




Community News

Volume 17, Issue 6	<i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		June 16, 2023
This Sunday's Counsel	"Our Triune God leads us to a faith journey of perfect love, unity and peace"		
<p>THEME: We journey to a life of perfect love, unity and peace when we obey God and keep His covenant.</p> <p>WORD: Our triune God leads us to a faith journey of perfect love, unity and peace.</p> <p>PROMISE: "If you obey me completely and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured possession among all peoples..." (Ex 19:5)</p> <p>ORDER: "...serve the Lord with gladness..." (Ps 100:1)</p> <p>DIRECTION: Joyfully accept assignments given to you.</p>	<p>"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." (Exodus 19:5-6)</p> <p>What a great promise our Lord has made and if we listen, we will be His special possession, a holy nation. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. He showed His immense love for us, through the psalm, the second reading and the gospel. But what did we do in return? A lot of times we forget His teachings, the good things He has done for us and most of the times we turn our backs to Him especially when everything is going alright with our lives. My brothers and sisters, myself is also guilty of this sin. I forget to pray and thank Him for all the good things that I am enjoying in my life. He even asked us to love</p>	 <p>God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.</p>	<p>one another but we do the opposite, instead, we look the other way and show no compassion towards them. We can say that we have this freedom to do what we think is right and what we think is good for us. But we can only exercise this freedom positively when we go the right direction, have the right friends, and the right community. We should be sensitive to the needs of our brothers and sisters. If they are hungry let us feed them, if they are thirsty, we must give them water to drink and we feel they need a shoulder to cry on offer our shoulders and comfort them.</p> <p>It is hard to be a real Christian. To follow the footsteps of our Lord is a tough job. As His modern-day disciples, it is our responsibility to bring the good news to the spiritually poor and ignorant in our own individual world, to our family, our friends and acquaintances, those within our own sphere of influence, if we are still working, our co-workers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(continued in page 2)</i></p>

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS # 17) - MAY 26 - 28, 2023

BLD Camden successfully completed a spiritually filled Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS 17) at the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall. Twelve graduates experienced a renewed and deepened relationship with God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge BLD Camden members, who shared their God given talents, time, and selfless service before, during and after the seminar. The voice of the Lord was delivered to us through our dearly beloved Fr. Tito Ignacio, LSS Spiritual Director. God's word says: **"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."** (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported, served, and prayed for the success of our Life in Spirit Seminar, from the beginning of preparation to the end of the seminar. Each of you showed your generosity, enthusiasm, patience, and God's love and shared them with all of us.

"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus", 1 Thes 5:18

Please refer to page 3 for the shared personal reflections of LSS 17graduates and photos on pages 4 and 6.
Source: bldcamden

Teaching Calendar



Jun 20 Tues via Zoom. CSL Supplementary Teaching. Link will be sent via email.
Jul 8 Sat (1pm - 4pm) via Zoom. Advanced Intercession, Siena Inventory
Jul 29 Sat (1pm - 4:30pm) Shepherds 1 and 2, Holy Eucharist Annex
Aug 5 Sat (10am - 4:30 pm) Washing of the Feet, Holy Eucharist Annex
Aug 19 Sat (1pm-4:30pm) Prayer Leadership, Holy Eucharist Annex

COMMUNITY EVENT

Jun 24 Sat (1pm-4pm) - LSS 17 Reunion, Holy Eucharist Annex. All are invited.
Jul 22 Sat (6pm-10:30pm) - BLD Summer Extrava-Danza, Indian Springs Country Club, 115 S. Elmwood Rd. Marlton, NJ \$70 pp RSVP by June 22. Contact: Mila Co @ 856 520 6603 or Letty Padolina @ 610 453 6734
Jul 23 Sun (1pm) - Filipino Apostolate of Camden Mass, Holy Eucharist Parish

Lectors

Jun 16	B. Urbiztondo	R. Dizon	P. Cruz
Jun 23	N. Castro	M. Co	M. Fernandez
Jun 30	M. Carandang	A. Palmero	L. Palmero
Jul 7	B.J. Dilag	M. Co	D. Bridgeman
Jul 14	P. Japon	M. Japon	N. Abrenilla
Jul 21	INTERCESSORY PRAYER		
Jul 28	N. Nalud	A. Inoncillo	K. Baburam

Lord's Provisions

May 12	Praise & Worship	\$ 307.00
May 19	Praise & Worship	\$ 404.00
May 28	LSS Class 17	\$ 1,683.00
Jun 2	HEALING MASS	\$ 764.00
Jun 9	Praise & Worship	\$ 482.00

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This goes with the premise that we would have a better chance of convincing them, because they see us and witness how we live our life, patterned from Christ's teaching, and living a life of perfect love, peace, and unity. This we can only get from obeying God's law and keeping His covenant. Jesus gave instructions to his twelve apostles, to prepare them for the mission he left with them. He asked them to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. To be selfless, to give the best of themselves without counting the cost of giving. Many times, in our walk with Christ, we encounter many obstacles, challenges and sometimes failures which are all beyond our control. We oftentimes try to solve them relying on our human strength, and wisdom or power.

We forget that if we live godly in Almighty Father, we must first experience sufferings, tribulations and persecutions, then try to overcome them with patience, love, tolerance and understanding.

