



Community News



Volume 19, Issue 6	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Jun 20, 2025
This Sunday's Counsel	"We celebrate the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts."	
<p>THEME: <i>The Holy Spirit empowers us to believe the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.</i></p> <p>WORD: <i>We celebrate the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.</i></p> <p>PROMISE: <i>"As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes." (1Cor 11:26)</i></p> <p>ORIDER: <i>"Do this in remembrance of me." (Lk 22:19)</i></p> <p>DIRECTION: <i>Receive the Holy Eucharist regularly.</i></p>	<p>The Holy Spirit empowers believers to recognize the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Engaging in worship fosters spiritual growth and renewal. Our Community Promise highlights that participating in Communion publicly declares our faith in Jesus' sacrificial death and belief in His atonement for sin. By embracing our faith and serving our community, we experience the blessings of walking with Jesus, fulfilling His command to "Do this in remembrance of me" as we share bread and wine in honor of His sacrifice.</p> <p>The first reading and responsorial psalm highlights the connection between Jesus and Melchizedek, who foreshadow Jesus. Melchizedek, the Priest-king of Salem, has no recorded genealogy, while Jesus, the divine Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary. Melchizedek offers bread and wine and receives tithes from Abraham, resembling Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Both figures symbolize an eternal priesthood, but Melchizedek is</p>	<p>local, while Jesus is the universal King and divine High Priest.</p> <p>The key lesson is that Jesus is our Great High Priest. Through His sacrifice on the cross, He becomes the bridge, allowing us to approach God and experience redemption from sin and death. In Romans 6:23, we read, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Therefore, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us believe and repent today, for we do not know when our time will end.</p> <p>The second reading emphasizes the significance of the Eucharist. This week's community promise is, "As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes." During the Last Supper memorial, I reflect on this: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me". In the same way, the cup after supper says, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me".</p> <p><i>(continued in page 2)</i></p>
MEANING OF CORPUS CHRISTI		

At the heart of this solemnity is the celebration of Christ's constant presence here on earth, fully alive in the Eucharist. On Corpus Christ in 2022, Pope Francis reflected on the discreet yet powerful nature of the Eucharist accounted in the Gospels.

"The miracle of the loaves and fish does not happen in a spectacular way, but almost discreetly, like the wedding at Cana — the bread increases as it passes from hand to hand. And as the crowd eats, they realize that Jesus is taking care of everything. This is the Lord present in the Eucharist. He calls us to be citizens of Heaven, but at the same time, he takes into account the journey we have to face here on earth. If I have hardly any bread in my sack, he knows and takes care of it himself."

Pope Francis

This is the true meaning of the Eucharist — that He is here, with us. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux once wrote in a letter to a friend, **"Oh, my darling, think, then, that Jesus is there in the Tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone."**

Source: BLD Camden

Teaching Calendar



Jun 21 Sat 1pm - 4pm Shepherd's Training Workshop by Trenton. Committed and Covenanted members.

Jul 19 Sat 10 am Apologetics on The Divinity of Christ/The Holy Eucharist by Fr. Tito Ignacio. All members.

Jul 26 Sat 1pm - 4pm Charisma/Siena. All members

August - Basic Bible Study (Date and Time TBA)

Venue: Meet at the HE Annex for all teachings.

COMMUNITY EVENT

July 11 - 13, Fri - Sun John 6 Crossing Youth Encounter is CANCELLED.

July 5 - Joint Kick Off Meeting for SPE 4 and LSS #19

Aug 16, Sat Extrava-Dance-Za, Fundraising Event.

Contact Mila Co or Mila Carandang for details.

Sep 19-21, Fri - Sun SOLO Parent Encounter #4.

Sept 27, Sat 12 - 6pm Community Day

Oct 17 - 19, Fri - Sun LSS# 19

HEALING MASS - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Lectors

Jun 20	L. Palmero	R. Dizon	A. Supan
Jun 27	P. Padolina	J. Gracia	L. Padolina
Jul 4	BJ Dilag	B. Urbiztondo	L. Palmero
Jul 11	N.de Castro	M. D'Souza	J. Macherrone
Jul 18	M. Co	E. Robin	A. Supan
Jul 25	D. Bridgeman	R. Dizon	L. Palmero

Lord's Provisions

May 23	Praise & Worship	\$280.00
May 30	Praise & Worship	\$145.00
June 6	HEALING MASS	\$760.00
June 6	MISSION (Second Collection)	\$79.00
June 15	Praise & Worship	\$246.00

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

I take Jesus' invitation seriously. Participating in this spiritual banquet brings salvation and life. Receiving Holy Communion allows me to be a part of Christ, inspiring me to show love to those in need. I am grateful to experience His real presence during Mass, and I strive to share my blessings with others, especially those facing difficulties in our community, and to be a godly person to my least brethren.

