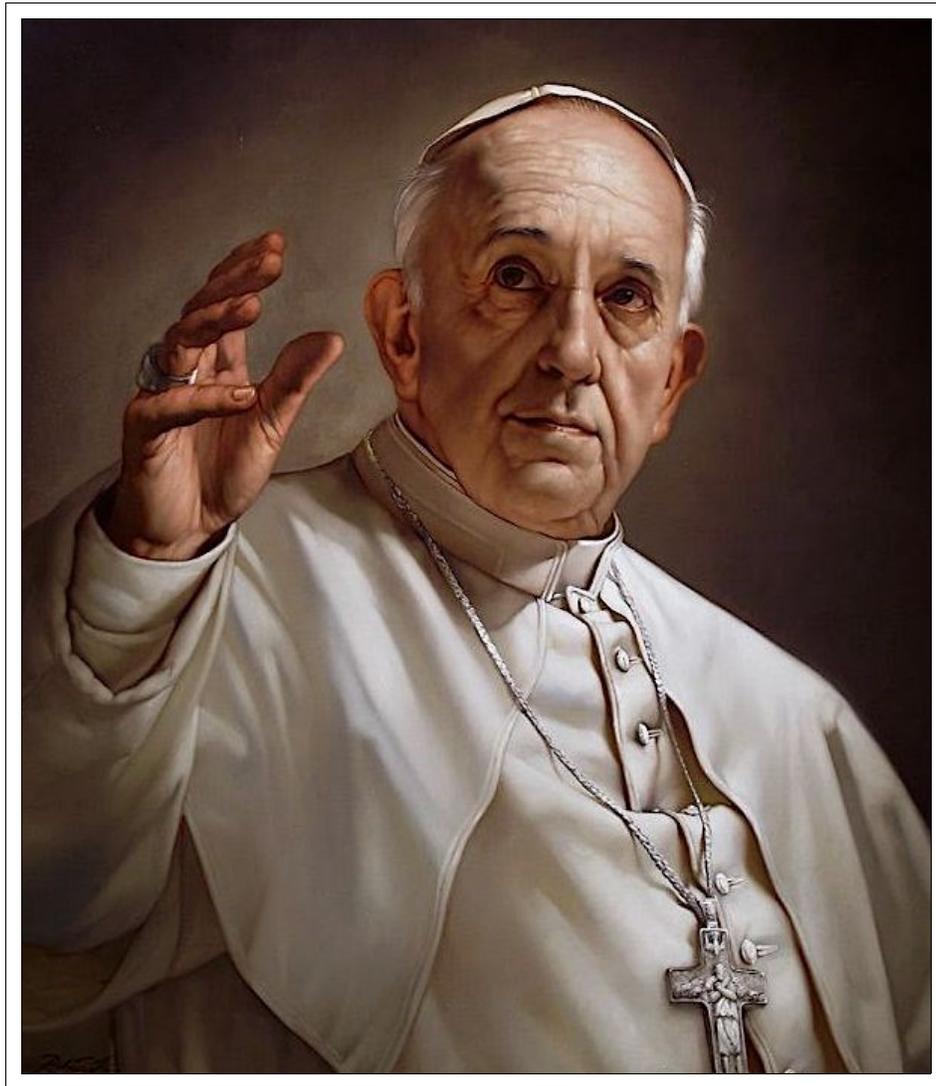


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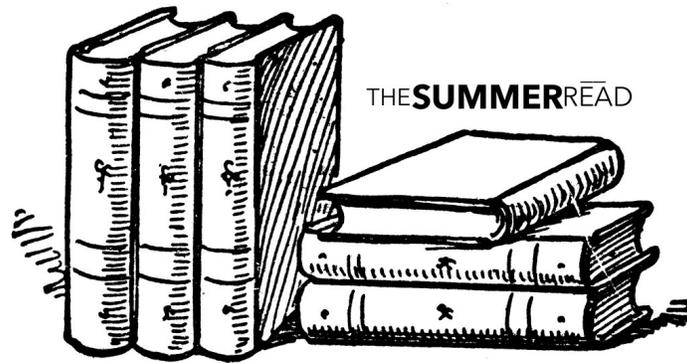
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INSTRUMENTS OF CHRIST REFLECTIONS ON THE PEACE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**A Book Study & Faith Sharing Group for Adults
Begins Thursday, June 22nd at 7:00pm**

