



Community News

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 17, 2024

“The Holy Spirit empowers us to remain in God’s love and bear fruit”

This Sunday’s Counsel

THEME:

We remain in God’s love and bear fruit when we use our spiritual gifts to upbuild the body of Christ.

WORD:

The Holy Spirit empowers us to remain in God’s love and bear fruit.

PROMISE:

“When you send forth your spirit...you renew the face of the earth.” (Ps 104:30)

ORDER:

“Receive the Holy Spirit” (Jn 22:23)

DIRECTION:

Renew and re-ignite our connections with the Holy Spirit through the Life in the Spirit Seminar.

In the 1st Reading, on this first Pentecost Sunday, we find this amazing narrative about, the Spirit came down on the gathered disciples like a **“rushing wind”** and something like **“tongues of fire”** that hovered above their heads.



The disciples who were not particularly learned men suddenly began to speak in different languages proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

Something of great historical significance also happened that day. The Church, as we know it today, was born. The Holy Spirit brought it into existence and made it alive, dynamic and vibrant as an institution.

Let us also recall the narrative of our Lord’s ascension to heaven. Just before he left, he assured his disciples saying, **“And I will ask the Father**

and he will send you another ADVOCATE to help you and be with you forever.”

When he sent them out on that great mission of evangelization, he did not send them empty-handed. The Holy Spirit was with them. All these readings, if you remember, are centerpiece readings of our Life in the Spirit Seminars. In a couple of weeks, we shall be

holding our LSS#18. For most of us, the LSS was the door that opened for us the amazing world and reality of the Holy Spirit. Each one of us has a story to tell about that encounter with the Spirit. Although it may not be in the form of “rushing wind” and **“tongues of fire”**, that encounter must have left a lasting impression on everyone.

As we met the Holy Spirit on that occasion, some spiritual gifts must have come our way. The Holy Scriptures list several gifts a believer can have.

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BLESSED MOTHER MARY, MAY FLOWER OFFERING



In a beautiful display of tradition and devotion, the BLD Camden Youth Ministry and children held their Flower Offering to Mother Mary on May 3, 2024. They sang heartfelt songs, with “harana”, followed by the reverent recitation of the Holy Rosary.

*Dennis and Kathleen Cardente, Mark 10, John 6 & Youth Ministry Coordinators along with Philip and Angie Supan, Pastoral Apostolate Stewards led this activity. It was a remarkable tribute to Mama Mary, and we are grateful to those who participated in this inspiring celebration of faith. The participants were Elle Bueno, Theo Bueno, Faith Cardente, Dayle de Castro, Kail de Castro Nulud, Clark Monteiro, Eugene Montero, Rouel Montero, Eleanor Sias and Gertrude Sias. **“Let the children come to me...” Mark 10:14** Please refer to pages 3 and 4 for more photos of the children.*

Source: BLD Camden



Teaching Calendar



Jun 8 Sat 1- 4pm Community Servanthood and Leadership. Covenanted/Committed members. Meet at Annex.
Jun 15 Sat 1- 4pm Intro to BCWD. LSS 18. Meet at Annex.
Jun 29 Sat 1- 4pm Community Stewardship. Covenanted/Committed member. Meet at Annex.
Jun 29 Sat 1- 4pm Gifts/Fruit of Holy Spirit. LSS 18/all members. Meet at Annex.

COMMUNITY EVENT

MAY 31– JUNE 2 Fri - Sun LSS 18 at the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall. Please invite candidates for this seminar.
JUNE 22 Sat 12 - 6pm BLD Camden Community Day, POTLUCK at Washington Township Park.
JULY 13 Sat 6 - 10:30 pm BLD Camden EXTRA-DANZA 2024 Marco's Indian Springs Country Club, Marlton, NJ. Contact Mila Co or Mila Carandang for tickets.
JULY 27 Sat 10am - 4pm Praise Meeting & Worship Leader's Forum, Holy Eucharist Annex
Healing Mass every First Friday of the month.

