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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE
NEVER AGAIN WAR!

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CALL TO WORSHIP**Halloween Faith & Family Mass
A Youth Faith Formation Special Event****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT 11:45AM**

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” In response to the Lord’s call, all parents, grandparents, and children of all ages are invited to join Father Jim for our annual Halloween Faith & Family Mass on Sunday, October 26th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Halloween is often described as a pagan holiday, but this is contrary to its true meaning and authentic origins. The word “hallo” actually means holy. All Hallows Eve is really a Catholic holiday with roots in both celebrating the lives of the saints and praying for the souls of our departed brothers and sisters.

At sunset on October 31st, the Catholic Church begins its celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints. So, from the Vigil of All Saints on October 31st through the Solemnity of All Saints Day on November 1st, and the Commemoration of All Souls on November 2nd, we pray with the saints and we pray for the souls of our loved ones.

Over the years, French, Irish, and English immigrants brought a variety of local Catholic customs to the United States. Dressing up in costumes for Halloween comes from France. Jack-O-Lanterns are from Ireland, where the faithful originally carved turnips, not pumpkins. And the tradition of going from door to door begging for sweets and treats was born in England, where children were given “soul cakes” in exchange for the promise to pray for the souls of departed loved ones. Eventually, these traditions came together in the American Melting Pot and became part of almost every family’s Halloween tradition.

Now it’s our turn to continue this annual tradition! On Sunday, October 26th at 11:45am, we will celebrate Holy Mass in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, all are invited to join us outside on the church lawn where our pastoral team and parish service organizations will offer treats to the kids! All parishioners, especially parents, grandparents, and their children are invited and encouraged to wear costumes!

If celebrated with hearts filled with faith, hope, and love, Halloween can be an enjoyable and wholesome experience for your family and our entire community! It offers a unique opportunity to teach our children and grandchildren about the realities of good and evil, light and darkness, and the ultimate triumph of God’s love and mercy in our world!

For more information about the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport’s Halloween Faith & Family Mass, please see Father Jim or contact him at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Save the date! Spread the word! Bring your family! Bring your friends! All are invited! All are welcome! Peace and blessings to all for a safe and holy Halloween!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Never Again War!

BY ANDREA TORNIELLI

"Never again war! Never again war!" Sixty years have passed since Pope Saint Paul VI raised his cry for peace at the United Nations. It was Monday, October 4, 1965. Only twenty years out of the immense tragedy of the Second World War, the world was divided into two blocs and had just begun a period of dialogue and thawing with the first attempts at agreements on nuclear arms control.

"These are the words you are looking for us to say," the pope said, "and the words we cannot utter without feeling aware of their seriousness and solemnity: never again one against the other, never, never again! Was not this the very end for which the United Nations came into existence: to be against war and for peace?" He added: "Listen to the clear words of a great man who is no longer with us, John F. Kennedy, who proclaimed: 'Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind.'"

President Kennedy's judgment reveals all its tragic realism especially in the dark hour the world is currently experiencing. The crisis of multilateralism and institutions like the United Nations is plain for all to see. The Third World War, begun in pieces, which Pope Francis began denouncing more than ten years ago, now seems to be approaching in a sinister way. Humanity seems to have lost memory of its recent history. We are overwhelmed by millions of so-called pieces of information in the digital age that make us feel like the most aware generation, yet we are surrounded by fake news, war propaganda, and the undisclosed interests of arms manufacturers and merchants of death.

The fratricidal war in the heart of Christian Europe triggered by Russia's aggression against Ukraine, and the fratricidal war in the heart of the Holy Land unleashed by the brutal terrorist act of Hamas and now being carried out with unjustified violence by the Israeli army, are just two of the many conflicts being fought in the world – conflicts that remain forgotten, off the radar. The tragedy of Gaza, the detention and killing of hostages, the massacre of civilians – tens of thousands of children, women, and elderly – as well as many civilian victims of the war in Ukraine represent a disgrace, a black hole for the moral conscience of the world.

International and humanitarian laws are invoked, then twisted according to the advantage of the strongest. In the face of rulers who speak of war, prepare for war, and invest enormous sums in weapons, the appeal of Saint Paul VI echoes again today, more perilously relevant than it was sixty years ago. These are words in deep harmony with the sentiments of the people who continue to be outraged by daily massacres...[but] hope that diplomacy, negotiation, creativity in dialogue, [and] the ability to pursue new paths of peace [will] finally find those willing to walk them, rather than surrender to basest war propaganda.

To proclaim the purpose of the United Nations, Saint Paul VI wanted to "recall that the blood of millions, countless unheard of sufferings; useless massacres; and frightening ruins have sanctioned the agreement that unites you with an oath that ought to change the future history of the world: never again war, never again war! It is peace that must guide the destiny of all the nations!" Let us not forget – especially today.

