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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE
WE ARE THE MISSION

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CALL TO PRAYER

Mother of Perpetual Help

A REDEMPTORIST NOVENA PRAYER

Mother of Perpetual Help,
with the greatest confidence,
we come before you to be inspired
by the example of your life.

We think of you
at the moment when,
full of faith and trust,
you accepted God's call
to be the mother of his Son.
Help us, your children,
to accept with joy
our own calling in life.

When you learned
that your cousin Elizabeth was in need,
you immediately went to serve her
and offer your help.

Help us, like you,
to be concerned for others.

We think of you, Mother,
at the foot of the cross.
Your heart must have bled
to see your Son in agony.
But your joy was great
when he rose from death,
victorious over the power of evil.

Mother of Sorrows,
help us through the trials
and disappointments of life.
Help us not to lose heart.
May we share with you and your Son
the joy of having courageously
faced up to all challenges of life.

Glory to the Father,
to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

We Are the Mission

BY CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN

Most of us have never considered ourselves to be Spirit-filled evangelizers. The image of evangelizing seems strangely contrary to the Catholic ethos. Something in us protests: We are not fundamentalists. We do not wear our faith on our sleeve. We were taught to be more reserved in our witness to the faith.

Perhaps we are overthinking things. One simple definition of evangelization is “to tell someone who is starving where to find bread.” And isn’t this precisely what we are called to do? To introduce women and men whose hearts are hungry for Jesus, the Bread of Life?

The Gospel challenge to “go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19)” has both a local and global dimension. It begins with introducing Jesus to the people we encounter every day, and it gradually extends outward to our parishes and local communities, to our nation and the whole world. We are challenged to experience a form of “missionary conversion” and “to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and feeling (*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).”

Pope Francis knows that he is calling us to move into new and uncomfortable territory here, to define ourselves not as Catholics who simply do what is expected of us, but as Spirit-filled evangelizers who acknowledge and accept a very different role for ourselves as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

“My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off,” the pope says. “It is not an ‘extra’ or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in the world (EG 273).” As disciples of Jesus Christ, we do not have a mission. We are the mission. We are people called to burn with the fire of God’s love and to live the Gospel in every fiber of our being.

This is an impossible expectation for us fragile, sinful human beings unless we are filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. “Christ, risen and glorified, is the wellspring of our hope,” the pope assures us. “He will not deprive us of the help we need to carry out the mission which he has entrusted to us (EG 275).” We have received the Holy Spirit, and so we have the power to cast off the chains we have forged for ourselves and to work wonders in Jesus’ name.

As we reflect on the call to pastoral conversion “in a missionary key”, let us look to the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “With the Holy Spirit, Mary is always present in the midst of the people. She joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14), and thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost (EG 284).” Mary continues to inspire us, today and always, to be Spirit-filled evangelizers who share the joy of the Gospel with everyone we meet.

*Cardinal Joseph Tobin serves as Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey.
He is a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists.
He served previously as Archbishop of Indianapolis.
His episcopal motto is Gaudete in Domino or Rejoice in the Lord!*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

The Mother's Heart Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD
BEGINS WITH MASS AT 8:00AM

For more than one hundred years, the stained glass windows in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church have inspired men and women of faith to reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary under her various titles and patronages. Under her mantle, generations of good and hardworking people have found comfort, consolation, and the strength to carry on during challenging times.

Throughout this year, Father Jim, Brother Patrick, and the Assisi Project are focusing our prayers and reflections on the Blessed Mother as she is depicted in the windows of our beloved church. We will not focus so much on the art and architecture of the windows, but on the deep devotion and spirituality inspired by each image of Mary.

In this spirit, all are invited to join us for the Mother's Heart: A Morning of Prayer with Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy on Saturday, August 3rd beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Father Jim will offer a brief reflection on Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy. We will also have plenty of time for questions and faith sharing.

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI noted: "The Second Vatican Council invites priests to look to Mary as the perfect model for their vocation, invoking her as 'Mother of the supreme eternal priest, as Queen of Apostles, and as protector of their ministry.' The Council continues: 'priests should always venerate and love her, with a filial devotion and worship.'" And so, we turn to the Mother's Heart to guide and protect our pastor and all priests.

For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Brother Patrick at 978-281-4820 or brpatrick@assisiproject.com. Save the date! Spread the word! Bring a friend! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us! May the Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

The Assisi Project Intercessory Prayer Ministry

WE NEVER STOP PRAYING FOR YOU!

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Brother Patrick, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with members, friends, and followers around the world. We are dedicated to helping believers of all ages and backgrounds more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

Members of the Assisi Project, ranging in age from 15 to 100, pray each and every day for all who ask us to pray for them. If you would like our fellowship to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Brother Patrick at brpatrick@assisiproject.com or 978-281-4820. Last week we prayed for more than one hundred special intentions! Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of the Angels, pray for us! New members are always welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

Our Online Ministry

SOMETHING NEW EVERY WEEK!

