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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Understanding Conscience

LEARNING HOW TO RESPECT ALL LIVES, ALL THE TIME

God creates us with a capacity to know and love him, and we have a natural desire to seek the truth about him. Fortunately, we don't search for God without help. God calls us to himself and God writes his law on our hearts to help us draw closer to him. Conscience helps us hear the voice of God. It helps us recognize the truth about God and the truth about how we ought to live. Conscience is a "judgment of reason" by which we determine whether an action is right or wrong. Jesus told the apostles: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments (John 14:15)." We deepen relationship with God by following him; and by doing so, we become more fully who we are called to be. Wherever we are on our journey with Christ, we can grow closer to him by continuing the work of forming our consciences, so that we may follow him ever more closely. Although not a complete list, these suggestions can help us to inform and strengthen our consciences with God's truth.

Pray. Through prayer and participation in the sacraments, we encounter the living God. Spending time with the Lord, in silent adoration or prayer, opens our hearts to him. And in drawing closer to the Lord, we allow God's grace to conform our minds and hearts to Christ, so that we might better discern in every moment how we ought to act.

Learn. Without formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teachings and traditions of the Church; and we can turn there for help in forming our consciences. For example, we can refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, learn about Christian moral principles, and research what the Church teaches about a difficult issue to help us grow in knowledge of God's truth. In turn, this helps us understand more how to live in a way that leads to true peace and happiness.

Reflect. We are formed by stories that we hear throughout our lives. And as followers of Jesus we may be uncertain about how we should respond. Throughout the ages, many saints have faced similar challenges and questions. Immersing ourselves in the lives of the saints can encourage us and help us to develop habits of heart and mind that allow us to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Friendship. A life of following Jesus is difficult without help from a community. When we devote our energy to holy friendships and people who are also trying to know, love, and serve the Lord, we gain partners who can enlighten our lives. Conversations with other Christians are an important part of discerning how to respond to the challenges of discipleship.

As Christian disciples, we face two notable challenges in forming and following our consciences. The first challenge is indifference. When we are bombarded with images, news, stories, and sound bites, it is easy to become numb to other people and to the world around us. Conscience calls us to be attentive to the suffering of others. We are called to listen for God's voice in our lives. Having a well-formed conscience does not mean that we have all the answers to all of the complex problems in the world. But it does mean that we are sensitive to the needs and struggles of all of our brothers and sisters, all around the world.

The second challenge is coercion. Increasingly, we see that some people and groups use the power of the media and even the power of the government to coerce people into violating their consciences. As people of faith, we know that conscience should guide our actions, not just popular opinion. In this spirit, let us devote ourselves anew to follow the Lord wherever he leads us. Let us take courage from holy men and women when we face challenges and remember what Jesus promised to his apostles before ascending into heaven: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age (Matthew 28:20)." Be not afraid! God is with us! Always!

*Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
For more information, please visit: [usccb.org/respect life](https://www.usccb.org/respect-life)*

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

My Heart Beats in Assisi

By Cliff Garvey

On Friday, November 3rd, Father Jim and I, along with fourteen other pilgrims from the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport (and other parishes), will journey to Assisi and Mount La Verna in Italy, where we will walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. During this week-long, small-group pilgrimage and retreat, we will celebrate Masses at the tombs of Francis and Clare, venerate their relics, pray in the cathedral where they were both baptized, sing God's praises in the small church where Francis found his vocation and Clare lived out her own vocation, and trek to the mountain sanctuary where Francis received the stigmata (the five wounds of the Crucified Christ).

This year's pilgrimage marks the Assisi Project's tenth anniversary as a "Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit." It is hard to put into words how much Assisi and the Assisi Project have meant to Father Jim and me over the years. And it is harder still to believe that a decade has passed since we visited Assisi for the first time, fell in love with that blessed place and its people, and decided that we would do whatever we could to bring the spirit of Assisi back to our parishes and to bring pilgrims back to Assisi to experience its powerful spirit for themselves. Since then, we have returned there many times with groups both large and small. We have visited during every season of the year. We have met pilgrims from all around the world. And what remains constant is the palpable sense of peace that pervades even the air in Assisi.

Over the years, I have met many holy men and women in Assisi who have changed my life. Archbishop Francisco Viti became a spiritual father whose guidance and support during a dark time brought God's light back into my life. Gianpaolo Bramini drives us up and down the Italian peninsula, but he is much more than a taxi driver. He is a dear friend who struggles to balance the demands of his work with his deep devotion to his wife and daughters. Gianpaolo embodies what it means to be a good man in a dark world. He is an inspiration to us. And Signora Maria, a local shopkeeper, working well into her ninth decade of life, speaks not a word of English, but everyone can tell you that we have a bond of friendship and affection that is stronger than the barriers of language that divide us.

Lastly, Sister Marcellina and the Sisters of Saint Bridget host, care, and pray for us as if we were part of their community. Sister Marcellina is the kindest, truest, and most selfless person on earth. She is our friend, sister, and spiritual mother. By every word and deed, she shows us what it means to be a good Christian; and she teaches us the true meaning of Christian charity. Even across a vast ocean, I can sometimes feel the power of her prayers for us. Sister Marcellina may never be canonized, but in my heart and in the hearts of those touched by her kindness, she is already a saint.

