



Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

It is pretty easy to identify the gods of the present age. They are sex, money and power. None of them is an evil. Sex obviously is a good and necessary part of creation. "Male and female he created them." Without it the Sacrament of Marriage and the continuance of the human race would be impossible. None of which is to say that it is a gift easily managed!

Money and power are perhaps more ambiguous blessings, but they too are necessary parts of human existence. The creation and exchange of goods occurs even in the most primitive societies, and some version of money is almost universal in human life.

Power is a broader concept, but at its simplest it is the ability to do things and manage them. For example, without the power of my father to give direction on the family farm, nothing would have flourished. Without the power to direct and discipline their children, parents would be virtually useless. Without the power to organize and direct society, government would be futile and anarchy would prevail.

Like sex, money and power are good things, but if they are misused, all do harm. If they replace God, as they have for so many, they become destructive.

Today's readings remind us especially of the hazards of money and wealth. The preacher in Ecclesiastes and our Lord in the Gospel each remind us of the futility of living for accumulation and prosperity. The fool in the Gospel lives only to eat, drink and be merry. The good things secured by his wealth have become his god, and he goes to destruction.

In today's Latin Epistle St. Paul warns against living for the flesh – which means all human temptations not just sexual ones, as the term flesh is too often misused. The abuse of money and power are very much part of the 'flesh' against which we must struggle.

Dealing as true disciples with money and possessions is a lifelong effort. Good stewardship, equity, support of the Church, and care of the poor are all part of our discipleship. Let us embrace them.

No updates of any significance on the health front. Strength and energy continue to rise slowly, and the hair is growing back. Thanks for all the good-natured compliments on my bald look.

In Christ,

Fr. Klein

Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, Jane Hurlock, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott and Cheryl Smith.

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Pray for the Deceased

Our parish community extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Thera Detwiler, member of the Cathedral Parish, wife of John and mother of four young children. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 3	4:00 PM	Dorothy Mahoney
Sunday, Aug. 4		(Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Bill Evans
Monday, Aug. 5		(m, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major)
	12:10 PM	Fr. Leonard R. Klein (L)
Tuesday, Aug. 6		(F, The Transfiguration of the Lord)
	12:10 PM	Lucy C. Cocucci
Wednesday, Aug. 7		(m, Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest)
	12:10 PM	Joan Hannas
Thursday, Aug. 8		(M, Saint Dominic, Priest)
	12:10 PM	Special Intention
Friday, Aug. 9		(m, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr)
	12:10 PM	Max Paul
Saturday, Aug. 10		
	4:00 PM	Dr. Corky Sliwkowski
Sunday, Aug. 11		(Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Sr. DeSales McNamee, D.C.

Pray the Rosary

The daily Mass attendees at the Cathedral will pray the Rosary on behalf of Fr. Klein's recovery at 11:30 AM on Wednesdays before the 12:10 PM Mass. All are welcome.

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **August 4:** Fr. Leonard Klein, Alvin Brunswick; **August 9:** Catherine Buckley, Theresa Moore

Catholic Charities Energy Assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), administered in Delaware by Catholic Charities, is now taking applications for the 2019-2020 heating season. This federally-funded program assists low-income Delawareans who need help in meeting home energy costs. LIHEAP makes payments directly to home energy suppliers. The LIHEAP benefit is based on a household's income, size, and type of fuel. In order to qualify, you must make an appointment with a Catholic Charities office for a personal interview. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call (302) 654-9295. The application process runs from July 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Word of Life

"Precisely in an age when the inviolable rights of the person are solemnly proclaimed and the value of life is publicly affirmed, the very right to life is being denied or trampled upon, especially at the more significant moments of existence: the moment of birth and the moment of death."

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Vocation Reflection

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Special Collection

The Cathedral of Saint Peter is in need of our help. On the weekend of August 17-18, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, and a tour of the Cathedral's 100 year-old pipe organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/cathedral. Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 590

For the Beauty of the Earth #975

Gift of Finest Wheat #905