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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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HEALING GOD'S FAMILY

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Christ Our Hope In Every Season of Life

**Hold fast to the hope that lies before us.
This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm.**

HEBREWS 6:18-19

From the time that we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God. Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ. Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 817)."

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Holy Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who loved us to the end (Spe Salvi, 31)."

Christians know that "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their lives will not end in emptiness (Spe Salvi, 2)." For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently (Spe Salvi, 2)." Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end. (Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Healing God's Family The Power of One, Part 2

BY CLIFF GARVEY

In 1989, Bryce Courtenay, an Australian writer, published a novel called *The Power of One*. The book was translated into eighteen languages and made into a major motion picture. It was an immediate bestseller; and it now takes its place on many high school and college reading lists throughout the world. Set in South Africa during the 1930s and 1940s, *The Power of One* is the story of an English orphan and schoolboy who overcomes bigotry and bullying to prove that one person can make a difference in this troubled world. It is the story of an average person who worked hard, faced difficult challenges, persevered despite the odds, and ultimately achieved a kind of moral victory. It is the universal story. It is your story. It is my story. It is everyone's story; every sinner's life story. No one is spared. No one is left out. Life is a mixture of ups and downs, wins and losses, love and loss, brokenness and forgiveness, falling and rising.

In the midst of this human drama, how can one person make a difference in the world? In the midst of so much division and suffering, how can you make a difference? In the midst of so much brokenness and distrust, how can I make a difference? How can we make a difference together? How can we heal God's family and rebuild the Church? In *The Power of One*, Bryce Courtenay writes: "Inside all people there is love, also the need to take care of the other man who is his brother. Inside everyone is a savage, but there is also tenderness and compassion." Let's begin here. During these savage times, there is still love. Inside every person, there is still love and tenderness and an instinct to help others. Inside every single person, there is still a little bit of love that can transform a sinner into a saint. Inside every single person, there is still a little bit of love that can make all the difference in the world.

The challenge, of course, is to put this love to work! The challenge is to look beyond differences and divisions. The challenge is to transcend the bombast and loud voices. The challenge is to tune out the madness and engage our brothers and sisters with humility, joy, and love. When we are humble, we seek to overcome our own faults and failures rather than condemning the faults and failures of others. When we are joyful, we see others not as objects of judgement and scorn, but as new friends and fellow disciples. When we are simple, we offer what we can: good gifts of encounter, fraternity, neighborliness, and love. We offer what we can to build community, build up the human family, and rebuild the Church. I can do this. You can do this. Surely, we can do this together — always together. After all, there is strength in numbers!

Leo Buscaglia writes: "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." This power can change your life. It can transform the lives of the people you love. It can make a lasting difference in the strangers you meet along the way. This is the power of one: Do your best to love, to forgive, to make peace, and to bring people together. Now. Today. Tomorrow. The Beloved Disciple reminds us: "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action (1 John 3:18)." When each of us does our very best to exercise the power of one, we can build better families, better friendships, better neighborhoods, better parishes, better workplaces, and ultimately a better world. We can heal God's family and rebuild our Church — one brick at a time, one person at a time, one wounded soul at a time.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



ADULT FAITH FORMATION THE WAY

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

"The Way" was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way also appears as a biblical reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. In addition, tradition teaches that both before and after his conversion, Saint Paul referred to the disciples of Christ as part of the Way. More than two thousand years later, Catholic Christians are still part of the Way of Jesus Christ. But as we all know, a life of discipleship is not a hobby or pastime. It is a vocation, a way of life that lays claim to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in Christ, who is our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. And as disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need our help in growing closer to Christ and the Church.

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) or if you feel called to renew your understanding of our shared faith, then please consider joining "The Way", an adult faith formation program that meets on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (typically called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of this same program, we will prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation (to be received at either the Easter Vigil or at a regional archdiocesan celebration).