All are invited to join us every day for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgonline.com. Our collaborative website features links to the Pope Video, Kids Bulletin, Scripture for Life, Bringing Home the Word, Pray As You Go Daily Meditations, Vatican Viewpoints Podcast, and many other high quality resources.

All of our recommended resources are free, faithful to the magisterium of Pope Francis and the Catholic Church, and do not require users to share their personal information which is often sold to telemarketers.

Meanwhile, the Assisi Project's website offers links to the Franciscan Rosary, Our Lady Prayers, and Saint Clare's Litany of the Sacred Wounds. In addition, Brother Patrick has recorded more than one hundred free podcasts and audio retreats just for us! Join us at assisiproject.com!

As of this week, nearly one million visitors have clicked on our websites and our many online resources! Thank you for supporting of our online ministries. There's something new every week! Please join us online!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF JULY 20TH & 21ST

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$4,838
Electronic	\$1,778
Total	\$6,616

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$3,650
Electronic	\$449
Total	\$4,099

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

We Share!

LORD, EVERYTHING IS YOURS.
SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Electronic giving has become an essential component of parish support in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport; and it is available in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is safe and easy to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

Donations can be made on a weekly, monthly, or one-time-only basis; and it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. In addition to the weekly offering, you can also give electronically to our church restoration funds which helps us plan for the repair and maintenance of our beloved and historic churches.

Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish always need your generous support! Please prayerfully consider enrolling in our electronic giving program! For more information about creating a new account or assistance with an existing account, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Peace, blessings, and sincerest thanks to all!

SCRIPTURE FOR LIFE

A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL
ccgronline.com/resources

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



Our Lady of Good Voyage Summer Carillon Concerts

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH AT 6:30PM

A much-loved summer tradition is returning to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! Our Summer Carillon Concerts begin on Friday, August 9th at 6:30pm!

This year, Luann Pallazola, Cynthia Cafasso, and Thomas Dort have prepared programs that include familiar classical and international music, popular hymns and songs, patriotic melodies, and selections especially for children!

Installed in 1922, the carillon bells at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church are the first tone set ever in the United States. The carillon's thirty-one bronze bells hang from a steel beam within the bell-shaped west tower. Our bells range in weight from 16 pounds to 3,000 pounds.

The carillon bells at Our Lady of Good Voyage were forged by the Taylor Foundry in Loughboro, England. In order to avoid import taxes upon their arrival in Gloucester, the church was declared a bonded warehouse by the Collector of Customs in Boston, who happened to be a friend of the local congressman. Soon after, a bill declaring them "works of art" was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Warren G. Harding.

Although the bells can be heard from blocks away, the sound is always best near our church. Once again this year, Our Lady's Guild will be selling cold drinks, snacks, and raffle tickets to support the parish.

Our Summer Carillon Concerts are an awesome opportunity for the whole family to gather with friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners to enjoy the gift of music. Additional concerts are scheduled for Friday, August 16th at 6:30pm; Friday, August 23rd at 6:30pm; and Friday, August 30th at 6:30pm. For more information about these special events, please contact Luann Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com. Save the dates! Spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

July 27th – August 4th

Saturday, July 27	Vigil · 17th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Rosalia Giambanco
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Lindsay Brown
Sunday, July 28	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	Maria Dias Rodrigues
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Bruce Patten
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Carol C. Burns
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Cynthia “Cindy” Goulart
	Ordinary Time
July 31 at 5:30pm Our Lady’s Church	All Souls in Purgatory
August 1 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Barbara Douglass
August 2 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Richard Devlin
Saturday, August 3	Vigil · 18th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Leonardo & Caterina Russo
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Theresa Wonson
Sunday, August 4	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	James Verga
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Phillip Parisi
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	The Gartland Family
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Alex & Tina Borge

OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candles & Gifts

**REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES
& SUPPORTING OUR HOME PARISHES**

At each of our churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary candles and sanctuary gifts (hosts and wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a friend or loved one. The requested donation for both sanctuary gifts and candles is now \$25 per week. For the week of Sunday, July 28th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of the Giambanco Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

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

In Memory of the Romeo Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Maria Rodrigues
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Andrew & Teresa Murphy
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For the Intentions of the Assisi Project
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle, sanctuary gifts, or sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one in any of our churches or chapels in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Melissa Joseph at office@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support! May God bless our departed brothers and sisters! Peace & blessings to all!

**WORDS OF WISDOM
FROM CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN**

Mary, Mother of the Church,
inspire us to be tender and loving like you.
Free us from resentment and anger,
so that we can be faithful missionary disciples
of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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June 26, 2024*

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