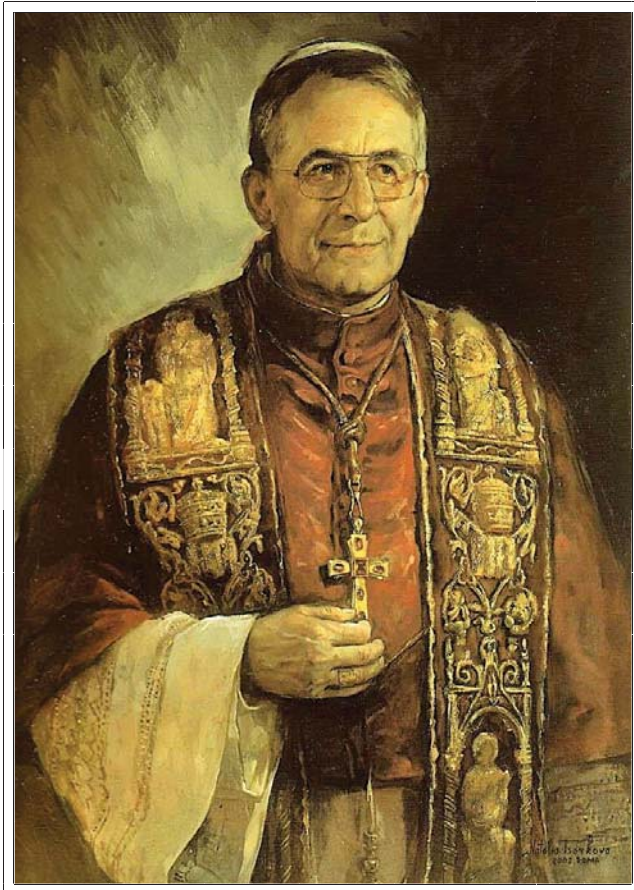


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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE
THE SEPTEMBER POPE

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CALL TO PRAYER

A Prayer for the Canonization & Intercession of Blessed Pope John Paul I

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER!

Blessed Pope John Paul I,
 you who with your word and example
 taught us to live the grace of Baptism
 and the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
 you who were a model of evangelical simplicity
 and showed us the wisdom of humility;
 you who as pope became close to all people,
 and as a messenger of the Good News,
 manifested your love for the poor
 and witnessed the unfailing mercy of God,
 who is father, even more, is mother;
 you who pursued unity, dialogue, and peace
 by following Christ, the Prince of Peace:
 pray for the Church you so loved and served,
 pray for us, your children,
 and obtain for us from the Lord
 the grace to follow you
 on the path of virtues and beatitudes.
 Grant now, O God,
 through the intercession of Blessed Pope John Paul I,
 the grace that we beg from you in faith,
 and if it is your will,
 allow him to be canonized
 for the glory of your name
 and the good of your Church.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 God for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: Vatican News Service - August 26, 2024

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL I

There are still so many good people,
 so many honest people.
 But what can be done to improve society?
 Let each of us try to be good
 and to infect others with a goodness
 instilled with the meekness and love taught by Christ.

Angelus Address - September 24, 1978

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The September Pope

BY BROTHER PATRICK

In middle school, I delivered a local newspaper on my bicycle to approximately twenty-five families in a neighborhood that was carved out of the forest in a small town in Maine. Each day after school, I picked up the newspapers at the same time and at the same corner where the school bus stopped every morning and afternoon. One late September day, I unwrapped the papers and saw the headline: "The Pope Is Dead!"

Because Pope Paul VI had died in early August, my first thoughts were: "What now? Why did they leave old newspapers?" But then I noticed the photograph. The Holy Father was smiling. That's when I realized that the dead pope was the new pope. I raced around the neighborhood, delivered the newspapers, and hurried home to show the headline to my parents.

At this time, there was no cable news, so we had to wait for Walter Cronkite to tell us that Pope John Paul I had died of a heart attack overnight. We were reminded that he had chosen the name to honor his immediate predecessors; and that he had pledged to continue their work by fully implementing the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. We were told that the Holy Father had served for just thirty-three days, the shortest reign in nearly four centuries.

Just one day before his passing, Pope John Paul I welcomed a large gathering of pilgrims to Saint Peter's Square for his weekly general audience. The Holy Father reflected on a prayer that he learned from his mother and prayed everyday: "My God, with all my heart and above all things, I love you, our infinite good and eternal happiness; and for your sake, I love my neighbor as myself and forgive offenses received. O Lord, may I love you more and more. Amen."

The pope told the crowd that the prayer's final plea was key to living the Christian life. He said that whether we live in huts, houses, apartments, or skyscrapers, we are all called to love God with every fiber of our being; that our love for God must be a lifelong journey; and that this lifelong journey must lead to an ever deepening love for God and for our neighbor. The Holy Father said that we must "love God not a little, but so much; not to stop at the point at which we have now arrived, but with his help, to make progress in love." These beautiful and challenging remarks were the smiling pope's last words to the world.

Over the years, much has been written about Pope John Paul I's sudden death. It is sad that conspiracy theorists have hijacked his life and legacy. His pontificate may have been brief, but his joyful service to the Church merits more attention. Although John Paul I never served as pastor of a parish, he undertook his assignments as a bishop, administrator, and seminary professor with the heart of a true shepherd. He dedicated himself to teaching the truths of the faith with love, good cheer, and in simple terms that could be understood by all people everywhere.