Rosary Leaders

Jul 7 Youth Ministry Jul 14 Aster Guanzon
 Jul 21 INTERCESSORY PRAYER
 Jul 28 BJ Dilag

Prayer Warriors

Jul 2 HEALING MASS
 Jul 14 F/M Carandang J/L Padolina
 Jul 21 INTERCESSORY PRAYER
 Jul 28 J/A Maccherone A/L Palmero

Intercessory Prayer

Jul 7 HEALING MASS
 Jul 14 GRP 1
 Jul 21 INTERCESSORY PRAYER
 Jul 28 GRP 3

GOD'S BLESSING

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Cynthia Guanzon	9 Rolando Estrada
6 Catherine Davis	10 Perla Cruz
7 Dennis Cardente	10 Margaret F. D'Souza
	19 Maria Camaioere

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2 L/S Angelia	19 T/L Aningalang
4 A/C Guanzon	26 R/M Cruzat
8 C/M Low	29 F/M Sebastian
10 P/A Supan	30 L/E Lao

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As disciples of Christ, we need to obey God and keep His covenant and it is only then that we could journey to a life of perfect love, unity, and peace. God promises that we will be His treasured possession in all the earth.

God's call to the apostles serves to reassure us. If Jesus can pick the twelve who were at that time, still lost to sin and selfishness, so too, God can choose us now and patiently transform us each day that we may be fit to answer His call. He calls us to be a modern-day apostle whom He can send into the world. We must be ready to obey His commands, accept His call and keep His covenant.

God is good, we know He is good. It is hard to obey His commandments and follow Him, but it is doable. We just need to keep our faith and strengthen it every day. We need for us to ask Him to give us the power and wisdom to fight off the attacks of the enemy. He is more powerful than think He is. And on our part, we need to follow Him. Brothers and Sisters, just close our eyes and say to ourselves we give our Lord God all control of our lives, this life is not our own, we will follow His will, not our will. When we hear Him call our name, we are going to follow Him. We offer obedience, and every Yes that we say, we hope to bring smile on God's face.

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BLD CAMDEN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS 17)

MAY 26-28, 2023

BLD CAMDEN GRADUATES OF LSS 17

Nancy Abrenilla	Ma. Milagros (Mila) Japon
Maria Anna (Kay) Baburam	Pedro (Pete) Japon
Al Shem De Castro	Aida Inoncillo
Diana De Castro	Adelia Mendoza
Miguel Medico	Donelan Nulud
BJ Ann Dilag	Nuska Nulud

SHARED PERSONAL REFLECTIONS OF THE LSS CLASS 17 GRADUATES

1 - The Life in the Spirit Seminar was God's way of granting my desire to deepen my Faith in Him. Through the LSS, I was able to understand more about the Holy Spirit. My mom would tell me to pray to the Holy Spirit. I do, but I do not fully comprehend the significance because I do pray to God as well. The retreat enlightened my understanding about the Holy Spirit. This is the start of my journey of deepening my Faith through the help of the BLD community. It is a process and despite of my busy schedule, the community never fails to be there to guide me.

2 - I thank the Lord for the gift of time, amidst the busy and stressful time of my daily schedules and responsibilities. I intentionally took the time to step back and spent my one weekend attending the Life in Spirit Seminar sponsored by BLD, Camden on May 26-28, 2023.

This is my second time attending the LSS. The topics were the same, but both have different impacts on me. God revealed His Love for me differently. My first one - I felt God as my comforter. He was crying with me when my heart was heavy. He was embracing me to endure life's adversities, lifting my spirit out of the swap of worries and fears.

The second one - I felt God as my cheerleader. He was celebrating with me with a joyful heart. I started my journey of creating a deeper relationship with Him by myself, alone. Unexpectedly, this time I continue my journey of falling more deeply in love with him not by myself alone but with the man He sent for me to be part of my world.

Thus now, both of us are starting the journey of knowing, serving, and enjoying our God's gift of time here on earth together to serve our mission in this temporary world we live in.

We are so grateful to the BLD, Camden Community for making friends who help us become better people. This is the kind of friends God wants to be with us, and the kind of friends He intends for us to be with one another.

3 - I can describe the Life in the Spirit Seminar that I experienced in three words: inspiring, humbling and enlightening. The sharers testimonials inspired me through the physical, social, and spiritual challenges they faced, and how they overcame them by surrendering themselves to God, along with the support of the community of faith. It strengthened my belief in shared human experiences. The seminar clarified in my mind those moments in my life in which the Holy Spirit guided me, but I was too full of myself, convinced that that the choices I made were based purely on rational thinking.

It is humbling to accept that I am not as self-sufficient as I thought, nor as self-actualized.

During this seminar, I realized that despite my deep faith in God, I am still spiritually immature, and I accept it. Now I can work towards that goal with the help and support of the BLD community.

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Shown in photo are LSS 17 graduates: Front row: L to R (seated) Diana De Castro, Nuska Nulud, Maria Milagros (Mila) Japon, Father Tito Ignacio, Aida Inoncillo, Nancy Abrenilla and BJ Ann Dilag. L to R (standing) - Al Sheim De Castro, Donelan Nulud, Pedro (Pete) Japon, Maria Anna (Kay) Baburam, Adelia Mendoza and Miguel Medico



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LSS 17 Graduates with their Shepherds
May 26-28, 2023





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