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GOOD & GIVING SAMARITANS

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OUR SUMMER RETREAT



Sharing the Wisdom of Time with Pope Francis

MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH
BEGINS AT 7:00PM - SAINT ANTHONY CHAPEL

The summer season is a great time of year for stepping back from the business and busyness of daily life in order to focus on our personal relationships with Christ, with each other, and with our Church. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave behind work, family, and friends for a real retreat from the world. For this reason, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce our Sixth Annual Summer Retreat: "Sharing the Wisdom of Time with Pope Francis."

From Monday, August 26th through Friday, August 30th, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a unique opportunity to experience the spiritual peace and renewal of a week-long retreat without leaving home. Each night of our summer retreat will begin at 7:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After this time of shared prayer, Father Jim and Cliff will lead our community in a period of reflection, discussion, and faith sharing. We will conclude promptly at 8:30pm with Night Prayer. During each day of the retreat, Saint Anthony Chapel will open at 12:00pm for silent personal prayer and devotion.

This year, we will explore the inevitability of change in our lives and how to journey with confidence and courage through the sometimes turbulent waters of our times. In his book, "Sharing the Wisdom of Time", Pope Francis reminds us that to face the future, we must understand the past. The wisdom that often comes with age and experience can help us prepare for the future without fear and anxiety. To illustrate these points, the Holy Father has collected memories and stories from more than thirty countries and all walks of life. Every life story can offer us a compelling witness to the power of faith, hope, love, and trust in divine providence!

Between each night of the retreat, participants will be asked to read brief selections from the Holy Father's beautifully illustrated book, "Sharing the Wisdom of Time", and reflect on some timeless wisdom from the four corners of the world. If you would like to join us for all or even just part of our Sixth Annual Summer Retreat, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. A donation of \$30 per person is requested from those who can afford it. Copies of the book and cold drinks will be provided. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Good & Giving Samaritans A Special Message of Thanks

BY FATHER JIM

They say that the stock market is soaring, but our older fellow parishioners still tell me that it is becoming more and more difficult to make ends meet on a fixed income. They say that more people are working than ever before, but our younger families are finding it harder and harder to raise a family even with two incomes. They say that more people are buying homes than ever before, but just last week I read about a single mom and her two children who were living in a tent because they could no longer afford their apartment. They say that the "crisis" in the Church is over and that our bishops have things under control, but we all know someone who has stopped coming to Mass or has reduced their weekly offering because of the seemingly endless scandal of sexual abuse and the criminal conspiracy to conceal it.

Here in our own parishes, it is always difficult to balance our budgets. Although church attendance is good and more young adults and families are joining us, our congregations are aging. Even with a small staff that does remarkable and sometimes miraculous work with few resources, the costs associated with salaries and benefits are very expensive. Costs associated with utilities and snow plowing boggle the mind. And although our church buildings are beautiful, they are all more than one hundred years old. They are expensive to heat, insure, and repair. And as we already know so well, the longstanding strategy of "deferred maintenance" became the sin of neglect. We have only just begun what will surely become a generational process of repairing, restoring, and modernizing our churches.

At the same time, good things happen every day! Our dedicated pastoral team and our small army of loyal volunteers have revitalized our adult and youth faith formation programs; have breathed new life into traditional ministries like the Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary and Saint Vincent de Paul Society; and have created buzz and excitement around longstanding events like our seasonal fairs, feasts, and trivia nights. And as always, the men and women of the Assisi Project, Holy Family Women's Guild, Holy Name Society, and Our Lady's Guild offer adults of all ages countless opportunities to help us live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild our wounded Church.

In this spirit, I am happy to report that for the second straight year, both of our parishes met and surpassed their goals for their Grand Annual Collections! And although it will still take several weeks to reconcile all of our accounts, I am confident that both parishes will report balanced budgets for the fiscal year that ended on June 30th. Credit for this good news belongs to every parishioner who gives their time, talent, and treasure to make our parishes spirit-filled, vibrant, and welcoming communities of prayer, fellowship, and service. Credit for this good news belongs to every person who gives a bunch and to every person who can give just a buck or two. Most of all, credit belongs to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to work hard, pray for each other, and open wide the doors of our churches to friends and newcomers alike.

This weekend at Mass, we hear the gospel story of the Good Samaritan which reminds us about the importance of caring and sharing without counting the cost and without expecting anything in return. Likewise, each and every time that we accomplish good things in our parishes, we imitate the good and giving traveler who cared nothing about the race or religion of the person in need, but cared deeply about fulfilling Christ's commandment to love God by loving others. Peace, blessings, and many thanks to all of the good and giving people in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH AN EVENING with SAINT BRIDGET of SWEDEN THURSDAY, JULY 18TH - BEGINS AT 6:00PM

More than eight centuries ago, the Crucified Christ called out to the young man who would become Saint Francis of Assisi: "Go! Rebuild my church which as you can see is falling into ruin!" Francis took the Lord's command literally and set out to repair small chapels in and around his hometown. Over the years, however, Francis came to understand more fully that his vocation to live the Gospel and share God's love was vital to rebuilding the Church all around the world.

In this spirit and in appreciation for the crisis facing the Roman Catholic Church in our own time, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will gather in commemoration of important feast days and pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild our wounded Church. In addition, we will also beg the saints to pray for us and to guide us in the hard work of discipleship during these difficult times.