At his Beatification Mass, two years ago this week, Pope Francis said: "With a smile, Pope John Paul I managed to communicate the goodness of the Lord. How beautiful is a Church with a happy, serene, and smiling face, a Church that never closes doors or harbors resentments, does not grow angry or impatient, does not look dour or suffer nostalgia for the past, falling into an attitude of going backwards." Pope Francis then asked his blessed predecessor to pray for all of us, that we might be offered the grace and courage to become who and what God calls us to be. Amen to that! Blessed Pope John Paul I, pray for us and for our suffering world!

LIVING THE GOSPEL



Mother of Grace Club Annual Mass & Benediction

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 8:15AM

The Mother of Grace Club invites all members, friends, and fellow parishioners within and beyond the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport to join us for our Annual Mass in Commemoration of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother on Sunday, September 8th at 8:15am in Saint Ann Church. After Mass, we will pray the Holy Rosary during a period of Eucharistic Adoration and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In preparation for this Mass, we will pray a nightly novena beginning on Friday, August 30th at 7:00pm at the Mother of Grace Club on Washington Street in Gloucester. For more information about these special events and the good work of the Mother of Grace Club in our community, please contact Margherita at 978-281-0012. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

Our Lady's Guild Celebrating Our 80th Anniversary

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For eight decades, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events.

The Guild begins its 80th Anniversary Year by inviting all members, friends, and fellow parishioners to join us for Mass on Saturday, September 7th at 6:00pm in Our Lady's Church. During Mass, board members will be recognized and all members will receive a blessing from our pastor.

Our opening free dinner is scheduled for Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Please RSVP by contacting Cecelia Doucette at 978-281-2031. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our beloved parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com. New members are always welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Youth Faith Formation First Holy Communion Preparation

FAMILY MASS & MEETING WITH PARENTS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers a creative and innovative way for children to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion (Eucharist). Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for the sacraments, encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus and the Catholic Church, and help each and every family grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service.

First, we focus on inviting families to attend one of our six weekend Masses. Second, all second grade students and their parents or guardians are asked to attend seven Young Disciples Workshops in Our Lady's School and seven Faith Family Workshops in Our Lady's Church.

During our Young Disciples Workshops, the children will gather with Betsy Works and a team of dedicated catechists and volunteers. At our Faith & Family Workshops, Father Jim leads the whole family in sessions that focus on some important aspect of the sacraments and their relationship with the sacred scriptures.

At both workshops, the children and their parents will learn about the Bible, the Mass, the Eucharist, and the meaning of penance and reconciliation by reading children's literature and engaging in hands-on activities like arts and crafts, food and music, and prayer.

All students, beginning in the second grade, are invited to participate in our program. And all families with children eligible for our program are encouraged to attend a Family Mass & Meeting on Sunday, September 22nd beginning at 11:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. At this meeting, parents can complete a registration form and receive our complete schedule for the year.

If you have questions or need more information about youth faith formation in Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com. Please pray for our young disciples and their families! Peace and blessings to all! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 24TH & 25TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$4,699
Electronic	\$832
Total	\$5,531

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$3,983
Electronic	\$326
Total	\$4,309

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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!

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The Assisi Project Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
WELCOME FATHER BRIAN MCHUGH!

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 Martyrs on Saturday, September 7th beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Father Brian McHugh, Episcopal Vicar for the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston will offer a brief reflection on Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs.

The Virgin Mary has been long associated with martyrdom because of her suffering as an eyewitness to the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although not mentioned in the Gospels, the image of the Blessed Mother holding the tortured body of the Poor Christ emphasizes her strength in supporting her Son's redemptive mission. In 1587, Pope Sixtus V included the title of Queen of Martyrs in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 Martyrs, pray for us! May the Lord give you peace!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**August 31st – September 8th**

Saturday, August 31	Vigil · 22nd Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Pasquale Vitale
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Sister Providenza Grillo
Sunday, September 1	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Sandy Patrican
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Gloria M. Webb
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Michael Liddell
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Alex & Tina Borge
	Ordinary Time
September 4 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Maureen Lumbruno
September 5 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Manuel Carrapichosa
September 6 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Special Intention
Saturday, September 7	Vigil · 23rd Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	The Ciolino Family
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Thomas Unis
Sunday, September 8	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Our Lady's Church	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Mother of Grace Club
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Matteo & Vincenza Cusumano
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Rosaria & Sebastião Lima

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, September 1st, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Judith Donovan Farmer
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In Memory of Judith Donovan Farmer
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Dana Martin
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 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@ccgronline.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 BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL I**

Not violence, but love can do everything.
Let us ask the Lord for the grace
that a new wave of love for our neighbor
may sweep over this poor world.

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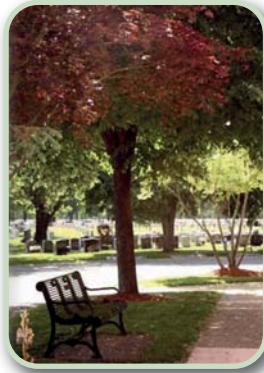
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