




Community News

Volume 19, Issue 1	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Jan 24, 2025
This Sunday's Counsel	<i>"God's saving power is upon those who share the light of Christ."</i>		
<p>THEME: We share the light of Christ when we minister to the poor, the oppressed and the sick.</p> <p>WORD: God's saving power is upon those who share the light of Christ.</p> <p>PROMISE: "...if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." (1Cor 12:26b)</p> <p>ORIDER: " ..Have the same concern for one another.." (1Cor 12-25)</p> <p>DIRECTION: Be generous with your talent, time and treasure for the mission work.</p>	<p>First Reading is from the Book of Nehemiah. In the year 578 AD Babylon invaded Jerusalem and destroyed the city and the Temple. They took gifted, young and strong people, the rich and the educated back to Babylon as slaves, a few years later Persia conquered Babylon and took over the slaves. At that time, King Cyrus of Persia allowed the return of the Jews to Jerusalem to rebuild the city. Ezra was one of them. It was a joyful time, and they rejoice for God has grant them freedom to go back to their homes. The people rejoice for God has not forgotten them. It was this time that Ezra stood at the Water Gate to read God's law from the Book of Law, from daybreak until midday, in the presence of men women and children old enough to understand. After that "They were told to go and rejoice and eat rich food for rejoicing in the Lord is their strength"</p>	 <p>http://michaelkashn.com/writing/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/1-cor-12_27-graphic.jpg</p>	<p>Nehemiah's word shows us the importance of God's Word and how it guides their lives. The Word of God has the power to bridge the difference, heal division and remind us of our shared identity. God's word gave them hope for the future. They will be able to praise and offer worship the way they used to in the past.</p> <p>In the Second Reading, St. Paul tells us of our body as God created us, unique as we are for His purpose. As the body is one, it has many parts, though many parts are one body, so also is Christ. For in spirit, we were all baptized in one body, given a drink in one spirit unique and essential. All these parts co-exist, with one another that emphasizes mutual respect. The church is a unified body of Christ in which each person has a role to play. Each part of the body is important, every person is valuable. <i>(continued in page 2)</i></p>
MISSION MINISTRY PROJECTS — DECEMBER 2024			

BLD Camden Mission Stewards led by Les and Sylvia Angelia along with Mission Apostolate Coordinators, Anthony and Lynette Palmero, accomplished two important projects last December:

- 1 - Christmas Party to the residents and Caregivers in Echelon Care and Rehab Center in Voorhees.
- 2 - Adopt a Family.

The holiday celebration brought smiles, fun and joy to the residents with the help of 17 volunteers from BLD Camden. Residents received gifts and cash donations from our generous BLD members. Filipino food was prepared and served by our own BLD "chefs.". BLD members serenaded Christmas songs, played music and danced with able residents. Overall, it was a very happy moment for the residents..

Adopt-A-Family project was a "Christmas Wish Come True" to a single family of three (3), a 2.5-year-old daughter and a 5-year-old son. Surprisingly, the kids received toys more than what was on their list. In addition a monetary fund worth \$380 of Shoprite cards was gifted to the family for Christmas.

"If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?" (James 2:15-16)

(See photos pages 3 thru 6)

Source: BLD Camden

Teaching Calendar

Jan 25 Sat 1pm Christian Witnessing. All members.
 Feb 14 Fri - Supplemental Teaching after Community Intercessory. All members
 Feb 22 Sat 1pm Renewing the Mind. All members.
 Mar 29 Sat 1pm Handling Conflict, Fraternal Correction and Repairing Wrongdoing. All members.
 Venue: Meet at the Annex for all teachings.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Feb 7 Fri Healing Mass at Holy Eucharist Church. Fellowship to follow at the Annex.

Apr 29 Sat Philippine Mission at Botolan, Zambales. Contact soon J/A Maccherone or if interested to join.

Mar 21- 23, 2025, Fri - Sun ME 18 at Our Lady of Czestochowa. Candidates to join Trenton.

Lectors

Jan 24 K. Cardente	D. Cardente	E. Maranan
Jan 31 B.J. Dilag	D. Bridgeman	E. Robin
Feb 7 T. Briones	M. Ayon	S. Bobila
Feb 14 INTERCESSORY PRAYER		
Feb 21 L. Padolina	A. Supan	R. Dizon
Feb 28 J. Gracia	N. de Castro	E. Robin

Lord's Provisions

Dec 13	Praise & Worship	\$140.00
Dec 20	Praise & Worship	\$136.00
Dec 27	No P&W Christmas	---
Jan 3	Healing Mass	\$338.00
Jan 3	Second Collection	\$105.00
Jan 10	Praise & Worship	\$195.00
Jan 17	Praise & Worship	\$229.00

