

This Sunday's *Counsel*

THEME: Our hope of glory is in Jesus our King when we repent and make reparation for our sins.

PROMISE: *"The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down."* (Ps 145:14)

WORD: Wis 11:22-12:2/ Ps 145:1-2, 8-11,13,14/ 2Thes 1:11-2:2/ Lk 19:1-10

ORDER:

- *"Repent."* (Wis 11:22-23)
- *"Seek Jesus."* (Lk 19:3)

DIRECTIONS:

- Avail the sacrament of reconciliation.
- Perform corporal works of mercy.
- Meditate on the word of God and persevere in prayers.



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Judging Is Not For Us

REFLECTION: Humility, the best way to show we Love God. *"The Lord lifts up all who are falling & raises up all who are bowed."* (Ps 145:14)

We always hear the word Humility. Our Lord Jesus is the perfect example and he embodied every sense of the word. The Son of Man became one of us and there is no greater love and no gravest humility than what He has done for us. This we always see & hear in all His teachings and parables.

Jesus Christ will always forgive us of our sins as sinful as we are. He'll always be ready to take us back, all we need to do is to repent and be on our righteous way to Him. Reparation needs to be done, not only material things but also for our offenses, specially when we hurt others because of our actions.

Judging is not for us, the Lord oftentimes teaches us not to judge. Jesus Christ is always compassionate, does not discriminate, is merciful towards us and, most of all, gives us endless chances to repent and drop our sinful ways, and does not think less of sinners. Recognizing our



sinfulness and responding to God's calling is the way to come back to Him! Be patient to one another & to reach out to all brothers & sister. Allow Jesus to enter our hearts always.

The Lord Jesus came not for the righteous but, more so, for the sinners who have lost their ways. Sometimes we forget that the righteous must go & reach out to the sinners and help them come back to Him. Like the many examples of our Lord

going home with Zacchaeus who is a sinner, the Lord did not care what the other people might think or say. Reaching out to the sinner who have lost their way is what He needed us to do for each other in the community. He came for us sinners & died for us so we can be redeemed. Oftentimes we forget that we are so blessed to be in our community that we hear His words every Friday in addition to our Sunday Mass to reflect on His Gospel. Joining Him in His Kingdom is His ultimate Goal because He loves us so much. Trying our very best to follow His words & teaching is

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Know Your Saints

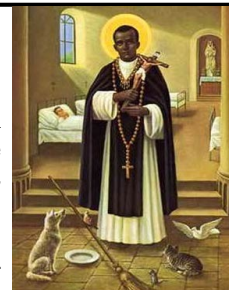
Saint Martin de Porres: Patron of Barbers

The illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a young freed black slave, Martin de Porres was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru. He grew up in poverty and spent much of his youth apprenticed to a barber and surgeon from whom he learned to care for the sick. He dreamed of traveling the world and doing great deeds but, instead, spent his life in his hometown of Lima working in hospitals and serving the poor in a day when medical care was often only available to the wealthy.

At age 11, he became a servant in a Dominican Priory. He was given the job of alms-seeker so he went out on the streets each day, begging more than \$2,000 a week from the rich to support the poor and sick. At 15, he became a lay Dominican and hoped to become a martyr in a far-off land. His superiors dropped the stipulation that *"no black person may be received to the holy habit or profession of our Order"* and Martin took vows as a Dominican brother in 1603. He founded an orphanage and helped care for the slaves brought in from Africa. He also started a hospital for cats, dogs and other small animals.

Martin lived in self-imposed austerity, never ate meat, fasted continuously, and spent much time in prayer and meditation with a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He never traveled the world, but he served God in many ways by serving ordinary people.

St. Martin de Porres died of fever in 1639 while serving in his hospital. He was venerated from the day of his death and many miraculous cures, including raising the dead were attributed to him. Canonized in 1962, he is the first American saint of African ancestry and is honored as patron of barbers.



Teaching Schedule

Nov 2 - SPE - BBS Approach to the Word of God
 Nov 9 - ME 19 - MGT
 Nov 16 - ME 20 - Charismata Pneumatika Diakonia
 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Save the Date

Nov 3 : Community Retreat 1:00 - 3:30 PM
 Venue: St. Monica Church
 Jackson, NJ
 Dec 21 : Christmas Caroling 11 AM—4 PM
 Jan 10-12 : Singles Encounter
 Venue: America's Keswick
 Whiting, NJ
 Feb 5-12 : Medical Mission to the Philippines

The Lord's Provision October 25, 2019

Tithes: \$595.00
 Love Offering: \$243.00
*Thank you for your
 generosity!!*

Marshalls

Nov 1 — Roy Roldan
 Jojo Legaspi
 Nov 8 — Claro Gomez
 Pris Brendia

God's Blessings

Birthday

Leo Lukban	11/1	Kristella Delacruz	11/4
Edie Danieles	11/2	Drew Allen	11/5
Arnold Paderon	11/2	Butch Chioco	11/5
Francis Sunga	11/2	Jaime Pascua	11/5
George Bacus	11/2	Abbot Del Pilar	11/5
Jun Anito	11/3	Alfred Panganiban	11/6
Bert Panahon	11/3	Cora Veléz	11/6
Kitti T. Young	11/6		

Anniversary

Eric & Mae Alberto	11/1
Ron & Tina King	11/2
Michael & Rhea Bell	11/3
Francis & Bernadette Sunga	11/4
Tottie & Beth Felibrico	11/5
Totie & Nilda Araga	11/5
Jun & Rica Torralba	11/6

*I will praise your name forever,
 my king and my God.*

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the way that we can have a deeper & meaningful relation with Him. That advantage is the sacrament of the Eucharist. Get the Sacrament of Reconciliation as often as we can.

