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CARING FOR CREATION

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CARING FOR CREATION



Praying with Pope Francis

A PRAYER FOR EARTH: OUR COMMON HOME

All powerful God,
 you are present in the whole universe
 and in the smallest of your creatures.
 You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
 Pour out upon us the power of your love,
 so that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace,
 so that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
 O God of the poor, help us to rescue
 the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
 who are so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
 so that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
 so that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
 Touch the hearts of those who look only for profit
 at the expense of the poor of this earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of all living things,
 to be filled with awe and contemplation,
 to recognize that we are united with every creature
 as we journey toward your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.
 Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
 for justice, love, and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God forever and ever. Amen.

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ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Watch a short video or read the encyclical on our website!

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Caring for Creation

BY KATHY COFFEY

If we were to add a commandment reflecting the call to God's people in our century, this might top the list of priorities: "You shall reverence the earth." People have long delighted in the beautiful surroundings for the human journey. But for the first time in our history, our planet is gravely threatened. While this commandment is not one of the official ten commandments, we have a long tradition of respect for God's creation. The Book of Genesis shows God lovingly shaping the solar system, oceans, lands, vegetation, and animals in a crescendo that leads to humanity. When God gives humans "dominion" over other creatures, the implication is wise stewardship rather than blatant exploitation.

Many psalms are suffused with an appreciation of nature. Psalm 96 personifies the natural world praising God: "Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them. Then let all the trees of the forest rejoice before the Lord (Psalm 96: 11-13)." Likewise, Saint Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Creatures* is an outburst of joy in the sun and the moon. Saint Clare reminded her congregation to "praise God" when they saw "beautiful trees, flowers, and bushes." Both saints traveled lightly. Their commitment to poverty translates into the slogan of today's environmentally conscious people: "Buy less stuff."

Each week, Catholics celebrate the Eucharist, whose root word means "to receive well." Our [daily] and weekend celebrations should spill into a life of receiving well, especially the earth's many gifts: food that energizes our bodies, [along with] the sights of mountains, streams, stars, or sunsets that feed our spirits. As Rachel Carson writes in *Silent Spring*, the absence of birdsong with all it represents would make our environment eerily quiet and rob the soul of sustenance. With such a rich tradition of respecting the earth, we Christians should naturally take practical steps to reduce our carbon emissions and hence, climate change. The scientific community agrees that we can take steps to save the planet now, to prevent our grandchildren from asking: "Why didn't they act when they could?"

Warning signs are clear. The polar ice caps are melting fast because dangerous gases trap the sun's heat. The average car driven 10,000 miles per year releases 5.5 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. In *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, Barbara Kingslover points out that our children will have shorter lifespans than us because of their junk food, obesity, and poor quality of air and water. We know how to solve this problem. Apologies to those who know these steps already, but for those who do not: Use energy-efficient light bulbs and appliances. Drive a hybrid car. Walk or bike when possible. Recycle. Turn down the thermostat. Plant trees.

Hopeful signs of community awareness and cooperation abound. More than one thousand American mayors have signed the Climate Protection Agreement to reduce carbon emissions in their cities. Many companies, churches, schools, and homes are committed to going green. "Oikos", which is the Greek word for "household" (the root for ecology, ecumenical, and economy) underscores the link between our individual households and God's house, creation. In her novel, *Animal Dreams*, Barbara Kingslover records a conversation with a native American who explains that God lets us live in this house and that we should send a note of thanks just as we would after being anyone's guest: "We appreciate the rain, we appreciate the sun...Sorry if we messed up anything. Thanks for letting us sleep on your couch." Reverencing the earth is an active way to express our thanks!

Kathy Coffey is an author, retreat leader, and university lecturer.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL PROGRAM SUNDAY MORNING with POPE FRANCIS AUGUST 4TH & AUGUST 18TH - BEGINS AT 9:30AM

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) and their families are invited to join us for "Sunday Morning with Pope Francis" on August 4th and August 18th beginning at 9:30am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During these mornings of prayer, learning, fun, and fellowship, our young disciples will learn from Pope Francis about the journey of faith through active and engaged participation in games, music, and craft projects.

