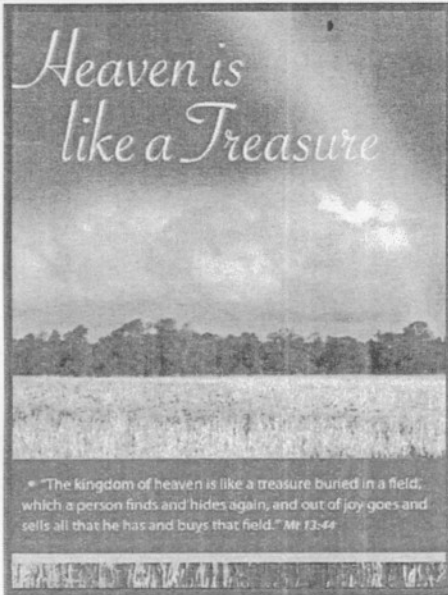


17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
July 24, 2011



Once again, God's word calls us to attend to the condition of our hearts. Today we are invited to consider what our hearts most desire and what we are willing to give in exchange for it. The Gospel points to the treasure God wishes us to have, if we are wise enough "to see and sell all" to attain it.

If God were to offer you your heart's desire, what would you ask for? Solomon did not request health or wealth. Solomon asked for wisdom, for a heart that understands or listens. Such wisdom included the ability to judge justly and to distinguish right from wrong. God was pleased.

The gift of wisdom allows the heart to see. The heart can spend many years and look in many places for happiness. We can bypass the kingdom again and again, going off into various dead ends. Paul reminds the Romans that all things work for good for those who look to God. God, who has predestined us to share the image of the Son wishes to give us the wisdom needed to discover where the kingdom is hidden.

*What is your heart's desire?*

*Have you asked for the wisdom that is a gift of the Holy Spirit?*

*Of the different parables you have heard these last three weeks, which one speaks most to your heart?*

Remembering that "the revelation of God's words sheds light: (Psalm 119), ask God to give you the wisdom needed in your life to seek out the divine presence and to respond wholeheartedly to that presence, so that God rules in your heart, mind, and spirit as you grow into the image of Jesus.

FESTIVAL UPDATE

As I have been driving around the neighborhood, I can't help but notice all of the festival sign's announcing the various festivals going on at numerous parishes in the area. Makes one start focusing on our own that will be coming up—October 6-9.

Please think about joining the planning committee—there is always room for new people and new ideas.

We will have our first planning meeting on:

**Wednesday, July 27th @ 6:30 PM**  
**Pastoral Conference Room**

If you are unable to make the meeting and would like to be involved, please call or email me and I will make sure that you are made aware of the next gathering.

You can also look forward to our "Wish List", raffle tickets and sign-up lists. It takes a lot of hands and a great sense of commitment to make this endeavor successful. Thank you to Brian Butterfield for agreeing to chair this year's event again.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**WEEK OF 7-17-11—\$7,139.61**  
**Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00**

*How might God be calling you to share something of the bounty of your life so that others may live an abundant life?*

*Have a Blessed Week*  
*—Sister Dorothy*

*From Fr. Thom's Sermon*

Watch your thoughts, for they become words.

Watch your words, for they become actions.

Watch your actions, for they become habits.

Watch your habits, for they become character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

**AUTHOR:** Frank Outlaw

**Just a reminder!**

Please continue to save Shop & Save receipts, Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops for Education, to benefit our school. You can drop them into the collection basket.



**SAVE THE DATE**

The Men's Club will be sponsoring an evening out on August 28th, at 6:00 P.M. See The bulletin for further details.

**Ladies of Charity  
Annual Sock Collection**



The Ladies of Charity will be collecting white men's socks during the month of August for Operation Safety Net. There will be baskets in the vestibules.

**MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH**

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for an inspiring prayer breakfast on Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Dr. Mary Healy's story of faith through her life in the Spirit who led her from "Sunday Catholic" to a faith on fire for God. Having experienced Scripture come alive through the Holy Spirit, she began to study theology. In 2000, she completed her doctorate in biblical theology in Rome. She now teaches Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Dr. Healy is the author of two books and is an international speaker. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is August 12. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906 or download a form at [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org)



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**JULY 24, 2011**

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**



The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**



**As precious as children are, they take a lot of time and care. They can both bond a couple and put stress on a marriage. If you have children, what virtue have they prompted you to develop?**



**GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION**

The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2011 beginning with a mass at 2:00 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.

If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2011, and would be interested in attending the celebration along with other jubilarian couples, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than August 7, 2011. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011**

**Saint James**

10:00 Isadoro Porco (Marie Ciccotelli & Family)

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011**

**Saint Joachim & Saint Anne**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Joseph

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011**

**Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

**THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011**

**Weekday**

10:00 AM John Lowrey, Jr. (Sister)

**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011**

**Saint Martha**

10:00 AM Henry Weber, (Gil & Ann Ruffing)

**SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011**

**Vigil, Eighteenth Sunday**

**Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM Confessions

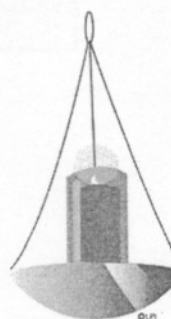
5:00 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011**

**Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM John Vacchiano (Wife, Jean)

10:30 AM Joseph Furnier (Wife, Bobbie)



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory*

*of  
Joseph Furnier  
From his wife  
Bobbie Furnier*