The summer season is a great time to stretch out on your favorite lawn chair with a cool drink and a good book. It's also a great time to refresh and renew our spiritual lives. This year, in celebration of the Assisi Project's 10th Anniversary (2007-2017), Father Jim and Cliff are offering a series of adult faith formation programs designed to help us better understand the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi, his influence on Pope Francis and the Catholic Church, and the timeless traditions of Franciscan prayer and spirituality.

This series continues with "The Summer Read", a three-week book study and faith sharing program during which participants will read together and share their reactions to "Instruments of Christ: Reflections on the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi" by Father Albert Haase, OFM. This little book (only 81 pages) offers a brief but powerful introduction to the deep spirituality of the so-called "Peace Prayer." It also challenges readers to truly become peacemakers in our homes, parishes, and troubled world.

All adult parishioners are invited to join us for this special program which will run on three consecutive Thursday evenings: June 22nd, June 29th, and July 6th in Saint Anthony Chapel (located on the corner of Saint Louis Avenue and Farrington Avenue in Gloucester). Each evening will begin with Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00pm, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:45pm. Our "Summer Read" sessions will begin promptly at 7:00pm with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After our time of prayer, Cliff will briefly introduce the readings for the week. This format will provide our group with plenty of time for discussion, questions, and faith sharing. Our gatherings will conclude with Night Prayer and a Final Blessing.

A donation of \$20.00 is requested from those who can afford it, along with a sincere commitment to read the book and come prepared to ask questions and offer personal impressions and insights about one of the most powerful prayers ever composed. If you are interested in join us, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. In order to ensure that we have an adequate number of books on hand, please register by Monday, June 19th. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fourth Annual Summer Retreat
The Little Flowers of Saint Francis & Pope Francis
Monday, August 7th through Friday, August 11th at 7:00pm
Saint Anthony Chapel

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

THE MYSTERY AT THE CENTER OF OUR SALVATION

By Pope Francis

Today, I wish to speak with you about the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the heart of Christian initiation; and together with Baptism and Confirmation, it constitutes the source of the Church's life. From this Sacrament of love flows every authentic journey of faith, communion, and witness. What we see when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist at Mass gives us an intuition of what we will someday experience in heaven. At the center of the space intended for the celebration is an altar, which is a table covered with a simple tablecloth. This prompts us to think of a banquet. On the table is a cross to indicate that what is offered on this altar is the sacrifice of Christ. He is the spiritual food that we receive under the species of bread and wine. Beside the altar is the ambo, the place from which the Word of God is proclaimed. It is here that we gather to listen to the Lord who speaks through Sacred Scripture. Therefore, the food that we receive is also His Word.

Just as at the Last Supper, the Word and Bread become one at Mass. The words of Jesus and all the miracles that he performed are condensed into the gesture of breaking the bread and offering the chalice (in anticipation of the sacrifice of the Cross) with these simple words: "Take, eat; this is my body...Take, drink of it; this is my blood." The Lord's gesture at the Last Supper is the ultimate thanksgiving to the Father for his love and mercy. In Greek, "thanksgiving" is expressed as "eucharist." For this reason, the Sacrament is called Eucharist: it is the supreme thanksgiving to the Father, who so loved us that He gave us His Son. This is why the Eucharist includes the fullness of that action, which is the act of God and man together, the act of Jesus Christ, who is true God and true Man.