In John 6:53, our Lord said, **"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."** Our Holy Mother Church produces saints; all our saints are entirely reverent for Our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. Blessed Carlo Acutis inspires us with his statement, **"Eucharist, my highway to heaven."** In the Fatima apparition, three shepherd children received Holy Communion suspended in the air by the angel of peace. St. Maximili-

Rosary Leaders

Jun 20	Judith Belonia	Jun 27	Perla Cruz
Jul 6	Youth Ministry	Jul 18	Daisy Pabatao
Jul 11	Rose Dizon	Jul 25	Elsie Robin

Prayer Warriors

Jun 20	D. Bridgeman/J. Maccherone	P. Padolina/M. Ayon
Jun 27	A. Innoncillo/E. Robin	N. de Castro/M. D'Souza
Jul 11	J. Gracia/A. Innoncillo	A. Supan/P. Cruz
Jul 18	P./L. Padolina	L./T. Palmero
Jul 25	M. D'Souza/P.Cruz	N. de Castro/A. Supan

Intercessory Prayer

Jun 20	GRP 3 (L. Palmero)	Jun 27	GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)
Jul 11	GRP 2 (P. Cruz)	Jul 18	GRP 3 (L. Palmero)
Jul 25	GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)		

GOD'S BLESSINGS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3	Cynthia Guanzon	10	Perla Cruz
7	Dennis Cardente	10	Margret D'Souza
9	Rolando Estrada	19	Maria Camaioire

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

2	Les and Sylvia Angelia	19	Toti and Lina Aningalang
4	Aster and Cynthia Guanzon	26	Roland and Maylin Cruzat
8	Cliff and Maria Low	29	Ferdz and Milette Sebastian
10	Philip and Angie Supan	30	Loloy and Effie Lao

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an Kolbe remarked that if angels envied anything about humans, it would be the gift of Holy Communion.

In the gospel, two miracles were performed by Jesus in a deserted area: healing the sick and multiplying five loaves and two fish to feed over five thousand people, with twelve baskets of leftovers remaining. The Catholic Church's Catechism states that the miracle of the loaves, where Jesus blesses and distributes bread to feed the multitude, foreshadows the abundance of the Eucharist. The word **"Eucharist"** comes from the Greek word **"eucharistia"** meaning **"thanksgiving."** We are encouraged to thank God for this gift and those who have passed it down. This miracle reiterates the importance of the Eucharist as a daily celebration of gratitude. Let us offer our hearts and souls in reverence as we commit to receiving the Holy Eucharist regularly.

This gospel highlights God's power, love, and mercy for humanity. The Catholic Church, led by Jesus' examples, performs transformative charitable acts, evident through miraculous cures, conversions, and answered prayers. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and inspire us to give back to those in need wholeheartedly. As BLD members, we should practice the corporal works of mercy, such as giving alms, feeding the hungry, and showing love and kindness to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Through these actions, we embody God's abundant grace, which never runs dry.

Source: BLD Camden

"TEACH LIKE JESUS" (TLJ) MASTER FACILITATOR CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP
JUNE 14 - 15, 2025

BLD Teaching Academy, in its continuing effort to improve and enhance the Formation Program of BLD, conducted a Seminar and Workshop on June 14 -15, 2025. The two-day activity entitled ***TEACH LIKE JESUS (TLJ)*** was hosted by the BLD Newark District. The attendees were invited community teachers from various BLD districts in the US East Coast and Canada.

The goal was to certify the participants as Master Facilitators who will then train and certify prospective BLD teachers, utilizing a standard ***TLJ*** presentation deck. This program, when fully operational, will significantly enhance the formation goals of BLD as an organization.

LIVE LIKE JESUS, LEAD LIKE JESUS and the recent ***TEACH LIKE JESUS*** were series of activities that were conducted from last year and now. The Training Team was headed by Eileen Reyes and Jojo Jalandoni who are members of BLD Philippines. Larry Nieva, chairman of the BLD Academy presented the short and long term plans for the participants of this teacher training program.

The participants from BLD Camden were Emmy Maranan and Aster Guanzon. Merle Zwirblis, Anne Belonia and Cynthia Guanzon were also invited and participated as observers.

See photos below.

Source: BLD Camden



BLD Members, CAMDEN



**Eileen Reyes (center in white)
Head Training Team and Consultant
BLD Academy**

CHRISTIAN SUFFERING
BLD COMMUNITY TEACHING - JUNE 7, 2025

On June 7, 2025, BLD CAMDEN held a Community Teaching at the Holy Eucharist Annex for all BLD members. The topic for the teaching is about ***“Christian Suffering.”***

Christian suffering is any trial or tribulation (physical or mental). We offer up as a gift to God as an expression of our love for Him in Union with the passion of Christ.

Suffering, a consequence of original sin acquires a new meaning, it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus. We partake in the “Salvific” (relating to salvation) suffering of Christ for the benefit of the church. Salvifici Doloris is the latin title of Pope John Paul II’s apostolic letter

The invited teacher was Bong Dizon, BLD Teacher, Teaching Ministry Coordinator, BLD Trenton.

A foundation verse for Christian suffering used within the context of BLD would be ***“The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory through Christ will himself restore, confirm strengthen and establish you after you have suffered.”*** The church sees human suffering as a chance to follow the example of Christ and believes, it is part of God’s plan .God allows suffering into the lives of those who are His to grow them closer to Him, He does not delight in our suffering in that He is glad that we go through pain, but because we choose Him over the comfort of this world.

The purpose of suffering is to teach us dependence on God. 2 Cor 12:10. It brings glory to God. John 9:1-3. Helps us to be better persons. Rom 5:3-5. Prepares us for ministry. 2 Cor 1:4

Christian response to suffering, seek the purpose of God, offer it up to Him, receive it, be fruitful and joyful, be earnest in prayer and rely on God. The promise: ***“I have told you this so you may have faith in me. In the world you may have trouble but take courage I have conquered the world”*** John 16:33

The key takeaway is ***“Persevere in trial, consider it all joy, my brothers when you encounter various trials for testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing.”*** James 1:2-X11

See photos below.

Source: BLD Camden



BONG DIZON
BLD COMMUNITY TEACHER
TRENTON



BLD members, Camden and Trenton