




# Community News

<p>Volume 17, Issue 8</p>	<p><i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i></p>	<p>Aug 11, 2023</p>
<p><b>This Sunday's Counsel</b></p>	<p>"Our heavenly Father is pleased with those who have strong faith in Jesus"</p>	
<p><b>THEME:</b>  <i>Our faith in Jesus Christ remains strong when we take courage and put our full trust in Him.</i></p> <p><b>WORD:</b>  <i>Our heavenly Father is pleased with those who have strong faith in Jesus.</i></p> <p><b>PROMISE:</b>  <i>"The Lord himself...shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps." (Ps 85: 13a,14)</i></p> <p><b>ORDER:</b>  <i>"...speak the truth in Christ" (Rom 9:1)</i></p> <p><b>DIRECTION:</b>  <i>Be bold in spreading the Word of God.</i></p>	<p>In the gospel, Jesus uses the opportunity in the storm to strengthen the faith of His disciples. He is away praying in the mountain when the storm starts tossing them in the sea. He comes to their rescue, although they fail to recognize Him at first. He responds to their inability to see Him with the statement <b>"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid."</b> But still, they need proof. Peter said <b>"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."</b></p> <p>Christ foresaw the storm and the grave risk His apostles would run.</p>	 <p>But that trial and the grave danger they ran was for their own good because they learn to realize that He was from God, and they could always trust Him. God have foreseen our trials and earthly ailments, but He permitted them so that we will draw closer to Him and help us on the road to heaven.</p> <p>We live in a time when people find it difficult to wait and want things to happen quickly. Our faith encourages us to wait. Sometimes we look for a quick-fix solution to our problems in our lives.</p> <p><i>(continued in page 2)</i></p>
<p><b>WASHING OF THE FEET RETREAT- AUGUST 5, 2023</b></p>		

BLD Camden successfully completed the Washing of the Feet Retreat on August 5, 2023, held at the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall, Cherry Hill, NJ. Six Committed BLD members, experienced an enriching, and spiritually - filled weekend.

With grateful and heartfelt thanks to all members who with their presence and support made this possible for our committed members to be able to fulfill the requirement to become a Covenanted member of the BLD community.

We acknowledge with thanks and gratefulness Rev. Father Tito, our Retreat Master who provided insights, teachings and the Word of God.

We thank the Lord for this wonderful event to happen.

Attendees of Committed members are:

Dennis and Kathleen Cardente; Dorie and Phil Bridgeman, Elsie Robin and Nuska Nulad.

Please refer to pages 2 through 4 for personal reflections. Please refer to page 3 for group photo.



**Teaching Calendar**



**Aug 19 Sat (1pm - 4:30pm) Prayer Leadership, Holy Eucharist Annex**  
**Sept 2 Sat (1pm - 4:40pm) Introduction to Word, Holy Eucharist Annex**  
**Sept 9 Sat (1pm - 4:30pm) Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit Siena, Holy Eucharist Annex**  
**Sept 16 Sat (1pm - 4:30pm) Final Plenary, Holy Eucharist Annex**  
**Oct 14 Sat (1pm - 4:30pm) BBS– Book of Books - Response to the Word, Holy Eucharist Annex**  
**Nov 18 - 19 Sat-Sun (Time - TBA) Aspirant's Retreat, Franciscan Sisters House**  
**Dec 2 Sat (1pm - 4:30pm) Growth in Prayer, Holy Eucharist Annex**

**COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Aug 13 Sun (10am – 12pm) 2nd ME 17 Preparatory Mtg, Holy Eucharist Annex**  
**Aug 14 Mon (10am - 11:30am) Volunteer Service, Manor Care Nursing Home, Voorhees, NJ**  
**Aug 19 Sat (10am - 4:30pm) DLC Mtg, Holy Eucharist Annex**  
**Sept 1 Fri (7:30 pm) Rosary Novena Youth and First Friday Healing Mass (8pm) at Holy Eucharist Church**  
**Sept 1 Fri (after Healing Mass) Community Assembly, Holy Eucharist Church**

**Lectors**

Aug 11	J. Maccherone	J. Gracia	A. Maccherone
Aug 18	D. Cardente	P. Cruz	K. Cardente
Aug 25	D. Bridgeman	R. Dizon	K. Baburam
Sept 1	A. Guanzon	Y. Cuartero	B. Urbiztondo
Sept 8	L. Palmero	N. Rance	A. Palmero
Sept 18	D. Cardente	N. Nalud	K. Cardente
Sept 22	D. Bridgeman	R. Dizon	K. Baburam
Sept 29	E. Robin	P. Cruz	B. Dilag

**Lord's Provisions**

Jul 21	Praise & Worship	\$ 278.00
Jul 22	Summer Extrava-danza	\$ 6,323.19
Jul 28	Praise & Worship	\$ 227.00
Aug 4	HEALING MASS	\$ 715.00
Aug 5	Washing of the Feet	\$ 219.00

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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our faith tells us that God will supply our needs. Jesus reminds us that no matter how long it takes, God is always faithful to His promises. We must always be prepared no matter how long it takes for the Lord to come. When He returns, may He find us to be loving examples of His disciples.

