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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's retreat will be something like a week-long conversation with Pope Francis and some friends from all around the world about five important topics that inevitably touch every human life: work, struggle, love, death, and hope. In his book, "Sharing the Wisdom of Time", the pope reminds us that to fully embrace the present and face the future, we must better understand our past. To illustrate this point, the Holy Father has collected memories, stories, and words of wisdom 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@ccgrounline.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!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Courageous Witness

CONFRONTING THE SIN OF RACISM IN OUR WORLD

At times in history, the Catholic Church in the United States has failed to denounce the evils of slavery, racism, and discrimination. But we have also been blessed with the courageous witness of many priests, religious women and men, and countless laypersons who did respond prophetically by calling out sin and violent disregard for fellow human beings. Their lives remind us that we are all united in God's love and the life of Christ. This week, we read about three Catholics who worked to heal the evil of racism in their day. As we learn about their stories, let us also reflect on how we can join this work of healing injustice in our country.

Julia Greeley (1833-1918) was born a slave in Missouri sometime between 1833 and 1848. While much of Julia's early life is unknown, it is clear that she experienced the tragedy of slavery's abuse, pain, and violence. Even amidst so much evil, she did not hate. Instead, she dedicated her life to helping others. Once emancipated after the Civil War, Julia Greeley settled in Colorado, where she worked as a housekeeper and nanny. She spent much of her modest earnings helping poor families in her neighborhood, many of whom were white. Realizing the shame many people feel in being poor, Julia left donations for them at night. Despite the poverty and trauma she suffered, she mercifully opened her heart to others in need. In 1880, Julia became a Roman Catholic and later joined the Secular Franciscan Order. Throughout her life, her generosity and good works brought joy and healing to her community. When Julia Greeley died, hundreds of people from many racial backgrounds came to mourn. Her charity, selflessness, and devotion to Christ made her a model of mercy.

Father Augustus Tolton (1886-1897) is often remembered as the first African-American priest in the United States (although the Healy Brothers, three sons of an enslaved woman and an Irish father whose racial heritage was less visibly apparent, were ordained before him). Father Tolton was born into slavery to parents whose owners allowed their slaves to be married in the Catholic Church. He was freed when his mother escaped to the free state of Illinois when he was a boy. He was encouraged by his local pastor to become a priest, but studied in Italy because no American seminary would admit him. As a priest, Father Tolton ministered to the African-American community in Quincy, Illinois. Known for his deep faith, eloquent sermons, and loving generosity, he attracted parishioners of various races to his parish. He inspired many affluent parishioners to support the parish school and its mission to educate all children regardless of race. Eventually, he was reassigned into the Archdiocese of Chicago where he became pastor of the first national parish for African-American Catholics. Despite his life experience with racism, Father Tolton remained steadfast in declaring: "The Catholic Church deplores a double slavery, that of both the mind and the body. The Church endeavors to free us from both."

Cesar Chavez (1927-1993) organized the first successful union of farmworkers in American history. He was not just one of the great labor leaders of the twentieth century. He was also a heroic example of Catholic moral leadership. Born in 1927, Cesar Chavez was born into a Mexican-American family that was forced into migrant farming during the Great Depression. As a child, he had to work in the fields to support his family and was unable to complete the seventh grade in school. As a young man with a wife and growing family, he was inspired by a priest with a passion for social justice to train as a community activist. He gathered the Mexican-Americans in Delano, California, formed the United Farm Workers, and led a strike against local grape farmers. The struggle for fair working conditions was long and drawn out. When the workers were threatened and attacked, Chavez rejected violent retaliation and turned to non-violence activism. He began a hunger strike, fasted on only water for twenty-five days, and drew national attention to the unjust wages and working conditions of migrant laborers. Cesar Chavez was a devout Catholic who did not simply believe the teachings of Jesus Christ. He was transformed by them and they guided his efforts to secure just treatment for all workers.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

LIVING THE GOSPEL



A PASTOR'S NOTE COURAGEOUS WITNESS ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Last November, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) unanimously approved “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love – A Pastoral Letter Against Racism.” This important document clearly explains the Church’s opposition to racism and its current manifestations: racial profiling, harassment of our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, discrimination in hiring, housing, and education, and extreme nationalistic ideologies that instigate anger, fear, and hatred toward immigrants and refugees.

