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NEWS

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BLD Newark celebrates Community Day



“How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one!” - Ps 133:1

This year’s BLD Community Day was held at Grove 4, Johnson Park, Piscataway on Saturday, August 17, 2019. It was indeed quite a celebration of BLD Newark’s 27th Anniversary as our different ministries came together to share in a day of fellowship that was blessed with worship, food and fun.

Things promptly started at 9:00 AM with a brief worship that was led by the Canete Family. Afterwards, many hands came together to complete the set-up of the venue; and later that morning, despite the summer heat, BLD members and guests joined together to give thanks in a Eucharistic Celebration. The closing song that we sang at that Mass couldn’t have been any more fitting. After all, “It’s me... It’s you... It’s us... It’s love... It’s Christ that builds community.”

The day continued on to the display of skills and sportsmanship that everyone was eagerly awaiting.

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Enter through the Narrow Gate

THEME: We store heavenly treasure when we strive to endure our trials with discipline.

WORD: Is 66:18-21 ~ Ps 117:1,2
Heb 12:5-7,11-13 ~ Lk 13:22-30

ORDER: *“Strive to enter through the narrow gate...”*
(Lk 13:24)

REFLECTION:

The Grand Reunion:

Our Great Lord is inviting all of us to gather unto Him. He will use us as His ambassadors, commissioned to *“Go out to the world and proclaim the good news.”* This Good News is that our God will restore our lost glory, for the sake of His own glory.

Romans 8:17 - *“... if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.”*

Hebrews 12:11 - *“At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.”*

To effectively return to the Lord, we need to respond with obedience and with discipline. As the Lord has taught us by His life, ways, teachings, parables, and sacrifices, the path to Him definitely will not be easy. As His beloved children, our Lord may reprimand, rebuke and chastise us to correct or redress our ways. His love for us is greater than all these. He is the potter and we are the clay. We pray that He makes and re-creates us into the beautiful shapes that He intended for us to be.

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Promise of the Week

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The **RED** team bested everyone in completing the jigsaw puzzle challenge. Meanwhile, in the other events, the **YELLOW** team showed that true teamwork could compete with the other team's skills. The **BLUE** team was energized as they claimed wins against all the other teams in the tug-of-war. But, by the end of the day, it was the **GREEN** team that took home the Community Day Championship trophy, bolstered by the games that they won in the volleyball matches that were played. Several groups also had presentations, which were just as memorable as the sports competitions, providing a true afternoon delight to all.

Joy was truly present during the day, as was evidenced by everyone's involvement in making this year's Community Day Picnic a reflection of our love for God. Thank you to all those helping hands that made the celebration a success! And as always...

THANK YOU LORD!!!



DON'T GO... DON'T WALK AWAY...

The Gospel reading for Monday, August 19, was about the episode involving the rich young man. At first, it seemed that he had very good intentions when he approached Jesus and asked, ***“Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?”*** (Mt 19:16)

Jesus answered, ***“Keep the commandments.”*** (Mt 19:17c) Then, after affirmatively stating that he had observed all of the Commandments, he wisely asked if there was more that he should do. But this time, he did not like the Lord’s response, because Jesus said that he should sell what he had and give to the poor. Then the interaction with the young man seemed to end abruptly, with him walking away sad because he had many possessions that he couldn’t get himself to part with (cf. Mt 19:22).

While I’ve read this episode many times before, recently, I’ve wondered... Did things really end with the man becoming sad and just walking away? Was there a part that St. Matthew might have missed before he moved on to the subsequent conversation Jesus had with His disciples about the camel and the eye of a needle, and their question of who can be saved? (cf. Mt 19:24,25)

Somehow, I suspect that the Evangelist might have inadvertently left out what Jesus probably did and said. Our Lord must have followed the rich young man to talk to him. And as He was trying to catch him, Jesus must have said, “Don’t go... Don’t walk away... You don’t know what you’ll be missing.”

In a very real sense, I believe that it’s something that our Lord is still doing for us today. He isn’t leaving things as just us going away sad. He is actively chasing us and telling us those words. He is still offering each one of us who heeds His call, the ultimate joy and happiness that come from knowing Him and obeying His commandments.

For me, my BLD journey was similar. At the start, there was a lot of hesitation on my part, and I wondered if I really wanted to be associated with the Community at all. I still remember how I actually felt panicked when someone from BLD didn’t quit calling to invite me to Friday worship. But when I think of the many years since then, I could tangibly see how sad I would have been had BLD not been a part of my life.

