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Fr. Danny Murphy – 31st Sunday of the Year 2018

Before we get going, because Tuesday is Election day, I tell you I saw a political advertisement that really got my attention and will get my vote. The candidate promised: "If elected, I will eliminate sexism, racism, terrorism and rheumatism!" After Mass, Dan gives me a thumbs up or a thumbs down...DAN "Was that the whole joke??" Well, we better get right to the homily, because I'm not going to give a homily today. Instead of a homily I'll tell you what we're going to do instead: instead of a homily, I am going to share with you some pearls of wisdom. Some of them might comfort you, some of them might challenge you, some of them might anger you, some of them might delight you and some of them, please God, might enrich you. Lord let me see the sin of I don't care. The secret to serenity

is wholehearted cooperation with the inevitable. Do you know that a billion of our sisters and brothers will go to bed hungry tonight? The secret to a successful life is not what happens to you but rather, how you react to what happens to you. I've been wondering, if God needed Mary to bring Jesus to us, then maybe I need Mary to bring Jesus to me. Someday you will understand that you already have that which you are seeking. John the Baptist concerning Jesus: "He must increase, I must decrease." If I graciously accept the decrease that comes with aging, wouldn't he then increase within me. Rather than becoming frustrated, resentful of the diminishments that age brings, couldn't I instead, prayerfully embrace this chapter of my life? If we only have love we could melt all the doubts and give a new world to our daughters and sons. Am I the wind beneath anyone's wings, am I anyone's hero? Could I be? Lord, teach us to pray, we lose the way. Teach us to pray. Said the robin to the sparrow, "What I want to know, is why humans fret and worry, so?" said the sparrow to the robin, "I guess the reason must be that they have no heavenly Father, such as cares for you and me." A final snippet is personal. It's from me to you: For sure this is not blarney, for what I say is true, the luck of the Irish was with me, the day that I met you! God Bless You.