Therefore, the Eucharistic celebration is much more than a simple banquet. It is exactly the memorial of the Paschal Sacrifice of Jesus, which is the mystery at the center of our salvation. Memorial does not simply mean a remembrance. Rather, it means that every time we celebrate the Mass, we participate in the mystery of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Eucharist is the summit of God's saving action: the Lord Jesus, by becoming bread broken for us, pours upon us all of His mercy and His love, so as to renew our hearts, our lives, and our way of relating with Him and with our brothers and sisters. It is for this reason that when we approach the Eucharist, we speak of "receiving" or "taking" Communion. This means that by the power of the Holy Spirit, participation in Holy Communion conforms us in a singular and profound way to Christ and gives us a foretaste of the full communion that characterizes the heavenly banquet, where together with all the saints, we will have the joy of contemplating God face to face.

Dear Friends, we do not ever thank the Lord enough for the gift that He has given us in the Eucharist! It a very great gift that is so important to attend Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass, not just to pray, but to receive Communion, which is the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, and unites us with the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass because this is the day of the Lord's resurrection! For this reason, Sunday is so important to us. In the Eucharist, we belong to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and richness of this blessing! Let us ask Christ Jesus that this Sacrament continue to keep His presence alive in the Church; and to shape our community in charity and communion, in accordance with the Father's heart. Amen! – General Audience (2-5-14)

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**SAINT PETER'S NOVENA
June 12th – June 20th at 7:00pm**

In preparation for the 90th Anniversary of Saint Peter's Fiesta, the Annual Nine Day Novena to Saint Peter will be prayed from Monday, June 12th through Tuesday, June 20th in the American Legion Hall (located at 8 Washington Street in Gloucester). This beautiful annual tradition affords all of us an opportunity to offer prayers, petitions, and sacred songs for the intercession of Saint Peter, Apostle of the Apostles and Patron of Fishermen. For more information, please contact Joe Novello at 978-283-4367. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**THE ASSISI PROJECT
OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR · 2007-2017
Saturday, June 24th at 8:00am**

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit who seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the inspiration of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. Our mission is to serve the Church and to give witness to the Good News of Christ through prayer and formation, pilgrimage and retreat, and educating others about our way of life.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of each month at 8:00am for Mass, formation, and fellowship. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th. If you are interested in growing closer to the Lord and in learning more about Saint Francis of Assisi, please join us! New members are always welcome! And you do not need to travel with us to Assisi to be part of the Assisi Project! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. May the Lord give you peace!

**MASS INTENTIONS BOOOK
Thursday, June 22nd · 11:00am – 1:00pm**

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Mass Intentions Book (July 2017 through December 2017) will be opened on Thursday, June 22nd from 11:00am until 1:00pm in our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). On that day, all parishioners are welcome to book one Sunday Mass and one weekday Mass at Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, or Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Please note that on June 22nd, all Mass intention must be booked in person. No email, fax, or phone requests will be accepted. No exceptions! Any remaining Masses can be booked on or after June 26th. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support! Please and blessings to all!

VIVA SAN PIETRO!**SAINT PETER'S FIESTA
Weekend of June 24th – June 25th**

This year, the Saint Peter's Fiesta runs from Wednesday, June 21st through Sunday, June 25th. On Sunday, June 25th, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Mass according to the following schedule:

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 7:00am
Saint Ann Church at 8:15am
Saint Joachim Church at 10:00am
Saint Peter Park Outdoor Mass at 10:00am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 11:45am

This year's Saint Peter Park Outdoor Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Mark O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop of the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join Father Jim and our pastoral team in welcoming Bishop Mark back to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! For more information about this year's Saint Peter's Fiesta, please visit: stpetersfiesta.org. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**A PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION
OF SAINT PETER**

O Glorious Saint Peter,
in return for your strong and generous faith,
your profound and sincere humility,
and your burning love,
you were rewarded by Christ
with singular privileges,
leadership of the Apostles and the whole Church,
of which you were made the foundation stone.
By your prayers,
obtain for us a lively faith
that will not fear
to profess itself openly to the world,
in its entirety and in all its manifestations,
even to martyrdom if occasion should demand it.
By your prayers,
obtain for us a sincere loyalty
to God's Holy Church.
Grant that we may always remain closely united
to our Holy Father, Pope Francis,
who is the heir of your faith and authority,
and the one true and visible head
of the Catholic Church,
the mystical ark of our salvation.
Grant that we may follow the Church's teachings
in all humility, meekness, and obedience,
so that we may enjoy a secure peace on earth
and one day attain everlasting happiness in heaven.
Amen!

