

Saint Michael the Archangel & Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches

"I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2

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If you are looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish Family.
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Coffee & Cake! Come one come all! Join in the fun at a little social hour after liturgy on August 14! We can catch up with our fellow parishioners and have a little snack! It is important that we spend time together outside Liturgy to have fellowship and get to know each other as a parish family. Please try to attend.
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12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

By Fr. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.

The smallest words can carry a mighty impact on an event or situation. How different, for example, could be the result of some incident based on the tiny conditional term "If"! If I had only been there If we had to do it over again If I had tried harder

The Scripture readings for next week (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost) are: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 & Matthew 21:33-42

¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of July 30 & 31	
Allentown	\$978.00
Total Bills	\$450.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$ 528.00
Palmerton	\$260.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$260.00
Bills paid this week: Cantor:\$150.00; Cleaning Church and Center: \$300.00	
Palmerton: No Bills This Week	

In today's gospel story (Matt. 19:16-26), the small word "more" underlies a young man's quest for a better spiritual life: "What more do I need to do?" (vs. 20). Not content with only observing the Ten Commandments, this individual sought from Jesus the secret of becoming perfect, that is, the possession of eternal life (vs. 17). The answer greatly disappointed the young man because it required detachment and renunciation.

The masters of spiritual life state without exception that the test of true detachment is the willingness either to keep or to put away any object or creature to which a person has become unduly attached. Why should this be so? Detachment frees the soul from the love of earthly goods so that it may tend more freely to God, the Ultimate Good, which corresponds to our Lord's very words to the rich young man: "There is one alone Who is good" (vs. 17).

Because of his inordinate attachment to the goods he owned, this individual could not accept the challenge to sell and give to the poor all he had. His tragedy was that he loved things more than he loved people: he loved himself more than he loved others. Any person who puts things before people and self before others surely turns his back on Jesus Christ, and the spiritual life stagnates.

The compelling truth of this story lies in the way it explains the meaning of eternal life. Eternal life is such as God Himself lives, such as is characteristic of God. The great characteristic of God is that He loves and gives. The essence of eternal life for us is based on an attitude of loving and sacrificial generosity to our fellow man. This was the call of Jesus to the young man in today's gospel which records his reluctant and unfortunate reaction, "He went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth" (vs. 22).

Jesus used the occasion of the departure of the rich young man to warn about the dangers of wealth in respect to the kingdom of God. For us, it is a clear admonition to place no obstacle to 'he impetus of grace and the invitation to eternal life by remaining inordinately attached to the things of the earth in detriment to the affairs of the spirit. We can all do more -a little word with mighty ramifications. Indeed, we should often ask that intense question, "Lord, what more must I do?" and be willing to accept His call 'to progress and advance in spiritual life by a solid attitude of detachment and renunciation in the hope of life eternal in heaven.

Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer: Carol Baran, John & Alicia Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo, Dolores Flannery, Theresa Pinto, Patrice Danyluk, Hoyt Walter, Rosalie Walter, Kristin & Bobbie Di Giacomo & family, The Mehalshick Family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine Wilk, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Lila Smerkanich,, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott, Lois Brink

From the Saints

What is the mark of love for your neighbor? Not to seek what is for your own benefit, but what is for the benefit of the one loved, both in body and in soul. --St. Basil the Great

You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves. --St. Francis de Sales

Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind." --St. Catherine of Siena

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life." --Saint Thomas Aquinas

Our Lord loves you and loves you tenderly; and if He does not let you feel the sweetness of His love, it is to make you more humble and abject in your own eyes." --St. Pio of Pietrelcino

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of August 7, 2016

Saturday August 6 Vigil~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday August 7 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] Health & Blessings for Eleanor Zumar Wursta on her 87th Birthday by T.P Wursta & Family

Saturday August 13 Vigil~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday August 14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM [A]+George & Ann Harhay by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Davidson

Sunday August 14 Vigil~ Dormition of Our Lady

7:00 PM [P] For the People

Monday August 15 Dormition of Our Lady

7:00 PM [P] Fr. Frank & his Father by Anon.