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

All members of the church function as one. Our BLD community is structured this way, such as five Apostolates on leadership role and we function in synchrony as one. We have Ministry Coordinators, likewise each has different duties to do. We are the hands, ears and feet of the community, that work together, united in mind, body and spirit and have the same concern for one another. Each of us function according to each own spiritual gift as manifested by the Holy Spirit that enables us to fulfill our assigned mission in accord with Christ purpose. As disciples of Christ in this community we bring the same work of bringing the light of Christ to the poor, the sick, and the suffering, we visit nursing homes, and do mission work, pray and

Rosary Leaders

Jan 24 Bessie Urbiztondo	Feb 21 Perla Cruz
Jan 31 Perla Cruz	Feb 28 Dorie Bridgeman
Feb 7 Youth Formation	

Prayer Warriors

Jan 24 D.Pabatao/M. Fernandez	R. Maranan/J. Maccherone
Jan 31 R.Dizon/J. Gracia	T/L Palmero
Feb 21 T/L Palmero	N/L Juliano
Feb 28 D. Pabatao/M. Fernandez	A/C Guanzon

Intercessory Prayer

Jan 24 GRP 1 (R. Bridgeman)	Feb 21 GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)
Jan 31 GRP 2 (P. Cruz)	Feb 28 GRP 2 (P. Cruz)
Feb 7 Healing Mass	
Feb 14 Corporate Intercessory	

**GOD'S BLESSINGS
 JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Kathleen Cardente	17 Mila Carandang
2 Nuska de Castro	17 Al Shem de Castro
8 Letty Padolina	19 Marta Ayon
8 Roland Cruzat	21 Tote Aningalang
9 Elsie Robin	24 Bill Thompson
11 Lina Aningalang	27 Christy nO'Connor
12 Noli Cruz	29 Risa Ferguson
14 Rina Jaico	31 Espie Gines

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3 Anthony & Lynette Palmero

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intercede for the dead.

Some people God has designated in the church are given power gifts by the Holy Spirit to be apostles, prophets, teachers, then mighty deeds, healing, assistants, and administrators.

According to the of Gospel of Luke, Jesus went back to His hometown in Nazareth where He had grown up and went according to His custom into the synagogue on a sabbath day. He was handed a scroll of Prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written. "He reads The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to give glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" He gave the scroll back and sat down. and said, **"Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."** He declared that He has been anointed to bring His mission to fulfillment. Jesus now begins His public ministry. Isaiah 's prophecy is also about His Redemptive suffering and death, for our salvation.

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MISSION MINISTRY PROJECTS IN DECEMBER 2024
PHOTOS FROM CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ECHELON CARE AND REHAB CENTER



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ADOPT- A - FAMILY

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Photo on the left.

Source: BLD Camden

Philippine Mission at Botolan, Zambales - April 29, 2025

BLD Camden had been busy this past month working as the hands and feet of the Jesus in action for the least privileged brothers and sisters in the Philippines. Food and personal items are provided to the children in Reserva Elementary School in Cadmang Reserva Center in Cabangon, Zambales. Supplies will also be provided to Aetas Families in Botolan, Zambales. This mission was made possible through our partnership with the Franciscan Sisters of Infant Jesus via Sister Pepita Ontong.

On April 29, 2025, Mission stewards and Apostolate coordinators (International), Joe and Annabelle Maccherone will be in the Philippines to distribute the basic needs to about 450 Aetas Families. Monetary fund of \$2000 has been budgeted through fund raised and from the second collection every First Friday Healing Mass. In addition, four balikbayan boxes are on its way to Zambales filled with clothing, non perishable items, school supplies and canned goods.

RESERVA ELELMENTATY SCHOOL, CABANGAN, ZAMBALES



AETAS FAMILIES - BOTOLAN, ZAMBALES
Photos below



Misa de Gallo at Christ the Light Church - December 21, 2024

On December 21, 2024, BLD Camden sponsored the Misa de Gallo celebrated at Christ the Light Church, Cherry Hill, in the spirit of our Filipino tradition and to prepare us for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Misa de Gallo or Simbang Gabi, is a Filipino Christmas tradition that involves a nine – day novena of dawn masses.

The tradition of Misa de Gallo, is a unique and cherished Christmas tradition in the Philippines. During mass, BLD Camden member performed the daily readings during word liturgy, brought the offering to the altar and led the Novena prayer prior to the conclusion of the mass.

Maintaining the tradition, we fed more than 200 church goers, mostly Filipinos, with hot soup, Filipino delicacies and desserts. Drs. Michael and Liz De Leon, the event organizers, expressed their heartfelt thanks to the BLD for our continued support!

All these were made possible through the relentless efforts of our dedicated BLD members, the outpouring support of our BLD family and friends, and especially to our generous BLD givers! Thank you and God bless us all!

(See photos below)

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