Our group meets twice each month for fellowship, formation, and faith sharing. As a community of disciples, we will learn together about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Church; and we will explore the methods of prayer and spirituality that have brought centuries of believers closer to Christ Jesus and to the Church. In addition, we will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of living an authentic life of faith, hope, and love in the modern world. If you would like to learn more about this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD BAKED BEAN SUPPER Friday, October 18th · Begins at 5:30pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for its Annual Baked Bean Supper on Friday, October 18th from 5:30pm until 8:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. A donation of \$15 is requested for each adult; and \$10 each for each child (age 10 and under). Tickets will be available at the door.

Our menu will include hot dogs, linguica, baked beans, coffee, soft drinks, and homemade desserts. Proceeds support Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For more information about this special evening of good food, fun, and fellowship, please contact Beth Fosberry at 978-790-0196 or jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring your family! Bring your friends! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm

The Holy Family Christmas Fair is coming soon! Spread the word! Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 23rd! The Christmas Fair is Holy Family Parish's biggest fundraising event of the year! And there is much work ahead to ensure its success! All are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for our next Christmas Fair Planning Meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall.

If you have a stapler, pater cutter, or good scissors, please bring them along! We will be putting together the raffle tickets for the fair. We are also 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 bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATES! UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Advent Mission & Retreat
December 11th through December 13th at 7:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Advent & Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 8th at 2:00pm
Saint Ann Church

More information coming soon!
All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: ccgronline.com/prayer/!

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgronline.com/prayer. Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are 90 second reflections based on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also features an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online.

In addition, please join us every week for Bringing Home the Word, a weekly newsletter for families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each issue includes words of wisdom from Pope Francis, along with reflections on the scriptures, spirituality, and the lives of saints. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word is posted at ccgronline.com! Please join us!

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass!

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary every morning after our 8:00am Daily Mass. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Risen Lord by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by asking for her powerful intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world. Daily Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00am; and in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray!

Pope Francis was once asked about his favorite way of praying. In response, he said: "What I truly prefer is Eucharistic Adoration... In the evening between seven and eight o'clock, I pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharistic Adoration is a prayerful devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers four opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm–8:00pm); Thursdays at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm–7:30pm); and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Saint Joachim Church (8:30am–10:00am). For more information, please contact Jane Russo at jrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

REBUILDING THE CHURCH



MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT

SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 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 October 26th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will begin our discussion and study of Father Murray Bodo's beautiful book of spiritual reflections, "Surrounded by Love: Seven Teachings from Saint Francis of Assisi."

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 17 to 94; and we live in Holy Family Parish, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, all across the United States, and also in Canada, Brazil, Italy, Spain, and Angola. Part of our work together is our prayer together. So, we pray each and every day for all 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 at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. May the Lord give you peace!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 20, 2019**

Saturday, October 12	Vigil · 28th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph Barbagallo
6:00pm · OLGV	Josephine & Capt. Salvatore Santuccio
Sunday, October 13	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	The Doyle Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Paul Frontiero
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Jim Contri & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Pauline & Joseph Piscitello
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family
	28th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 14 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, October 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Martin Dillon
Wednesday, October 16 8:00am · OLGV	John & Ada Pierce
Thursday, October 17 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Christopher Wheeler
Friday, October 18 8:00am · OLGV	Joseph Barbagallo
Saturday, October 19 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Saturday, October 19	Vigil · 29th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Carol Theken
6:00pm · OLGV	Paula Novello
Sunday, October 20	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Cynthia Loiacano
8:15am · Saint Ann	Giovanna Frisella
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Eileen Donovan
11:45am · OLGV	Corey J. McCollum
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of October 5th & October 6th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,104.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,982.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,816.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of October 5th & October 6th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,303.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,383.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,617.00

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 Demetri Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Sergeant Salvatore Piscitello
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Keven Teixeira
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of the Doyle Family
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Manuel I. Garcia
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 our parish office at office@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!