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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

## **A SCHOOL FOR THE LORD'S SERVICE**

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## CALL TO PRAYER

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### An Ecumenical Christian Prayer

BY POPE FRANCIS

O God, Trinity of Love,  
from the profound communion  
of your divine life,  
pour out upon us  
a torrent of fraternal love.

Grant us the love  
reflected in the actions of Jesus,  
in his family of Nazareth,  
and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians  
may live the Gospel,  
discovering Christ in every human being,  
recognizing him crucified  
in the sufferings of the abandoned  
and forgotten of our world,  
and risen in each brother or sister  
who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit,  
show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves. Amen.

### An Prayer for Courage & Wisdom

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True wisdom is born of encounter:  
encounter with truth, encounter with suffering,  
encounter with others.

As we gather together,  
give us open arms to welcome others,  
curious minds to question why,  
and courageous hearts to work for change.

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 PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### A School for the Lord's Service

ON RETREAT WITH 'A GOOD LIFE'

BY FATHER JIM

For nearly fifteen centuries, the Rule of Saint Benedict has guided communities of religious men and women in the practice of living together and loving each other. Saint Benedict is often called the "founder of western monasticism." But his intent was not to create a religious order or to construct a system of law and order. Rather, Saint Benedict's goal was a "school for the Lord's service" in which his followers would learn how to live as Christian disciples based on the core principles of prayer, rest, work, stability, humility, obedience, and an abiding commitment to the common good.

During my recent retreat with Sister Elizabeth Wagner of Transfiguration Hermitage, we spoke at length about how we are all complicit in allowing our culture to become an ugly contest between you and me, us and them. Our egos, demands, and desires are increasingly angry and uncompromising. All too often, we cross the line from self-interest to self-obsession, from individualism to atomism, as if our own personal concerns are somehow more important than the needs of our neighbors.

Needless to say, human nature has not changed much since Saint Benedict wrote his rule in the sixth century. He was determined to check and temper selfishness with the love, mercy, and generosity of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Here are just a few of the saint's admonitions: "Show equal love to everyone. Accommodate and adapt yourself to each one's character and intelligence;" and "No one is to pursue what he judges better for himself, but instead, what he judges better for someone else;" and "All who present themselves are to be received as Christ."

In his book, *A Good Life*, Robert Benson writes: "Benedict calls us to a constant awareness that those who enter our world are all to be treated as though they were the Christ. He calls us to a posture, a way of seeing and of welcoming and of serving that is rooted in the sense of adoration of the Christ that is present in us all." In this way, life is about living in community in the fullest sense. It is about respecting the dignity in every person. It is about believing in the divine essence that is present in all of God's children. It is about loving, serving, and welcoming our neighbors – no matter who they may be.

The relevance of Saint Benedict's teaching for our time is striking. And yet, none of his teachings are intended as social or political commentary. They are an effort to teach us lessons about how to love and serve the Lord here and now. They are intended to help us balance our individual interests with the good of the community. Benson writes: "The Rule calls us to order our lives and to maintain a sensibility for others that keeps us aware of and reflects the presence of Christ among us always. Whether they live down the hall from us or are yet a stranger to us does not matter. The Christ among us is always to be honored, in things both great and small." A good life, then, is a life during which what we want is balanced with what our neighbors need.

In the end, Saint Benedict encourages us to consider again and again how to live a life of love within the community of our friends, colleagues, loved ones, and the brothers and sisters who live next door. He creates a school of salvation and assigns us the challenging homework to live the Gospel and share God's love. He takes us by the hand and leads us on the way of salvation. And he beckons us from across the centuries: "See how the Lord in his love shows us the way of life."

*Father Jim's reflections on 'A Good Life' will conclude next week with a focus on work.  
Follow us on Instagram for more timeless wisdom from Saint Benedict!*

**LIVING THE GOSPEL****Celebrating Saint Francis**

OCTOBER 2ND THROUGH OCTOBER 5TH

Cardinal Humberto Medeiros, Archbishop of Boston from 1970 until 1983, once wrote: "It is a long way from the cobbled streets of thirteenth century Assisi to the paved sidewalks of today's Boston. Times have changed indeed. Technology has transformed our culture. Yet even in an era of scientific wonders, history has by no means worn out the need for the simple values of the beloved Saint Francis of Assisi. In many ways, they are truly needed now more than ever."