Saint Peter the Apostle, pray for us!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Begins Tuesday, June 27th at 8:00am

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our next "Catholic Kids Camp: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus" from Tuesday, June 27th through Friday, June 30th from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, our children will learn about the Catholic Church's devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the gift of the Lord's boundless love through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's the schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, June 27th
The Sacred Heart: Love One Another

Day II: Wednesday, June 28th
Jesus & Saint Margaret Mary: Love Finds Joy in God

Day III: Thursday, June 29th
Jesus & Saint Peter: Feed My Sheep

Day IV: Friday, June 30th
Jesus & Saint Paul: The Meaning of Love

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are invited and encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of dedicated volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, hands-on learning, and good times with friends both old and new! Catholic Kids Camp is a fun, exciting, and educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be most appreciated! For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Registration forms are available at ccgronline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday Mornings at 6:30am

The Men's Fellowship of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport meets every Saturday morning from 6:30am until 8:00am in the parish center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). New members are always welcome to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work to deepen our personal relationships with Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. For more information about the Men's Fellowship and its good work in our parishes, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTIONS Second Collections · June 24th – June 25th!

As the current fiscal year comes to a close, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are encouraged to prayerfully consider giving to the Grand Annual Collections at either Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. These fundraising campaigns are essential components of our budgets and vitally important to the financial stability of our two parishes, which remain canonically and financially independent.

Donation envelopes are available from the office and at the entrances of our churches. Next weekend (June 24th & June 25th), second collections will be taken at all weekend Masses to help us raise as much as possible before the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. For more information, please see Father Jim or contact him at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Peace and blessings to all! – Father Jim

PASTOR'S NOTE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

All requested submissions to our weekly newsletter are due by 12:00pm on Fridays, one full week before the following Sunday's publication. Submissions that announce parish programs and events are given first priority and must include date, time, location, and contact information (name, phone, and an e-mail address). All requested submissions (from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish) may be edited for content and style; and should be sent directly to Father Jim (no exceptions). For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support! Peace and blessings to all! – Father Jim

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JUNE 17 – JUNE 25, 2017**

Saturday, June 17	Vigil · Body & Blood of Christ
4:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Fathers
6:00pm · OLGV	For All Fathers
Sunday, June 18	The Body & Blood of Christ
7:00am · OLGV	For All Fathers
8:15am · Saint Ann	For All Fathers
10:00am · Saint Joachim	For All Fathers
11:45am · OLGV	For All Fathers
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Fathers
	11th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, June 19 8:00am · OLGV	Francesco Taormina
Tuesday, June 20 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Sally Costello
Wednesday, June 21 8:00am · OLGV	Elja Costa Rita
Thursday, June 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	The Dionne & White Families
Friday, June 23 8:00am · OLGV	José & Isolina Matos
Saturday, June 24 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, June 24	Vigil · 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Frances & James Piraino
6:00pm · OLGV	Paul & Joan MacDonald
Sunday, June 25	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Anthony Piraino
8:15am · Saint Ann	Dorothy & Alvin Williams
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Sally Costello
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima and Sons
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Mass

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of June 10th – June 11th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,238.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,116.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$49,109.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$221,272.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of June 10th – June 11th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,823.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,883.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$36,564.00

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

SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary candles, and altar gifts (hosts & wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one. The requested donation for flowers is \$250. The requested donation for altar gifts is \$175. And the requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

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

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

In Memory of Dorothy Hayes
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts for a special intention or in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! May God bless you and your family – now and always!

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