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Fr. Danny Murphy – 25th Sunday of the Year 2019

Hopefully, you are in a good mood this morning, because our homily, this morning might, very well make you uncomfortable; it might very well, make you squirm in your seat! Our homily, this morning will talk about money. Why? Because our scriptures this morning talk about money. My goal for our homily, this morning is for you and I, for each of us to consider – do I really need all that I think I need? True story! Some years ago, during Advent, I heard a homily urging us to give away the best gift we would receive that Christmas. That Christmas I decided to do that, so I ordered all the gifts that I received and then what I considered to be the best of those gifts, I gave it away. Guess what, for the life of me, I cannot remember what that best gift was! So, I really didn't need it, did I? Were

you taught, as I was, that we should save our money for a rainy day? That any money I don't need now, I should save because you never know when you might need it in the future. So there was this guy who was accosted by a thief who demanded, "Your money or your life!" So the guy replied, "Take my life...I might need my money in my old age!" Do you fear your future? Or, do I trust that God will be with me throughout my future. God will be with me on all my rainy days and in some way, God and I can get through anything together. We, you and I, we might think that what I do with my money, what I do with my assets is my business, nobody else's business – my business. I told you that you might start squirming after a while! Did you ever consider, and I'm trying to consider too, that what you do with your money, what you do with your assets isn't just your business, it's God's business too. Because of our goodness, because we love them, we might well decide to leave whatever money/assets we have to our children, grandchildren, our nieces, our nephews – leave it to our family. True story – a man called together his whole family. He expressed his deep love – his deep affection to each of them. Then he told them that he had prepared his will and he wasn't leaving anything to them but rather he was leaving his money, his assets to those who needed it more than they did. Wow! What a legacy that man left his family! He showed them that family includes everyone. Well, we can stop squirming now, but I hope we start, you and I and each of us, start asking ourselves, do I really need all that I think I need. And if not, could I give it to those who do?