In this spirit, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim and Brother Patrick for Celebrating Saint Francis, a four-day commemoration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, from Wednesday, October 2nd through Saturday, October 5th. Here's our schedule:

**BROTHER PATRICK'S RENEWAL OF VOWS**

Celebration of Mass & Holy Hour  
Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:30pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

**THE TRANSITUS OF SAINT FRANCIS**

Evening Prayer & Holy Hour  
Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

**THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS**

Evening Prayer & Holy Hour  
Friday, October 4th at 6:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

**THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Saturday, October 5th at 2:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Rectory Parking Lot

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Save the dates! Please join us!  
Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!  
May the Lord give you peace!

**PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE****Saint Vincent de Paul Society  
Special Second Collection**

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 28TH &amp; 29TH

In the tradition of its patron and founder, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a Roman Catholic fraternity that leads men and women to work together and grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to families and individuals in need. Here are four important ways that you can help us help others:

First, please give generously to our special second collection during all Masses on Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29th in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. All donations will support the good work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and go directly to those in need of our help.

Second, all are invited to donate clothing (new or used in good condition) to our Clothes Closet (Saint Ann Church Hall) which is open on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9:00am until 12:00pm. A donation bin is conveniently located in the parking lot near the Saint Ann School Building.

Third, your ongoing financial support is always much appreciated. Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of all churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Every donation, large or small, makes a big difference in our ability to help our friends and neighbors in need.

Fourth, new members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parishes, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-8672 or Robert Weeks at svdpmember1@gmail.com.

Last but not least, if you or someone you know ever needs our help, please call us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us! May God bless you and your family!

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## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

#### Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,067
Electronic	\$1,802
Total	\$6,869

#### Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$4,003
Electronic	\$440
Total	\$4,443

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

### Holy Family Women's Guild Fall Gathering

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 6:00PM

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and community. As the change in seasons approaches, we are resuming a more regular schedule of meetings.

Our Fall Gathering will be held on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Old and new members are invited and encouraged to join us! Our hope and prayer is for a new beginning that will inspire us to meet quarterly throughout the year! At our fall gathering, we will select officers and a fundraising committee – by asking members to serve in various roles. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! New members and volunteers are always welcome! Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! Holy Family, pray for us!

**BRINGING HOME THE WORD**  
SOMETHING NEW EVERY WEEK!  
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## SEASON OF CREATION



### The Mother's Heart Our Lady, Queen of Virgins

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH  
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 do 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 Virgins on Saturday, October 5th beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Brother Patrick will offer a brief reflection on the Blessed Mother's love for those who offer their lives in chaste service to Christ and the People of God.

The Holy Gospels teach us that Mary is the first among all the sons and daughters of Eve to embrace the call to live a chaste and virginal life. We also know that Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi (among many other saints) regarded chastity in mind, body, and spirit as a key component of their humble labors in the Lord's vineyard.

For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport and-or if you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, 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 welcome! Our Lady, Queen of Virgins, pray for us! May God bless you! May the Lord give you peace!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**September 21st – September 29th**

<b>Saturday, September 21</b>	<b>Vigil · 25th Sunday</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Stefano Adelfio
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Rosaria Aloï
<b>Sunday, September 22</b>	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Donna M. Mineo
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas V. Murphy, Sr.
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Angelina Loiacano Strescino
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Ralph Pescatore
	<b>Ordinary Time</b>
September 25 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Alex & Tina Borge
September 26 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Henry & Samuel Joseph
September 27 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday, September 28</b>	<b>Vigil · 26th Sunday</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	James Frontiero
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Lisa Ann Joseph
<b>Sunday, September 29</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Special Intention
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Joseph Leon Bourgeois
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Jean Russo
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Manuel I. Garcia

**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, September 22nd, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Salvatore "Torry" Favazza  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Salvatore "Torry" Favazza  
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Angelina Loiacano Strescino  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Gaetano & Ninfa Trupiano  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

A Special Intention for Mimi Corrigan  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Juliet Mullen  
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 SAINT BENEDICT**

There must be no word or sign  
of the evil of grumbling.

Do not act in anger or nurse a grudge.

Express your opinions with all humility,  
and do not defend your views obstinately.

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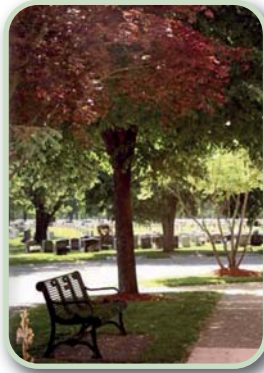
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