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NEWS

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Twenty-five singles feel love and peace at SE #39

We praise and thank the Lord for a victorious Singles' Encounter #39 weekend!

This past weekend, June 7-9, 2019, was our first time to hold the Singles' Encounter at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Newton, NJ, and the sisters there were very welcoming and accommodating! God blessed us with twenty-five candidates who all felt the love and peace of God again... and again... and again.

Thank you to all the facilitators: Jay Ymbong, Olivia Felibrico, Justin Lucero, Pauline Montemayor, Paolo Nolasco and Marc Brillantes, for their hard work and dedication, from the beginning to the end of SE #39. Also, we were all overwhelmed by the hard work and service throughout the weekend that was put in by the SE38 sponsoring class (their members and class shepherds, Nelson and Rose Manzo), all the auxies, Singles' Praise, Pastoral Stewards (Tito Reuben and Tita Cherrie Vibar) and the retreat's Spritual Director, Monsignor Paul Schetelick.

Please continue to pray for the new graduates of Singles' Encounter #39: Kristian Quevada, Miko Ymbong, Prilla Stevenson, Stacy Canete, Alyssa Lat, John Chan, Kyle Canete, Penny Stevenson, Donald Alburo, Joanna Lizardo, Matt Bheil, Stephanie Canete, Gave Estevez, Lisa Iyeke, Nina Almazar, Stephanie Fernandes, Claire DeGuzman, Dave Alburo, Don Salar, Mary Agtarap, Ashley Tobar, Izzy Flores, Melissa SanAgustin, Sean Thomas, and Rhystan Pangilinan. Also please pray for their class shepherds, Tito Willie and Tita Amor Ferrer, and their junior shepherds, Marc Brillantes and Cheryl Guinto.

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

THEME: Our lives are transformed when we allow the Spirit to lead us to Jesus, the Truth of the Father's love.

WORD : Prv 8:22-31 ~ Ps 8:4-5,6-7,8-9
Rom 5:1-5 ~ Jn 16:12-15

ORDER: *"... boast in hope of the glory of God... through the holy Spirit that has been given to us."* (Rom 5:2,5)

REFLECTION:

The fundamental teaching of our Catholic faith reveals to us that there is one God and that there are three Divine Persons in one God - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. That is the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. No one can fully understand this dogma but in full faith we believe this as true and accept it. We profess this belief when we recite the Creed: "consubstantial with the Father" and "...the Holy Spirit...who proceeds from the Father and the Son."

In the First Reading, the Wisdom of God speaks about being present when God planned and created the universe. This connotes that there was another Being that concurred with God's work, and that therefore, there is more than one Person in God. God the Father created us and called us to faith.

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Promise of the Week

"He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." – Jn 16:13b



A poem for Father's Day:

My Wisest Legacy

There was a time that I doubted myself as a father
And I didn't think that I was a good provider
There were times,
 certainly more than I can remember
When I didn't get along
 with my two sons and my daughter

While I admit that I could have been better
Bequeathing the gift of faith
will prove to be my wisest legacy ever
For it will be the inheritance
 that they can keep forever
For through our Faith,
 we've found the Most Perfect Heavenly Father

On this day that we send cards and letters
And we greet our earthly fathers
We say,

**"HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR BLD FATHERS!
AND WE LOVE YOU!!!
...ESPECIALLY YOU, ABBA... OUR FATHER!!!**

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The picture below was taken at the grotto at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton NJ. The smiles belong to the twenty-five members of SE # 39, their adult and junior class shepherds, the Singles Ministry Coordinators, Lito and Elaine Fernando, and BLD Newark's much beloved Monsi!



The next time that you enter St. Mary's Church at Divine Mercy Parish in Rahway, as you go through the main doors, please take a moment to look up and see a true work of art... and of love. When you do, what you'll see is this beautiful painting of St. John Paul II, with his gentle smile beaming upon you and welcoming everyone. This work was painted by the Singles' Ministry's very own, John Cam. (Thank you, John!)



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Jesus Christ, the Son, became man, and in obedience to the Father's will, died for our sins to redeem us, and His redemptive sacrifice made us children of God. After Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon us and became our Teacher, our Sanctifier and made us His temple. Each Person in the Holy Trinity participated in the work of incarnation, redemption, and sanctification. In the Holy Trinity, there is perfect love and harmony.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells His disciples of the coming of *"the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth"* (John 16:13). Jesus' mission on earth was completed and He had to depart from His physical presence here. He had lived among men, and for the last three years of His life, He imparted His teachings to those who followed Him. He wanted His teachings to truly take root in the hearts and minds of all and apply them in their daily lives.