Lectors

Jun 7	N. Juliano	A. Supan	N. Rance
Jun 14	M. Ayon	L. Ayon	B. Urbiztondo
Jun 21	J. Belonia	E. Maranan	N. Nalud
Jun 28	D. Cardente	K. Cardente	M. Zwrblis

Lord's Provisions

Apr 12	Praise & Worship	\$264.00
Apr 19	Praise & Worship	\$500.00
Apr 26	Praise & Worship	\$267.00
May 3	HEALING MASS	\$719.00
May 10	Praise & Worship	\$491.00

Rev. Michael A. de Leon Fundraising Invitation

St. Simon Stock Parish Church
Jun 22 Sat 6pm Auletto Caterers, Almonesson , NJ

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Some of these gifts are that of healing, prophecy, preaching, teaching, exhortation, speaking in tongues, the interpretation of tongues, and many more. The Church also teaches us that during our sacramental water baptism, the Holy Spirit bestowed on us seven spiritual gifts which are **WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, COUNSEL, FORTITUDE, KNOWLEDGE, PIETY, and FEAR OF THE LORD.** All these gifts, we believe, are continually bestowed on us, even to this day. We may be wondering why all these gifts? What for? The Catholic Catechism gives us this definitive answer: God's purpose at Pentecost was **TO EQUIP** His Church with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are meant primarily for Ministry work, and we need to use them for this very

Rosary Leaders

Jun 7 Youth Ministry
 Jun 14 Perla Cruz
 Jun 21 Julia Gracia
 Jun 28 Marta Ayon

Prayer Warriors

Jun 7 HEALING MASS
 Jun 14 M. Zwirblis/D. Pabatao R. Dizon/P. Cruz
 Jun 21 L/N. Juliano L/P. Padolina
 Jun 28 D/K Cardente R. Maranan/N. Nalud

Intercessory Prayer

Jun 7 HEALING MASS Jun 14 GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)
 Jun 21 GRP 2 (J. Gracia)
 Jun 28 GRP 3 (B. Urbiztondo)

GOD'S BLESSING & MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Philip Supan	19 Anne Belonia
2 Les Angelia	19 Pete Japon
2 Cecilia Ramirez	22 Linda Juliano
4 Antonio Ramirez	25 Maryann Grace Gallofin
8 Mila Co	26 Karen Santos
8 Rose Dizon	26 Sonia Tagle
11 Maylin Cruzat	27 Romy Silao
18 Chuck Reyes	28 Tina Aquino

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3 Rudy & Freda Lagman	22 Leo & Bessie Urbiztondo
4 Nap & Perla Cruz	26 Alex & Karen Santos
8 Chuck & Tess Reyes	
10 EJ & Tara Juliano	
13 Ted & Nora Garrido	

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purpose. There is still one lesson in this Pentecost story that we should seriously consider. The fact that the Holy Spirit was given to a gathering of believers is not a coincidence. It underscores the importance of a gathering, a community of faith. The Holy Spirit is not given only to individuals but more importantly, to the gathered people of God.

So here we are, BLD Camden, a Catholic, charismatic covenant community with a vision and mission supportive to that of the Catholic Church. Over the years, our evangelizing efforts have become more challenging, if not more difficult. More than ever, we should take stock of the Holy Spirit's gifts that have nourished and empowered our community. Let us avail of them the best way we could. We should use these gifts, otherwise, we lose them. Our charism must be in the areas of preaching, teaching, organizing and perhaps several more which we have yet to discern and ask the Holy Spirit. Small as we are as a group, we need to be bold, intrepid, confident and filled with faith in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to contribute our share in the overall task of upbuilding the Body of Christ, our Mother Church.

Source: BLD Camden

MAMA MARY FLOWER OFFERING
BLD CAMDEN YOUTH MINISTRY/CHILDREN