This special youth faith formation program will begin in Our Lady's School where Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. After the morning session, Betsy and our volunteers will bring the children to Our Lady's Church for Mass at 11:45am. All parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are encouraged to join us!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program is just \$30 per child for both Sundays. Scholarships are available for families that cannot afford tuition. Adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers! Registration forms are available at ccgrounline.com/formation. For more information, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

CAMPS: CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR Christian Summer Camp · Begins August 5th

CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior) is a summer camp experience for high school students that seeks to bring young disciples closer to Jesus; to share the Good News that our Christian community is both formed and lived; and to inspire faith formation and spiritual growth. This summer from August 5th through August 10th, more than 300 campers will gather at Lakeside Campsite in Pittsfield, Massachusetts for games and sports, campfires and music, spiritual talks and faith sharing. CAMPS can be a life-changing experience for high school students! For more information, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com; or visit their website at campsministry.com. Scholarships are available!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Saturday Afternoons at 5:15pm

An annual tradition returns this summer to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our Summer Carillon Recitals are scheduled to begin on Saturday, August 3rd at 5:15pm (rain or shine). Once again, LuAnn Pallazola, our very talented organist-keyboardist has prepared programs that include familiar classical and international pieces, popular hymns and songs, patriotic melodies, and even selections especially for kids!

Installed in 1922, the carillon bells in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church were the first toned set of carillon bells in the United States. Although our bells can be heard from blocks away, the sound is best near the church. This summer, carillon recitals are also scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:15pm: August 10th, August 17th, August 24th, and August 31st.

For more information about these special programs, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com. Our Summer Carillon Recitals are free and open to the public! So, bring a coffee or cold drink! Enjoy this wonderful summer tradition! Don't forget that Mass begins at 6:00pm! Please join us! Spread the word! Bring your family! All are invited! All are welcome!

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME Reminder About Smoking & Litter

All parishioners, friends, and visitors are reminded that smoking is prohibited both inside and outside of all buildings at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. If you choose to smoke off-site, then please dispose of your ashes, butts, and all other forms of trash in an appropriate receptacle (not on our lawns, parking lots, or sidewalks). Let's work together to care for our common home! Let's keep Gloucester & Rockport beautiful! Thank you! Peace and blessings! — Father Jim

OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Keep it. Share it. Rebuild the Church.

We work hard to create a weekly newsletter that informs, inspires, and instructs our readers about some aspect of the Christian life and about what's happening in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. We are grateful for your positive feedback, but please do not leave church without a newsletter! Bring it home! Reflect on the weekly message! Share it with your family and friends! Leave a copy at your doctor's office, barbershop, or coffee shop! Help us share God's love and rebuild our Church! Thank you! Peace and blessings! — Father Jim

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 unite 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@ccgonline.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@ccgonline.com. May the Lord give you peace!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 20 – JULY 28, 2019**

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	Luca DiBella
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Tom Dolan
11:45am · OLGV	Ronald LaFlam
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family
	16th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 22 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, July 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Lee Ann Porper
Wednesday, July 24 8:00am · OLGV	Rose Stuart
Thursday, July 25 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Carla Kenney
Friday, July 26 8:00am · OLGV	Rose Stuart
Saturday, July 27 8:00am · OLGV	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, July 27	Vigil · 17th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rosa & Francesco Paolo Brancaleone
6:00pm · OLGV	The Padre Family
Sunday, July 28	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Father Eugene Alves
8:15am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Dorothy Noonan
11:45am · OLGV	Elja Bagaço
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of July 13th & July 14th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,810.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,688.00
Second Collection	N/A
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 13th & July 14th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,853.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,933.00
Second Collection	N/A
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 Alannah Marie Trickett
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Joncas Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Gerolama & Pietro Cusenza
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Father Eugene Alves
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@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

THE POPE VIDEO

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