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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE
HOLY VISIONS OF FREEDOM

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LIVING THE GOSPEL

Saints for All Seasons Annual Mini-Retreat Series

SAINT VERONICA
FRIDAY, JULY 12TH AT 5:30PM

Now more than ever, we need to step back from the business and busyness of daily life and focus on our relationships with Jesus and those we are called to love. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave behind home, work, and family for a real retreat from the responsibilities of the world. For this reason and for the third consecutive year, we are very pleased to announce a special series of mini-retreats called Saints for All Seasons.

Throughout his long priestly ministry, Pope Francis has called people of all ages and backgrounds to learn about and pray with the saints. The Holy Father believes in his heart that the saints bring us closer to Christ, closer to the Church, and closer to each other. He says: "The saints are still here, not far from us; and their images [and relics] in our churches evoke the 'cloud of witnesses' that always surrounds us (cf. Hebrews 12:1)...The saints remind us that even in our lives, however weak and marked by sin, holiness can unfold (4-7-21)."

In this spirit of unfolding holiness, all are invited to join us in April, May, July, and November for a series of two-hour mini-retreats. These times of prayer, reflection, and adoration will focus on the lives of four amazing women: Saint Zita of Lucca, Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Veronica, and Blessed Helen Enselmini. Each mini-retreat will begin with the celebration of Holy Mass. After Mass, Father Jim and Brother Patrick will offer a reflection on the life and veneration of a saint whose life of holiness and love of neighbor has inspired people all around the world.

After each reflection, we will pray in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and in veneration of the holy images of each saint of the day. We will conclude by praying the Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Here's our upcoming schedule:

SAINT ZITA OF LUCCA
AN ASSISI PROJECT PODCAST
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SAINT JOAN OF ARC
AN ASSISI PROJECT PODCAST
assisiproject.com/podcast

SAINT VERONICA
Friday, July 12th at 5:30pm
Saint Anthony Chapel

BLESSED HELEN ENSELMINI
Friday, November 1st at 5:30pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

We hope and pray that you and your family will join us for this special series of mini-retreats in celebration of the saints which has been so popular during the past few years! For more information, please contact Brother Patrick at brpatrick@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Save the dates! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Holy Visions of Freedom

BY PAIGE BYRNE SHORTAL

This week, as we celebrate American Independence Day, I have been thinking about the poem called *The New Colossus*, which was written by Emma Lazarus and inscribed on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Several years ago, our family had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. One warm evening, we sat on the high steps of the U.S. Capitol Building and listened to Judy Collins sing *Amazing Grace*. As her lovely voice rang out, "Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come...", I thought of the dreams of the founders of this country. These holy visions of freedoms lived only in dreams before the dream-come-true of America.

Our founders were utopians, trying to create heaven on earth, but the dreams were flawed because they were exclusive. In our young nation, I could not have voted, nor my Hispanic sons, nor could people without property. But a good vision is worthy of approbation, so women, people of color, and the poor fought and struggled and finally gained the rights that we now take for granted. Just in my lifetime, our country has made enormous strides toward living out those original ideals. Our children may find it hard to imagine a world where a black child drank from a different water fountain or attended a separate school. Our daughters cannot imagine a time when a university education was only realistic for their brothers.

Our family also visited the United States Holocaust Museum. One exhibit memorialized the passengers of the Saint Louis, which sailed in 1939 with 937 passengers, most of them Jewish people fleeing Germany for Cuba. Only twenty-two were allowed entry. Cuban officials claimed the remaining passenger visas, bought from corrupt German officials, were invalid. For five days, the ship lingered in the waters within sight of Florida and freedom, petitioning for sanctuary, but the United States had strict quotas and they were sent back to Europe. At least 250 of them died under the Nazi occupation.

On Independence Day, our nation celebrates the vision and conviction of those who founded our country. As much as we feel burdened by an uncertain economy and the threat of terrorism, we are still a place of refuge longed for by so many people. There are no borders when it comes to human dignity; no borders of race or gender or national origin, or religion, or wealth. As we celebrate the progress toward the realization of our founders' ideals for all citizens, perhaps we can also pray for the wisdom, courage, and generosity to help others realize the American dream. The passengers of the Saint Louis never saw the statue that Emma Lazarus called *Mother of Exiles*. I wonder if any of them knew her poem. Emma Lazarus was Jewish.

About the Author: Paige Byrne Shortal is an author, choir singer, and lay minister. She holds degrees in theology and pastoral ministry from Saint Louis University and the Aquinas Institute of Theology. After forty years in pastoral ministry, she is enjoying semi-retirement with her husband, three adult children, two dogs, a cat, and a dozen chickens on a rural homestead in Missouri. Paige is also a regular contributor to *Bringing Home the Word* which is posted each and every weekend at ccgronline.com/resources.