In God's perfect plan, the Holy Spirit came into our hearts to continue the work that Christ started. The Holy Spirit is the first "gift" - the gift of love that guides us along the path of holiness and committed discipleship. He instills in us the spirit of understanding so that we may apply God's Word in our lives. He leads us to Jesus and His grace, and the charity of the Father and the Truth of His unconditional love for us.

When we listen attentively to and reflect on God's Word, He will touch our hearts so that His message would be able to guide us on our life's journey. We will be able to open ourselves to the leadings of the Holy Spirit Who wants us to fully grasp God's Word and follow it. We will realize that the Most Holy Trinity is perfect love, always there for us in the midst of our struggles and afflictions. The love and mercy of the Father is manifested in His plan of salvation by the passion and death of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit guides us to the truth of the love of God and inspires us to follow Christ.

When we open our hearts to His perfect love, we experience authentic transformation that will make our spiritual journey overflow with blessings as our lives and relationships will be in perfect harmony. Just as the love of God reaches out to others and to the world, we too will be able to fill the hearts of men with God's love as we reach out to the ends of the earth through our deeds and prayers. As we accept God's mandate to enter into a deeper relationship with Him, we are called to follow His examples of self-sacrificing generosity to others, →→

A MEMORABLE CELEBRATION!!!



After the First Friday Eucharistic Celebration, the fellowship in the auditorium last Friday featured a mini-fiesta that was sponsored by ME #45. The class was celebrating their fourth anniversary since their momentous encounter weekend back in 2015, along with the June birthdays of two of their members, as well as the June wedding anniversaries of two

couples. Everyone there last Friday enjoyed a sumptuous meal (including two cakes and two *lechons!*) and joyous fellowship, with each other, and of course, with the Lord.

Members of ME #45 also happily helped out the Service Ministry in the preparation and distribution of the evening's fare. The group's love offering certainly made their ME anniversary celebration and that of their June celebrants more meaningful and memorable. Thank you to ME #45! And... as always,

Thank You Lord!

Note: BLD and the Service Ministry still need helping hands each Friday. Please contact Norman & Marie Cabrera to coordinate the details of when you/your group might also mark your milestone BLD events together with the rest of our beloved community.

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cell: Norman - (848)218-3450 or Marie - (848)218-3451

→ making us men of God and men for others...always giving Him all honor and glory in all that we do each day of our lives.

Oh Most Holy Trinity, You are the fount of Living Water that quenches my thirst of wanting to know more of You. You are the Supreme and Infinite Good. Oh Most Holy Spirit, I pray that You will never cease to call me despite my weaknesses and failures. Clothe me with Your Holiness so that I may go through a life of obedience, guided only by the light of the faith that You have filled me with. This I pray in Jesus' Name, in unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Directions:

1. Open your hearts and be transformed by the Holy Spirit.
2. Go out and spread God's love through words and deeds.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER HEALING SEMINAR I

June 22, 2019 - 7am-6pm; June 23, 2019 - 7am-5pm
at the Library, Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ.

Msgr. Paul Schetelick's 70th Birthday & 43rd Sacerdotal Anniversary Celebration



July 6, 2019

- Eucharistic Celebration at 5:30 pm, Divine Mercy Church, Rahway, NJ
- Reception to follow in the DMP Auditorium



Bishop Rey Evangelista's First US Pastoral Visit

JULY 12 AND 13, 2019

More information and the link to RSVP for the Welcome Celebration on Saturday, July 13 can be found at bldnewark.com



LORD'S PROVISION PREVIOUS WEEK'S

Collections:	Last Week	YTD
Tithes	\$ 1,487	\$ 32,861
Love Offerings	\$ 556	\$ 17,029
E-Giving	\$ 364	\$ 3,882
Mission	\$ 73	\$ 11,015

Financial details are available to all members through treasury@bldnewark.com
Thank you for your continued support!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Teaching Calendar

Saturday, June 15, 2019 1-6 pm

Sienna Gift Inventory LSS 1-51 (ME 47-51 / SPE 19-20)
Prayer Leadership – LSS 1-48 & Disciples

Solo Parents Encounter Weekend #21

June 29-30, 2019

Days Hotel of East Brunswick
195 NJ 18 East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Please contact: Matt and Precy Yap

YOUTH ENCOUNTER #26

July 12 - 14, 2019
Fellowship Deaconry Ministries
3575 Valley Rd. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Contact: dyc@bldnewark.com

FAMILY ENCOUNTER 26

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord: Joshua 24:15

July 26 - 28, 2019
Malvern Retreat House
Malvern PA
Contacts: Mike and Emma Pepino, Ed and Susan Fabe

Marshaling	Schedule	Date	Apostolate
		June 21	Pastoral
		June 28	Management
		July 5	Mission
		July 12	Evangelization

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