18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” - Lk 12:15
The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

“There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.” We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there’s need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn’t critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It’s his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. “You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!” The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God’s invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "storing up treasure for ourselves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become “rich in what matters to God.”

Collection for July 28th was $15,262.50 for an average of $15,441.63
Thank you for all your support of our parish!

Keep forgetting your envelope or lost it?? Couldn’t make it to Mass? St. Edward’s offers online giving through your EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer or by Credit Card. It is a fast and easy way to make your donations to support your parish. Please visit our website and click on ONLINE GIVING or contact Luanne Hogan in the parish office to set up your weekly/monthly donations.
203-746-2200 x.11
Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, August 5, 2019
9:00 AM Wilfrid Thibodeau R/B The Donovan Family

TUESDAY, August 6, 2019
9:00 AM John Preneta R/B The Family

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2019
9:00 AM Lauren DiBiase R/B The Family

THURSDAY, August 8, 2019
9:00 AM Amelia & Edward Pajak R/B Karl & Beverly Kleinschrod

FRIDAY, August 9, 2019
9:00 AM Helen & Frank Byrne & deceased members of the Cleary Family

SATURDAY, August 10, 2019
4:00 PM Edward Szczepanski R/B The Family
5:30 PM Russ Butera R/B JoAnn & Bill Gallagher

SUNDAY, August 11, 2019
7:30 AM Veronica Smyth R/B May Toomey & Family
9:00 AM Mark Pacuch R/B The Conboy & Barry Families
11:00 AM June McDermott R/B Bill & Doris McDermott
5:15 PM Caroline Pisello R/B Denise & Harry Freda

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Phyllis & Anthony DiBianco requested by Molly Rovello.
The Chapel Lamp will burn for the special intentions of the Gairing Family.

If you, or are a loved one is sick and would like to be on our prayer list please contact the parish office at 203-746-2200. Thank you!

Joe
Sara Mitchell
Jennifer
Gene
Noah Santiago
Rosemary
Dan Kerbawy
Eddie Nielsen
Loriana
Kelly Raines
Pat Argentina
Kate Elizabeth
Thorne
Mary Baske
Walter Leon
Ryan McGlinchey
John Denault
Jenny
Cal M
Tom S
Terry
John
Sue Monaghan
Greg
Steve
Laura
Vinnie
Rudy Hanna
Maddie
Angelo F.
Tina
Stephen
Maria
Carl Catalanotto
David
Pat Sztachleka
Scott Blanchard
The DeLeo Family
Allison Snelling
Charles Ruthford
Rebecca
Karen
Ryan Mann
Wayne
Ray
Henry W.
Ben
Ryan
Kathie
Sara Brough
Michael Keenan
Jim Nielsen Jr.
Flo Pellegrini
Chuck
Rob
Warren Walters
Ian Sunden
Melissa Ortiz
Susan Olivo
Bill
Anne Savino
Marvin Nash
Olga C
Maggie
Caroline Mancuso

Readings For Next Week:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
READING 1: WIS 18:6-9
READING 2: HEB 11:1-2, 8-19
GOSPEL: LK 12:32-48

Holy Day of Obligation
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15th
Mass Schedule

Wednesday, August 14th:
5:30pm - Vigil Mass
Thursday, August 15th:
7:30am Mass, 9:00am Mass & 7:00pm Mass

Marriage:
The proper time of preparation for Marriage is one year prior to the wedding. Please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.
No Sunday Weddings
Baptisms:
1st & 3rd Sundays/
2nd & 4th Saturdays 12:30pm
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm

Mass Schedule
Monday to Friday
July & August 9:00am daily Mass
Saturday Vigils- 4:00 and 5:30 pm
Sundays-7:30, 9:00, 11:00am & 5:15pm

Parish Summer Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed daily for lunch from 12:00-1:00
Fridays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Closed Saturdays
St. Edward’s will have our Marriage Jubilee on Sunday, September 8th with a blessing at the 11:00 Mass for all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 which ends in “0” or “5” (starting with 10 years). A light reception will follow in the hall. Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Mon. Sept. 2nd for the reception.

The next Prayer Shawl meeting is: Sat. August 17th from 9-11:00 am in CR C. During the summer we will only meet the third Saturday of the month. All skill levels are welcome! Please join us! We are always looking for new members and donations of yarn.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
How preoccupied and anxious are you over preserving and maintaining a particular standard of wealth? It is easy to develop an unhealthy relationship with our possessions and invest ourselves more in their protection and growth than in our relationship with God. Greed can overtake us, often without our immediate notice. Anxiety of heart can find us living more with sorrow and grief than with freedom and joy. We can never allow things to replace God, and we always have to keep our possessions and wealth in proper perspective. Once they begin to control us, we have a problem. Anxiety and worry can become our greatest sins. There is a joyful life to be discovered when we discover true faith!
Please prayerfully consider becoming a Faith Formation Catechist or volunteer for the next school year. We have changed the schedule on our class dates so the commitment isn't as demanding for you-ALL classes are held in the church hall and the most is twice per month! You CAN make a difference in the faith journey of our parish children! All adult volunteers must be Safe Environment Trained; please call the office for more information 203-746-4270.

The parish family of Baptism St. Edward's welcomes Domenico Yorio and Mia Nunez who were recently baptized. May God bless them always!

The Men's Fellowship invite all men of the parish to the 12th Annual CT Catholic Men's Conference "Forge Your Path To Holiness" which will take place on Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, CT.

Tickets for the conference which includes lunch are $45 ($30 for students) and can be purchased by going to www.ctcatholicmen.org.

For more information contact: Otis Shelton at 203-312-4885 or Don at 203-546-7581.

Parish Counseling Dr. Dan Joynt Ph. D. is a WCSU professor and a CT Licensed Professional Counselor working with individuals, couples and families. Specializing in Anxiety, Depression, Grief, Stress, Relationship & Communication issues. He can be reached either at 860-354-9164 or by a message to the Parish Office 203-746-2200. There is no cost for a first session. Special consideration is available for subsequent services.

What a great resource right in our parish!!
CCNF Summer Youth Theater is proud to present *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*! Performances will take place at the Congregational Church on August 3rd at 7:30 PM and on August 4th at 3:00 PM. Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for seniors, students and children, and can be reserved by calling (203) 746-2855; tickets are also available at the door. All performances will take place in our air conditioned theater located at 20 Gillotti Road, New Fairfield CT.
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Let us remember to pray for all those who focus on material things... let them know that having riches is not what matters to God.