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Fr. Danny Murphy – 19th Sunday of the Year 2019

We're gonna get right into the homily, but before we do, I'll tell you, that a friend of mine, who is single, told me that at every wedding she attends, her mother and friends tease her, pointing to her and saying: "you're next! you're next!" "The teasing stopped when I started to do the same thing to them – at funerals!" We had better get right into the homily!

We're going to reflect upon these two sentences from our Gospel. First, when Jesus says to us: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock." And then when Jesus says to us: ""Where your treasure is, there also your heart will be." "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock." Are you peace filled or are you fear-filled? Let's take a look at some common fears: Do you fear God? Do you fear rejection? Do you fear being different? Do you fear being alone? Do you fear

being forgotten? Do you fear a broken heart? Do you fear a broken life? Do you fear losing your independence, no longer being able to take care of yourself? Do you fear diminishment or loss of faculties – eyesight, hearing, memory, mobility, the ability to think? Do you fear hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers, assisted living facilities? Do you fear change? Do you fear the future? Do you fear death – your own and the death of others? Jesus says to us: “Do not fear any longer, little flock.” Some suggestions, that hopefully, please God, will help us live in peace not live in fear: one from Our Lord and two from the saints. Jesus tells us: “Fear is USELESS, what is needed is trust.” St. Ignatius of Loyola tells us: “Give me only your love and your grace, Lord, that’s enough for me. Your love and your grace are enough for me.” St. Teresa of Avila tells us: “Let nothing disturb you, let nothing cause you fear. All things are passing. God alone is unchanging, God alone suffices.” “Do not be afraid any more, little flock.” Now we’ll look at the sentence where Jesus tells us: “Where your treasure is, there also will be your heart.” Where is your treasure? What is your treasure? You might remember in last Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus told us the story about the farmer who had a bountiful harvest so he built bigger barns to store all that he had accumulated. Having a bountiful harvest is good, it’s not bad. Having possessions is good, it’s not bad. Having money is good, it’s not bad. But you have to know where your treasure is – where your heart is. When the farmer had a bountiful harvest, he built bigger barns for himself. There was no mention that he intended to share his bountiful harvest with others. There was no mention that, now that he didn’t have to work so hard, he could spend some