And now, I thank Him every day that it is!

If we want to witness the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must learn to endure as He did, especially as He showed us during His passion and death on the cross.

Who will be saved?

We all have to strive for admittance through the narrow gate (where obedience in faith is necessary), and pray for strength in the struggle against opposing forces. So the question really is not just, “Who will be saved?”... but “How?” The invitation to share in His Kingdom is not earned by good works or merits. It is a gift from God. And we can only accept it with meekness, and by sincerely heeding and obeying His call to return to Him. Then, when we are rooted in His love and mercy, we can remain faithful in order to be able to claim all of His promises.

Hebrews 12:6 - ***“... for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges.”***

Psalm 37:7-10 - ***“Be still before the LORD; wait for him. Do not be provoked by the prosperous, nor by malicious schemers. Refrain from anger; abandon***



wrath; do not be provoked; it brings only harm. Those who do evil will be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD will inherit the earth. Wait a little, and the wicked will be no more; look for them and they will not be there.”

Matthew 7:21 - ***“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”***

Luke 14:27 - ***“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”***

Before entering the Promised Land, Moses read for the Lord, presenting a choice between life and death, the blessing and the curse. He is presenting the invitation again... for us to choose between the narrow gate to heaven (by being Jesus Christ’s disciple, embracing all that goes with being one), or the wide gate to all this earth promises... then to hell.

Luke 13:24 - ***“Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”***

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Our struggle is not about the lack of physical strength to go through the narrow gate, but with the strength that we need to stay focused and not stray back toward that wide gate and its temptations. Jesus is the narrow Gate, the narrow Door... and we choose Him when we endure our cross, our own Calvary, and when we present ourselves, ready to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (cf. Rom 12:1)

Gal 2:19-20 - "...that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me..."



When we offer our own sufferings to our Lord Jesus Christ, we suffer for His Kingdom, and the sufferings make us grow in virtue, ready to enter through the narrow gate. In Salvifici Doloris (p. 24), Pope John Paul II explained that it is precisely in the Church that the suffering of Christ is completed (since it is in the Church that we unite our human sufferings with the sufferings of Christ). Evil is a distortion of the good; but Jesus' suffering, because of His love for us, is now our redemption.

Remember

The invitation of our Lord is for all. We are being commissioned to be His ambassadors to the whole world, to tell everyone of His love, His kindness, His fidelity, His mercy, and His glory. Tell the world the Good News!

May God bless us all!

Direction:

Offer your own trials and sufferings to the Lord as an expression of your desire to be united with Him.

BLD NEWARK
2019 Community Fundraising Event



Drawing
Oct. 18, 2019 - 10:30pm
@Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ

Ticket Price	Prize	Value
\$2		
1 st	9-Day Trip to the Holy Land for 2 Mar 29-Apr 8, 2020	\$7,000
2 nd	5-Night Cruise to Bermuda for 2 Oct 31-Nov 5, 2020	\$1,264
3 rd	Samsung 43" Class 4K UHD LED LCD Smart TV	\$280
Other	10 Consolation Gift Cards of \$100 each	\$1,000

Please note that a pdf of this Covenant News is also available online at BLDNEWARK.com

LORD'S PROVISION

PREVIOUS WEEK'S

Collections:	Last Week	YTD
Tithes	\$ 1,475	\$ 45,578
Love Offerings	\$ 446	\$ 24,384
E-Giving	\$ -	\$ 6,275
Mission	\$ 130	\$ 12,121

Financial details are available to all members through treasury@bldnewark.com

Thank you for your continued support!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

"Breaking the Silence": A Symposium on Depression

August 31, 2019 1pm - 6 pm @

St Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Church

179 Husa Street, Linden, NJ 07036

Led by Monsignor Paul Schetelick and a Multidisciplinary Team

(Youth, Singles and Parents are all invited)

LSS #52

October 4-6, 2019

Salubungan: September 6, 2019

LSS #2 at St. Anthony de Padua, Belleville, NJ

September 7-8, 2019

Join the Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Washington, D.C. | October 26, 2019

Under the leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Sign up with your parish pilgrimage promoter!



Date	Apostolate
Aug 30	Management
Sep 6	Mission
Sep 13	Pastoral
Sep 20	Formation

Marshaling



Schedule