

Parish Weekly Update as of 7/24/2020

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This is the day the *Lord* has made;
Let us *rejoice* and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24

St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
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Stewardship:

St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$2,011	\$2,423	-\$412
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$8,347	\$7,269	+1,078



Shrine:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$91	\$308	-\$217
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$1,008	\$924	+84

Sunday July 26, 2020:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time-

Mass intention: Joan Frink

Readings:

1st - 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm - 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

2nd - Romans 8:28-30

Gospel - Mathew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

1. For all who work in difficult, unjust conditions, seeking fair pay and a safe environment, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For those who care for the sick and the dying, showing the Lord's love in their daily actions, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the children of this assembly, teaching adults how to trust in God's mercy, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the special intentions in our "*Saint Jude Book of Intentions*", ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the repose of the soul of **Joan Frink** for whom this Mass is offered, and for the souls of all the faithful departed, that eternal light may shine on them, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

Meditation:

The Priceless Pearl

Those of us reared in the country are familiar with how fiercely an old farmer can cling on to his land. Even a miserable patch of grassy bog feels like an insurance against abandonment. But hanging on is not the answer. It only sows bitterness and frustration in sons whose best years are squandered in waiting. Sons who in turn never learn themselves from the mistakes of their fathers. Love alone can guarantee security and care in one's declining years. Possessions provide only the illusion of security.

Elderly farmers are not the only ones who hold on to things for security. Others have their own holdings from which only death can separate them. It may be property and wealth, status and prestige or power and influence. It may even be an awful lot less, trivial comforts and an easy life. It may be a sixteen-hour day or the thankless responsibility of high office. Or a reputation we can no longer live up to. There is nothing more pathetic than an ageing beauty queen who refuses to accept the ravages of time.

"Ask what you would like me to give you," God said to Solomon. "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil," he replied. It is

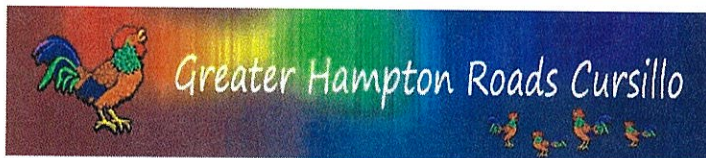
man should have failed all because he failed this one test, "for he had great possessions." Or that the pearl in today's parable could only be bought by "selling everything he owns."

The trouble with most people is that they want it both ways. All this and the good life too. But they can't have it both ways.

There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. A price tailored to each individual circumstances. Detachment is that price. To be able to walk away from what we cherish most without so much as looking back with regret. Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we are unwilling to pay the price.

Verbatim from - The Association of Catholic Priests

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/07/26-july-2020-17th-sunday-year-a/>



Greater Hampton Roads Cursillo Updates!

Fall 2020 Cursillo Weekend Dates -

Men's - September 17-20

Women's - October 15-18

at The Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center
Hampton, VA.



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