LIVING THE GOSPEL**Sacrament of Baptism****BASIS OF THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two others are Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)." During May and June, Father Jim baptized the following young disciples:

Ivy Beyer · Chiara Brooks
 Christian Buccheri · Arianna Curcuru
 Marco D'Amico · Simeon Davis
 Valentina DiMaio · Juliana Jordan
 Fiona Leahy · Abigail Mackesy
 Rhoda Mancini · Lily McDougall
 Michael Millner III · Beau Morrissey
 Ryder Noble · James Pizzimenti
 Clara Qosja · Augie Roberto
 Sabrina Scannura · Valetta Scannura
 Emilia Scatterday · Emily Walker

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during any Sunday Mass at 10:00am in Saint Joachim Church; on the second Saturday of the month at 11:30am in Saint Ann Church; and on the third Saturday of the month at 11:30am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

For more information about having your child or grandchild baptized in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sheila McCarthy-Durkin at 978-281-4820 or smccarthy@ccgronline.com.

As a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, we pray for all of our newly baptized young disciples; and for all of their parents, godparents, and grandparents! Peace, blessings, and congratulations to all!

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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 99, 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 Weekly Newsletter**TAKE IT. READ IT. SHARE IT. REBUILD THE CHURCH.**

We work hard to create a weekly newsletter that informs, inspires, and instructs our readers in the Christian life and about what's happening in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. We are grateful for your positive feedback, but we need your help to share God's love and rebuild the Church!

Now more than ever, we encourage you to share our newsletter with friends, families, and neighbors. Take it! Read it! Share it! Give the Good News to someone you love! Leave one at the barbershop, coffee shop, beauty salon, or medical office! If you need extra copies for those who might appreciate it, print one from our website: ccgronline.com; or contact Melissa Joseph at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgronline.com. As always, thank you for your support! Peace and blessings to all!

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New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parishes and hometowns, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-8672 or Robert Weeks at svdpmember1@gmail.com. If you or someone you know needs our help, please call 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! May God bless you!

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

ALL NEW CLOTHES CLOSET
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The all-new Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet is now open for business in Saint Ann Church Hall on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of every month from 9:00am until 12:00pm. All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are welcome to drop by and check out the All New Clothes Closet by entering through the Pleasant Street doors of Saint Ann Church Hall.

Donations of gently worn clothing and shoes are now gratefully accepted during our regular hours and in the bin located in the Saint Ann School parking lot. Please note that we cannot accept donations of books, toys, or household items. For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet, please contact Bridget Nelligan at 781-572-4752 or Cathy Kyrouz at 978-290-1756. Thank you for your generous support

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



A Prayer for Unity

YEAR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE & UNITY

At the end of the Jubilee Year 2000, Saint John Paul II spoke to the children of that era and noted that they would be leading the world in prayer during the next jubilee year which the Holy Father then scheduled for 2025.

In preparation for the next jubilee, Pope Francis has called for a Year of Prayer to help focus our hearts and minds on the theme of hope; to pray for peace in the world; and to pray for unity in the Church throughout the world. Responding to our Holy Father's call, we pray together:

A PRAYER FOR UNITY BY JAY MCDANIEL

In this century and in any century,
our deepest hope, our most tender prayer
is that we learn to listen.
May we listen to one another
in openness and mercy.
May we listen to plants and animals
in wonder and respect.
May we listen to our own hearts
in love and forgiveness.
May we listen to God in quietness & awe.
And in this listening,
which is boundless in its beauty,
may we find the wisdom
to cooperate with a healing spirit,
a divine spirit who beckons us into peace,
community & creativity.
We do not ask for a perfect world,
but we do ask for a better world. Amen.

During these tumultuous times, it is our shared mission to become instruments of God's love and peace in a deeply divided world. Pope Francis says: "God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope, and love as we go out into the world and become the word in both body and spirit." And so, we re-dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel, sharing God's love, and rebuilding the Church. Amen. Amen.

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

July 6th – July 14th

Saturday, July 6	Vigil · 14th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	The Ciolino Family
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	James & Aaron Hart
Sunday, July 7	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Our Lady's Church	The Bruni Family
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Mark Gossom
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Joseph Lattof
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Alex & Tina Borge
Ordinary Time	
July 10 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	The Smyk Family
July 11 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Charles & Mary Works
July 12 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Jeff Brown
Saturday, July 13	Vigil · 15th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	John & Phyllis Curcuru
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Arlene Muisse
Sunday, July 14	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Special Intention
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Joseph & Mary D'Amico
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Matteo Groppo
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Alex "Pep" Borge

OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS

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 7th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of 1st Lt. Frank D'Amico
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Samuel Interrante
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Joseph Lattof
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

For the Intentions of the Assisi Project
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Alex & Tina Borge
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Alex & Tina Borge
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Alex & Tina Borge
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For a Special Intention
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@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support! May God bless our departed brothers and sisters! Peace & blessings to all!

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BY MARY MCGLONE, CSJ

A Weekly Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
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