All are invited to join us for our next Evening of Prayer for the Healing of God's Family on Thursday, July 18th in honor of Saint Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373), a wife, mother, mystic, & visionary who founded a religious order that still flourishes almost seven centuries after its founding. The evening will begin at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church with Evening Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 6:45pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary for the healing of God's family. At 7:30pm, we will conclude with Night Prayer & Benediction.

During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a reflection on the life and legacy of Saint Bridget of Sweden. We will also pray with the relics of Saint Elizabeth Hesselblad (1870-1957) who renewed the Bridgettine Order. These relics have been known to comfort the afflicted and heal the sick. We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special evening of prayer, reflection, and devotion. For more information, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE LIFE OF SAINT BRIDGET
Watch a short video on our website!
Click the link: ccgrounline.com!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesday Afternoons at 4:00pm

Each week, members of the Legion of Mary from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish reach out to our sick, aged, disabled, and homebound fellow parishioners. They visit these friends and neighbors in their homes and apartments, hospitals, and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship and conversation, and share God's love and mercy with those who are so often lonely and forgotten.

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual directors. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in our parish communities, please contact Sue Demetri at 978-281-4820 or sdemetri2000@yahoo.com. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and needy. Our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. And our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry needs these items:

Assorted Canned Soups
Beef Stew · Chef Boyardee
Canned Tuna · Chicken & Tuna Helper
Chips, Cookies, Crackers, and Snacks
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Pasta & Sauce · Ramen Noodles · Rice-a-Roni
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of our churches. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com. If you or your family needs our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION Weekend of July 27th & July 28th

In the tradition of its founder and patron, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a Roman Catholic lay fraternity that calls women and men to work together and grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Here are four important ways that you can help us help others:

First, all are asked to give generously to our special second collection during the weekend of Saturday, July 27th and Sunday, July 28th at all Masses in Holy Family Parish. Every dollar donated will support the good work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its ongoing efforts to help families in need.

Second, all are encouraged to donate to our Food Pantry. Baskets (for boxed and/or canned non-perishable goods) can be found at the entrances to Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Donations can also be brought to our parish office which is located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester.

Third, all are invited to donate to our Clothes Closet. A drop-off bin is conveniently located in the parking lot in front of the Saint Ann School Building.

Finally, new members and volunteers are much needed and always most welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parish communities, please contact Barbara Frontiero at barbara.frontiero@gortons.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. If you need assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CROWNING CEREMONY Sunday, July 28th at 8:15am Mass

In celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim (July 26th), all are invited to join us for the Annual Crowning of Saint Ann and the Blessed Virgin Mary after our 8:15am Mass on Sunday, July 28th in Saint Ann Church. As a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, let us united our hearts and voices in praying for the intercession of our patrons: Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! For more information, please contact Mary Rubino at 978-281-0009. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

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REBUILDING THE CHURCH



MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS SATURDAY, JULY 27TH AT 8:00AM

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey after their first pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Africa, and Europe. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the God's Holy Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of every month in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" is scheduled for July 27th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will continue our study and discussion of the Franciscan Saints. In particular, we will focus on Saint Elizabeth of Portugal, who is venerated as a wife, mother, and peacemaker.

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us this month and every month! You don't need to travel with us to be part of the Assisi Project! For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or visit our website: assisiproject.com. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE ASSISI PROJECT Need Prayers?

Members of the Assisi Project range in age from 16 to 94; and we live in Holy Family Parish, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, throughout the United States, and also in Canada, Brazil, Italy, Spain, and Angola. Part of our work together is our prayer together. So, we pray every day for those who ask for our prayers all around the world. If you would like the Assisi Project to pray for you, your family, your special intention, or the soul of a deceased friend or loved one, please see Father Jim before or after any Mass; or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. May the Lord give you peace!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 13 – JULY 21, 2019**

Saturday, July 13	Vigil · 15th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rico Strescino & Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Robert Madruga
Sunday, July 14	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	José & Isolina Matos
8:15am · Saint Ann	Ignazio LoContro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Oswald Ajavon
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel & Maria Achadinha
5:00pm · Saint Ann	All Migrants & Refugees
	15th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 15 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, July 16 8:00am · Saint Joachim	James King
Wednesday, July 17 8:00am · OLGV	Humberto Mota
Thursday, July 18 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Alannah Marie Trickett
Friday, July 19 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, July 20 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Saturday, July 20	Vigil · 16th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Robert & Margaret McKinnon
6:00pm · OLGV	Dionisio & Celestino Goulart
Sunday, July 21	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
8:15am · Saint Ann	Gerolama & Pietro Cusenza
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Tom Dolan
11:45am · OLGV	Ronald LaFlam
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of July 6th & July 7th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,307.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,185.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,376.00
Grand Annual Collection (118% of Goal)	\$88,172.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of July 6th & July 7th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,977.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,057.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,724.00
Grand Annual Collection (102% of Goal)	\$46,013.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary candles, and altar gifts (hosts & wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one. The requested donation for flowers is \$250. The requested donation for altar gifts is \$175. The requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Robert & Greg Swinson
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Alannah Marie Trickett
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Luca DiBella
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Mary de Lima
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

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