LIVE THE GOSPEL



**The Holy Rosary
Pope Leo's Call to Pray for Peace**

MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

The Roman Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the Month of October to Our Blessed Mother and her Holy Rosary. In the face of war, division, and violent conflicts all around the world, Pope Leo XIV has called all Catholics to pray the Rosary for peace every day throughout the month. He said: "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family, and in your community."

In this spirit, all are reminded that the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport prays the Holy Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:00pm; Thursdays at 7:30am; and Fridays at 7:30am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

In addition, Brother Patrick will lead a Rosary for Peace (Featuring Prayers by Pope Francis) on Saturday, October 25th at 5:00pm and Friday, October 31st at 8:30am (after Mass) in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Whether you pray alone or with family and friends, all are also invited to pray with our various online prayer resources that are dedicated to the Blessed Mother:

HOLY ROSARY WITH FATHER JIM

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By praying the Holy Rosary, we grow closer to Jesus by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by begging her powerful intercession for ourselves, for our community, and for peace in our suffering world.

Now more than ever, let's pray together! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Holy Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Peace, pray for us!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

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**NOW MORE THAN EVER,
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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization that is dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work through Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and the needy. Help us help others! Donations can be pushed through the mail slot in the parish office, dropped in the collection basket at any Weekend Mass, or mailed to:

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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

**OUR CLOTHES CLOSET
OPEN SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH SATURDAYS**

The 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 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!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$6,625
Electronic	\$1,491
Total	\$8,116

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$4,901
Electronic	\$590
Total	\$5,491

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

Our Lady's Guild Baked Bean & Linguça Supper

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 7:00PM

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a Baked Bean & Linguça Supper on Saturday, October 18th from 7:00pm until 9:00pm in Our Lady's Hall.

Our delicious and delectable menu includes: Linguça, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh rolls, and cornbread! We'll have coffee, soft drinks, desserts, and a cash bar! We'll also have a 50-50 raffle! And entertainment will be provided by the Gloucester Student Band!

A donation of \$20 is requested for each adult and \$10 for each child age 10 and under. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. For more information, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com; Linda Galvin at lingalv2010@gmail.com; or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

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REBUILD THE CHURCH



A Message of Thanks

BY BROTHER PATRICK

Last Friday, more than 125 friends and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport gathered in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church to join Father Jim and Bishop Mark O'Connell for a moment of prayer and blessing of a beautiful icon of Pope Francis that has been donated to our parishes by the Assisi Project. We were also blessed to welcome Kelly Latimore, the world renowned iconographer, who created this sacred image of our much loved "people's pope" who has inspired so much of our ministry here on Cape Ann.

After Mass, we adjourned to the parish hall for a light supper where Father Jim surprised me with a cake in celebration of three important milestones: my 60th birthday, my 20th anniversary in parish ministry, and my 2nd anniversary as a consecrated diocesan hermit. While I am deeply grateful to Father Jim, Bishop Mark, and so many good friends and well-wishers, some research revealed that many others deserve our praise, prayers, and gratitude for their good work among us.

Our pastoral team is among the smallest for a collaborative of our size in the Archdiocese of Boston. What we lack in size, we celebrate in teamwork and experience. Just consider the combined years of service of our pastoral team: Tom Misuraca, 54 years; Jane Russo, 30 years; Luann Pallazola, 25 years; Melissa Joseph, 14 years; Betsy Works, 10 years; Sheila Durkin, 7 years; and Wall Durkin, 6 years.

That's 166 years of faithful service in the Lord's vineyard! Add to that the priestly ministries of Father Jim, Father Ben, Father Bill, and Father Bruce, our priests and pastoral team have nearly 300 years of combined pastoral service. Thank you, Lord, for bringing and keeping us together!

On behalf of our pastoral team, thank you for your prayers, your kind and generous support, and your ongoing encouragement as we work with you and among you to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church. May God bless you! May the Lord give you peace!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

October 11 – October 19

Saturday, October 11	Vigil · 28th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	The Contri Family
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Angelo Cusumano
Sunday, October 12	28th Sunday
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Muriel Stack
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Una Kennedy
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Del Wnorowski
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Francesco Paolo Napoli
	Ordinary Time
October 15 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Albino & Maria Cassiano
October 16 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Mass for Peace
October 17 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Daniel Yao Doumon
Saturday, October 18	Vigil · 29th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Salvatore Costanzo
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Angelo Cusumano
Sunday, October 19	29th Sunday
7:00am Our Lady's Church	The Bruni Family
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Anthony & Angie Parisi
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Georgiana & Joy Zagarella
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, October 12th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Calogero Cottone
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Shauna & Meghan Murphy
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Carol Rogers
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Giuseppe & Rosaria Cambria
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of James Odum
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Shauna & Meghan Murphy
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 SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

Be gentle to all and firm with yourself.

Always think of yourself as everyone's servant.
Look for Christ our Lord in every person
and you will have respect and reverence for all people.

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