***"I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land." (Ps 85:9,10)***

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**Rosary Leaders**

**Aug 11 R. Dizon Aug 18 D. Bridgeman Aug 25 J. Gracia**  
**Sept 1 Y. Ministry Sept 8 M. Ayon Sept 15 N. Nalud**  
**Sept 22 D. Pabatao Sept 29 P. Cruz**

**Prayer Warriors**

**Aug 18 M/F Carandang A/C Guanzon**  
**Aug 25 L/P Padolina D. Pabatao/M. Ayon**  
**Sept 1 FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS**  
**Sept 8 P/L Padolina N. Nalud/P. Cruz**  
**Sept 15 D/P Bridgeman M. Zwirblis/ R. Dizon**  
**Sept 22 D/K Cardente J/A Maccherone**  
**Sept 29 A/L Palmero J. Gracia/ E. Robins**

**Intercessory Prayer**

**Aug 11 GRP 2 Aug 18 GRP 3 Aug 25 GRP 1**  
**Sept 1 Healing Mass Sept 8 GRP 2 Sept 15 GRP 3**  
**Sept 22 GRP 1 Sept 29 GRP 2**

**GOD'S BLESSING**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

2 Marilyn Pineda	19 EJ Juliano
3 Aida Inoncillo	24 Fred Carandang
6 Amerla Casal	24 Bernard Evidente
8 Nelly Sison	29 Miguel Medico
15 Nap Juliano	29 Donel Nalud
19 Leo Urbiztondo	

**AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

14 R/S Palma 15 R/A Fontanilla 26 B/S Thompson

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**WASHING OF THE FEET RETREAT - Shared Personal Reflections by Committed Members**

**REFLECTION NO. 1**

Food for the Soul. The Washing of the Feet Retreat was a recharger that I needed to enlighten my mind, body, and soul. It gave me peace of mind from my everyday stress, and it detoxes my wrong doings. It is a preparation for me to serve Our Lord and His people without any inhibitions. Like Jesus, I should humble myself to anyone that I will encounter. And by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I can serve his people with the most respect and compassion.

**REFLECTION NO. 2**

My reflection is that when Jesus chooses me to be one of his chosen disciples to serve others is that I would pray guidance of the Holy Spirit that I can do the tasks assigned to me in serving others, especially the community. That I would be able to pertinence wholeheartedly with no hindrance and pray to God that if it is his will, I will do it and I think about Jesus how he save me from my sins and to die on the cross for me I will not be scared in anything.

Jesus calls me to be his chosen one I must hear him and answer his call. As the scripture says that This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. Transfiguration signifies a change in form or appearance of his beloved son Jesus, and it changes me, and the Lord spoke to me through my faith in him.

**BLD CAMDEN “WASHING OF THE FEET RETREAT”  
AUGUST 5, 2023**

GROUP PHOTO



**BLD CAMDEN COMMITTED MEMBERS  
SHARED PERSONAL REFLECTIONS**

***REFLECTION NO. 3***

After attending the Life in the Spirit Seminar, I became the “NEW” me. The rude and constant complainer at work changed to a NEW creation of GOD.

I was like a seed planted into the good soil which is the BLD community. Slowly but surely, I am growing to be like Jesus. Even my colleagues noticed the change and said that my soul is shining, and the fruits of the Holy Spirit empower me.

At first, I was hesitant to sign up to be a committed member because it takes so much of my time, and I do not want added responsibility for the reason I may not be capable of doing the tasks.

Attending teachings, Praise and Worship activities and discipleship sessions helped and molded me to become a good disciple of GOD.

As I wash my husband’s feet, I feel like I was washing my old ways, cleanse myself with humility and be ready to serve others with self-sacrifice. I said a short prayer, that the Holy Spirit be with us at that time. He told me that he does not want to take off his shoes because he was wearing compression socks. It does explain that God’s will is greater if we surrender to Him.



#### **REFLECTION NO. 4**

The spiritual meaning of the washing of the feet reminds me that Jesus set up examples for all His believers and non-believers, that He serves everyone for the kingdom of God. I also feel that Jesus values me to imitate His selfless love, humility, and service equivalent to preserve life, dignity, unity, and diversity for all because He loves me and wants to share His life with me as a repentant sinner.

As I become a committed BLD member, Jesus' washing of the feet would mean me serving the Lord unconditionally. It also means I serve the Lord along with my imperfect BLD brothers and sisters who also try and are willing to grow and serve the Lord like me. To me, the BLD community offers Christ-like guidance, examples, teachings, and encouragement that is also important for me to grow with my faith in the Lord.

The BLD community also strengthens my faith and helps me understand the real meaning of love, service, almsgiving, role model, and understanding the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' Washing of Feet Retreat is invaluable to me. It recreates the life of Jesus through our eyes.

Yes, I want to imitate Jesus' selfless love, humility, obedience, forgiveness, and sacrificial acts through washing the feet of His Apostles like Judas at the Last Supper before He died on the cross. I am also willing to wash any feet that start from my immediate family, and adversaries, down to the least of my brethren that I meet/find along my way to show my commitment and love to Jesus. Although, those are big words and promises that I may have difficulty complying with as a weakened human.

So, I pray to the Lord that I become the person He created me to become. In this way, I will be able to imitate God's purpose in this world is better to serve than be served.

#### **REFLECTION NO. 5**

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#### **REFLECTION NO. 6**

I felt somewhat dry in spirit before the retreat but Father Tito's teachings and talks as well as our sharers seem to have lifted my spirit. The questions in the reflections of each talk made me like I was being challenged in my faith, and definitely in a good way. It makes me think about what the good Lord has done for me and it also makes me strive to do what pleases God.

For me, the spiritual meaning of the washing of the feet is that we are called to serve and love our fellow brothers and sisters, the lost, the unfortunate, and the misinformed. In this situation, I think all I can do is pray for them. As a BLD member, the washing of the feet means being obedient to God's purpose for all the things, He intended for us to do. It is good to imitate Jesus' humility and selfless love for He is the way, the truth, and the life. I long to follow God's commands to love Him with all my heart, mind, and strength; to love our neighbor.

In God's time, I would love to be of service to others particularly the less fortunate and underserved with no strings attached. That is what the washing of feet means to me.