

[Jesus] said to them, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God . . . "

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church . . . I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 16: 13-20

The power of clean clothes

Like most junior highs, Sullivan Middle School in Worcester, Massachusetts, sees more than enough bullying among its students. Kids ostracize classmates because of their physical appearance - and that leads to discipline issues and struggles in the classroom.

The principal and teachers at Sullivan discovered that one reason for such rejection is something most of us take for granted: clean clothes. Some students don't have the means to wash their clothes at home. So the principal managed to scrape together \$600 in the budget to buy a washer and a dryer. She saw it as a practical solution to a practical problem.

This past school year, a few mornings a week, kids discreetly brought their dirty clothing from home in a backpack to a room downstairs in the school. There a school staff member helped them sort lights and darks and showed them how to measure detergent. At lunch time, they put a load in the dryer. At the end of the day, they would fold and pack their now clean clothes to take home. The school laundry program enabled these six-through-eighth graders to learn independence and self-care - and that translated into more confidence in the classroom.

This fall, Sullivan's washer/dryer program will be put in place in four other urban schools in Worcester. The machines have been donated. The district also plans to provide free eye exams and glasses for the 26,000 students in the Worcester's system.

Worcester's school superintendent explains: "What's important is that we meet the needs of students. We want them to be able to come to school, to be fed, to have clean clothes, and be able to see the board.

"People don't understand the struggles students have in urban education. If they ever met these students and saw the difference this makes in their faces and hearts, they would be backing this."

The teachers at Sullivan see such small miracles every day. One morning, a teacher asked a student who was making use of the school's laundry program if it was going to be a great day. The student responded: "Yup. I got clean clothes. I look good. I smell good. It's going to be a great day."

[The Boston Globe, June 9, 2017.]

We often read today's Gospel as Jesus' setting up his "official" Church, as establishing the "rock" of the institutional center of his mission to which he entrusts the "keys" of the kingdom of heaven. But the reality is that Christ has given every one of us a "key" to the kingdom: the means to "unlock" the presence of God in our world by our own efforts, however small and hidden, to realize God's love in our midst. Our "keys" may be patience and understanding, a talent or skill we possess - even washers and dryers can be the means for others to be embraced in the peace and mercy of God. Find your key and don't hesitate to use it to unlock a door or open a pathway enabling you and those you love and care about realize the kingdom of heaven here and now.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am ****NEW****

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

August 27, 2017

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (August 19/20)

Regular Collection	\$ 1581.10
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Votive Candles	\$ 99.90
Mass Stipends	\$ 110.00
St Vincent de Paul Donations	\$ 220.00
Wedding Stipends	\$ 100.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 28	No Mass
Aug 29	
Aug 30	Francis Griffin
Aug 31	
Sep 1	Francis Griffin
Sep 2	
Sep 3	Mass for the Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
September 2	
Gen Quigley	Gerard Brake Marie Byrne
Lynette Taylor	Eileen Moore
September 3	
Dennis Bruce	Donna Mitchell Hedy Kenny
John Carroll	Donna Eldridge
Communion to the Sick	
Gerard Brake	

MASS STIPENDS / INTENTIONS

We currently have very few mass intentions on our books. This is a good time to schedule masses for our departed family members and friends. As well, there is always a need to have masses for those who are sick. Pick call the parish office to schedule masses.

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting this week we will be adding another mass to the weekday schedule and changing the times for them. This week, and the following weeks, the schedule will be: **Tuesday at 7 pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10 am.** On days when there is a funeral mass, the mass for that day will be canceled and the intentions for that day re-scheduled. The Friday schedule to accommodate the mass at the Lohnes complex will remain as it is (i.e. mass at the Lohnes at 2 pm will replace the mass of that morning).

PARISH COUNCIL

We will be holding the first council meeting of the season on Monday, September 11th at 7pm in the church. We are now accepting nominations for future members. Please give serious thought to joining Parish Council to do your part in keeping Sacred Heart a vibrant and healthy parish. Forms are available at the rear of the church.

LADIES GROUP

There will be a Ladies Group meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 7pm in the church.

BINGO

Our first Bingo of the season will be held on September 10th at 2pm in the school cafeteria. We are asking for prize donations from parishioners whose last name begins with A, B, C, & D. We thank you for your support.

MARY'S KITCHEN

To all parishioners, male and female: Our parish has been asked to provide 4 deserts

[cake or cookies] for each Friday in Sept. They also need 4-5 people to help serve meals. If you are able to help with this worthy cause, please call Veronica at 639-7216. Thank You.

BIBLE STUDY

The group will continue to meet in the Church archive room on **Monday evening, August 28 at 7 pm.** We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word.'

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In last week's Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples. This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver. Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power.

We are also fond of images and more showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven

(the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1023) states, "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face." Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good." Our call is clear.

HUMOUR How Many??

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already have one cat at home!"