: they are followers of Christ. The Risen Lord exhorts us to follow His commandment of love (Jn 13:34-35). He expects that our life will be transformed into the kind of love that He has taught us and exemplified. And as we go through trials, obstacles and difficulties because we love like Jesus does, He will console us with this hopeful promise: He will wipe every tear from their eyes...I will make all things new.