The bishops write that “too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered (page 4).” Sadly, it seems that we are all increasingly guilty of this sin of omission. As the voices of racism grow louder and louder, many of us fear the consequences of speaking out. We fear the consequences of offering a prophetic voice against the sinful evil of hating another person simply because of their color, creed, or ethnic heritage.

In their pastoral letter, the bishops also remind us that the sin of racism can take root in our hearts and minds when we are encouraged to feel superior to others. The bishops write: “This attitude of superiority can be seen in how certain groups of people are vilified, called criminals, or are perceived as being unable to contribute to society, even unworthy of its benefits (p. 5).” These attitudes and feelings are fuel for the fiery hell of racism in our world.

Fortunately, we can look for inspiration of “courageous witness” in the lives of Julia Greeley, Augustus Tolton, and Cesar Chavez who are profiled in this week’s message. Through their lives and examples, we learn that the sin of racism can be best confronted by living the Gospel and sharing God’s love; by serving the poor, caring for the sick, and reaching out to the lonely; and by giving voice in every thought, word, and deed to the Good News of the Living Christ. In addition to this week’s message, all are invited to read and reflect on “Open Wide Our Hearts” via the link on our website: ccgrounline.com. Together, let us pray for the strength to be courageous witnesses against racism! Peace and blessings! – Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Continues This Weekend!

An annual tradition has returned this summer to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our Summer Carillon Recitals will continue this Saturday, August 17th 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 our children and grandchildren!

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, our final carillon recitals of the summer season are scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:15pm: August 24th and August 31st.

For more information about these special programs, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at lpallazola@gmail.com or 978-281-4820. 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!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30pm

Even though it is still summer, the Holy Family Parish Christmas Fair is coming soon! Save the date! Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 23rd! Our Christmas Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the year! And there is much work ahead to ensure its success! In this spirit, the Holy Family Women’s Guild will hold its first Christmas Fair Planning Meeting on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall.

All parishioners are invited to join us in making this year’s fair our best ever! Everyone has a unique gift or talent! Let yours shine at the Christmas Fair! We are gratefully accepting donations of prizes for our auction, basket wheel, and raffles; cookies, crafts, and jewelry for our sale tables; and volunteers for set-up and clean-up! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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YOU CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE!
Join us: ccgrounline.com/fellowship/

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!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST 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 August 31st beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will conclude our discussion of the Franciscan Saints. In particular, we will focus on Saint Clare of Assisi, the best friend and perhaps most faithful follower of Saint Francis.

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@ccgrronline.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 cgarvey@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. May the Lord give you peace!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**AUGUST 17 – AUGUST 25, 2019**

Saturday, August 17	Vigil · 20th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Evelyn G. & Norman J. Authier
6:00pm · OLGV	The Bruni Family
Sunday, August 18	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Maria dos Anjos Medeiros
8:15am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Robert Brandt
11:45am · OLGV	Rose Stuart
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family
	20th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 19 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, August 20 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Lee Ann Porper
Wednesday, August 21 8:00am · OLGV	John Jay McHale
Thursday, August 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Dominic & Catherine Ciolino
Friday, August 23 8:00am · OLGV	Ronald LaFlam
Saturday, August 24 8:00am · OLGV	Mildred Donaldson
Saturday, August 24	Vigil · 21st Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Jenifer Palazzolo
6:00pm · OLGV	Guilherme "Bill" Silva
Sunday, August 25	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Jean Mason
8:15am · Saint Ann	Matteo & Rosa Favazza
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Josephine Shallow
11:45am · OLGV	Douglass Ross
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Giuseppe & Francesca Palazzolo

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of August 10th & August 11th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,634.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,512.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$3,229.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of August 10th & August 11th

Weekly Offerings	\$4,033.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$4,113.00
Second Collection	(N/A)

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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 Joseph & Grace Brancaleone
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Carmella Brancaleone
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Salvatore Brancaleone
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Fr. Eugene Alves
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Georgia & Alfred Forrest
Sanctuary Flowers · 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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