As Christians our calling from God is to become like Jesus Christ and we all know that this is a gradual & a lifelong process. To be worthy of His calling is to do what is right. However, human as we are, we always stray from His path. We need to put the Lord's teaching into actions. Give back to the poor & the needy. Repent, pray continuously and stay away from committing the same sins over & over again.

Prayer:

Lord, help us to seek Jesus Christ in anything that we do and to acknowledge our sinfulness. Lord, send the Holy Spirit to guide us always, for us to always seek Him with the hope of joining Him in his Heavenly Kingdom. Humble us, oh Lord, and help us acknowledge our sinfulness. Enlighten our ways so we can recognize our sin & lead us to the path that you wanted us to be towards Your Kingdom.

Faith, Commitment, Outreach

*"Do not be afraid, Simon. From now on,
 you will be catching people."
 - Luke 5:10*

STRONGER in Faith, DEEPER in Commitment and WIDER in Outreach was the theme of the 4th Solo Parent Ministries East Coast Inter-District Conference held at the Holy Eucharist Church auditorium in Cherry Hill, NJ on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. Hosted by BLD Camden District, over 160 SP Ministry members, District Stewards and Ministry Coordinators attended the gathering. Our own Cluster Shepherds Art and Agnes Monta welcomed our brothers and sisters from all the BLD districts - Trenton, Camden, Newark, NY Rockland, Rockville Long Island NY, Washington DC and Toronto, Canada.

Throughout the day, Msgr. Paul Schetelick, the conference Spiritual Director spoke on how to be stronger in our Faith, to deepen our Commitment and widen our outreach. FAITH can completely change our lives and take us from weak, fearful and defeated individuals to being strong, courageous and victorious. Everyone was encouraged to enter that spiritual dimension of our existence, to develop an intimate relationship with our Triune God. Through human labors of knowing, loving and serving God will the unseen divine become a tangible reality for us. Trusting in the promises of Jesus, we believe and witness to the power of His WORD for nothing is impossible with God.

"For God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Tim 1:7)



Group discussions followed each talk. Concerns and constraints were voiced and solutions offered. Transportation to the venue for attendance in ministry activities was a common problem together with work commitment issues and change in priorities. All in all we were asked to pray thru our struggles and let God be in charge. For honest service is of a total surrender, an action of humility and not of obligation.

A Life of Discipleship calls for persistence and perseverance, a deeper commitment of ourselves and of casting the net into the deep. Suggestions for improving outreach activities included creative follow up of inactive members, links via social media, parish support, extending invitations to members of other Christian denominations in encounters and of sharing resources between districts.

The day ended with each district presenting their journey in time. BLD Trenton was discerned to host the next SPM Inter-District Conference in 2021. The conference closed with a Eucharistic celebration. Having spent the day fed in body, soul and spirit, everyone left with brightly shining faces ready for work in God's vineyard and to GO FORTH....

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PROMISE: "... *the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.*" (2 Thes 3:3)

WORD: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/ Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/ 2 Thes 2:16-3:5/ Lk 20:27-38

ORDER:

• "*Direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.*" (2 Thes 3:5)

DIRECTIONS:

- Be persistent in prayers and in reaching out to our brothers and sisters in the community.
- Find joy in service through your ministries and serving one another.
- Offer your trials and tribulations to the Lord.



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Glorifying God In Our Suffering

REFLECTION: This Sunday's readings remind us of an important message: that there is heaven. Those who are loyal and steadfast in their faith despite difficulties are worthy of heaven. Our faith in God, in the resurrection, and our love for Jesus, help us to live with any pain. Jesus said in the Gospel, that those who are in heaven with Him "*are like angels; and they are children of God because they are the ones who will rise.*" Looking forward to heaven strengthens us to endure present trials.



In the first reading, the widowed mother persevered with her sons in their persecution, and were sustained by their faith in the promise of eternal life. They are martyrs who chose death rather than betray God's Law and died hoping that the "King of the World" would raise them to live again forever.

In the Gospel, the Sadducees questioned the Resurrection. They mocked the faith hoping to trap Jesus but, instead, Jesus used the question to give His clearest teaching on resurrection. He explained that there's no marriage in heaven, and "that in the afterlife, it will be completely different to this life."

As the mother and the seven brothers suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet Jesus will guard us in the shadow of His wing, keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing the Psalm.

We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make. We are called to go thru our daily death- death to sinfulness, pride, greed, arrogance, unforgiveness, unbelief, and unsurrender - and be courageous witnesses of Christ. Are we willing to die and patiently endure sufferings to gain eternal life? Romans 8:17 says, "*And if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, provided that we share his suffering, so as to share his glory.*" What is there to gain from suffering? First, suffering awakens us to the reality that we are all broken without Him. It encourages us to search for Him,

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Saint Mother Cabrini: Patron of Orphans

One of thirteen children, Frances Cabrini was born and raised on a farm in rural Italy in 1850. As a girl she dreamed of being a missionary in China. But because she was sickly and was even afflicted with smallpox, no one thought she would ever be strong enough to leave her home village.

Frances surprised everyone by becoming a nun and teaching at several orphanages. In 1880, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Nine years later, Pope Leo XIII took note of her excellent work and sent her to the United States to help the immigrants who had flocked to America's cities in search of freedom and wealth.

Frances Cabrini and six other nuns arrived in New York at a time when aid to the needy was the responsibility of religious and private groups. Within a few years they had founded 70 schools, hospitals and orphanages in the United States, Europe and South America. Their hard work and Christ-like example encouraged many others to become involved in helping the poor.

The future saint wrote, "*We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend on material success, nor on sciences that cloud the intellect. Neither does it depend on arms and human industries, but on Jesus alone.*"

Because she treated thousands of strangers as her own family, she also became known as Mother Cabrini. She died at the age of sixty-seven, as she was making Christmas presents for one of her orphanages. St. Mother Cabrini is the first U.S. citizen to be canonized and is honored as patron of orphans.



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Rosary Leaders, Prayer Warriors & Proclaimers

D & J Rivera, Mennen & Estela, R & M Miranda,
Bert & Cora Velez

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Pris Brendia
Nov 15 - Yoyoy Quiapo
Joel Bermudo

God's Blessings

Birthday

Argie Salada 11/12 Loring Pascua 11/13
Nora Dingerdissen 11/13 Inna Lukban 11/14

Anniversary

Bill & Luz Bunoan 11/10

Merry Christmas

Eat **DRINK**
Be **MERRY**

**PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
BLD TRENTON ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019**

Mass will be celebrated at 6pm sharp at
Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall
61 Georgia Road, Freehold NJ

Chinese Auction by FRC

Christmas presentations by Ministries

Love offering of desserts will
be greatly appreciated.
More details to follow

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*A member's thoughts on the recent
BLD Retreat presided by Fr. Yvans
Jazon as Spiritual Director. The topic
of the retreat was "The Eight Beati-
tudes—Sermon on the Plain (Luke
6:11-48)"*

kingdom Blessed

The beatitudes is comparable to the Ten Commandments of God. For the poor in spirit is hungry for the word of GOD thus, lowly ask for forgiveness of sins. As a street beggar knows he has nothing and rejoices with what he receives, whereas a spiritual beggar comes to God to receive a spiritual handout because God offers his forgiveness for our sins and offers His kingdom for those who believe in Jesus. As Jesus said be merciful to others as the Father is merciful to you. Love as you are loved, judge not for you will be judged, be always humble in everything you do. Live a Christian life and be a good example to others especially to people who do not know God. Be always available to those that needs the teachings of God and to be more transparent to others. In conclusion, love one another as the Lord loves us and be humble at all times.

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and realize that this present life is but a temporary place in which our final destiny is determined. Second, sufferings test our faith. They are opportunities for us to trust and serve God even in the midst of suffering. Third, suffering teaches us humility, trust and righteousness. Fourth, suffering gives us an opportunity to love and glorify God, and to participate in His work of redemption.

In today's world, there is growing hostility and persecution in our church. Think of many ordinary people who are suffering for their faith. It could be a family who is ridiculed because they go to mass, or children who are embarrassed to admit to their peers that they go to Mass, and who are no longer allowed to pray in school. We hear of Church scandals, the legalization of abortion and medical aid for the dying and terminally ill. The number of believers attending worship, masses on Sundays and special Holy Days is declining. The pews in churches are not filled up and altar servers are hard to find. We see increasing number of people who are pro-choice and are very active in fighting against Church teachings, even harassing priests for the moral standards they stand for. These are just a few of the problems that we are facing nowadays.

What can we do? We are called to defend God's kingdom. 1 Chronicle 28:20 says, "*Be strong and steadfast, and go to work; do not fear or be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or abandon you before you have completed all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.*" We can help by courageously dedicating ourselves in this community and actively supporting our respective parishes. Fight the sin of complacency. Come together, unite in prayers to build His body. We need to give up our self-centeredness, step out of our comfort zones, sacrifice our time, actively support and be part of any activity or ministry within and outside BLD. Let us compassionately reach out to our members who are going through difficulty. Like the martyr mother in the first reading, let us model Christ character, most especially to our new members. Let us continue to be open minded, not give up when we are displeased or troubled, or when we disagree on a decision discerned by our leaders, let us kindly and respectfully correct or question decisions made.

We can help fight for God's kingdom here on earth and endure suffering because of our faith in the resurrection and our love for Jesus. We will be victorious because we hope in His promise that we will be raised on our last day to an eternal dwelling place in heaven.