It is in my heart that these good people live. Although I am blessed to see them once or twice each year, I know them as dear friends not because I see them regularly, but because they have taught me so much about the spirit of Assisi — a spirit of faith, hope, and love; a spirit of peace, prayer, and discipleship that animates their lives and touches the lives of pilgrims from every corner of the world. After ten years and twenty-four visits to Assisi, I can say honestly that I love my country; I love my cabin in the north woods of Maine; and I love Gloucester and Rockport. But my heart beats in Assisi!

During our upcoming pilgrimage, at every pilgrimage site along the way, our pilgrims will offer prayers for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport: that through the intercession of Saint Francis, Saint Clare, and Our Lady of Angels, the Lord will continue to unite us in prayer, fellowship, and service; and give us the courage to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church. As we pray for you during this pilgrimage, please pray for us and for our safe travels. If you would like us to pray for your special intention in Assisi, please see Father Jim or contact me by Thursday, November 2nd at 4:00pm at either cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. For more information about the Assisi Project, please visit our website: assisiproject.com. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! May the Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

MONTH OF ALL SOULS MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

For Families, Friends & Fellow Parishioners

During the coming Month of All Souls, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate three Masses of Remembrance for those whose funerals were celebrated in our churches and have thus journeyed home to the Lord during the past year. These Masses will be celebrated according to the following schedule:

Mass of Remembrance I

Saturday, October 28th at 4:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Mass of Remembrance II

Sunday, November 12th at 11:45am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Mass of Remembrance III

Sunday, November 19th at 10:00am
Saint Joachim Church

At each Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and fellow parishioners will be read aloud. During the Month of All Souls, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for those we have lost. For more information about the Month of All Souls, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

WELCOME FATHER PETER MARSELEK MISSIONARY VISIT

Weekend of November 4th – 5th

During the weekend of Saturday, November 4th and Sunday, November 5th, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is blessed to welcome Father Peter Marselek of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT), who will celebrate all weekend Masses and preach about the good work of his missionary order. Serving in thirteen countries including the United States, SOLT Missionaries bring the hope and love of Jesus and Mary to people living in poverty. They serve the elderly, migrant workers, orphans, refugees, and people undergoing alcohol and drug rehabilitation.

In support of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, a second collection will be taken at all weekend Masses during the weekend of November 4th and November 5th at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Your generous support will be sincerely appreciated by all who are served by Father Peter and his community. For more information about SOLT and its good work around the world, please visit their website: solt.net. Welcome, Father Peter! May God bless you and your ministry!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH FRIED DOUGH BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 4th · Begins at 9:00am

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for its Annual Fried Dough Breakfast on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00am until 11:00am in Our Lady's Hall. Coffee, tea, and our delicious fried dough and sweetbread will be served. In addition, freshly baked homemade sweetbread will be available for purchase. For more information, please contact Matt Parisi at 978-281-4820 or mparisi101@gmail.com. Please join us for this special morning of fried dough and fellowship! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, November 5th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society is a service organization of men which was founded to support our parish through volunteering and fundraising. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 5th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be served. Annual dues of \$20 will be collected. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD

Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through fundraising, good works, prayer, and social events. Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, November 10th · 1:00pm-6:00pm

On Friday, November 10th from 1:00pm until 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Hall, the Knights of Columbus (Council 215) and the Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive. If you feel called to participate in this most worthy cause, please register online at redcross.org or by phone at 1-800-RED-CROSS. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please visit our website: kofc215.com. Thank you for your generous support!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday November 18th · 9:00am – 2:00pm

All are invited to join Holy Family Parish for our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This year's fair will feature various tables, including homemade baked goods and cookies, Christmas decorations, Santa's Corner, Chinese Raffle, White Elephant Table, and our famous Basket Wheel (see below)! In addition, raffle tickets are now available for cash prizes, an Apple Watch, and a Red Sox Game Package.

We are very grateful for all donations! We are especially grateful to Greely Funeral Home and Pike-Newhall Funeral Home for their donations of raffle prizes. The Christmas Fair Committee and the Holy Family Women's Guild are working overtime to make this year's fair another great success! So, please support this important parish fundraising event by joining us on Saturday, November 18th! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR BASKET WHEEL Now Accepting Donations!

The Basket Wheel is the biggest "money maker" at our Christmas Fair, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th and is the biggest fundraiser of the year at Holy Family Parish! The great success of the Basket Wheel depends on donations from our parishioners and friends! So, all are encouraged to create and donate a \$25 theme basket for crafts, kids, family nights, movie nights, snow days, holiday gift wrapping, or summer barbecues!

Creating a basket can be both fun and inexpensive when families, friends, and neighbors work together in support of our parish! Last year, more than 120 baskets were donated and won at the Basket Wheel! Donations are now being accepted! Please help us keep the Basket Wheel spinning and make this year's Christmas Fair a record-breaking success! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATES!

ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT

Special Guest: Sister Elizabeth Wagner
December 6th through December 8th at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Learn more: ccgronline.com/formation

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 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, fellowship, and faith sharing, as we work on deepening our faith and our personal relationships with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. For more information about the Men's Fellowship, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY

Saturday, November 4th at 5:00pm

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will host its next Ultreya-Potluck Supper on Saturday, November 4th in Saint John's Parish Hall in Essex. Our supper will begin at 5:00pm; the Ultreya will follow at 6:00pm. For more information about the good work of the Cape Ann Cursillo Community, please contact Albie Mitchell at albiemitchell@me.com or 978-879-3655. Even if you have not lived a Cursillo spiritual experience, please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm

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 the community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts various fundraising events and social gatherings, including seasonal bake sales, the Strawberry Festival, and the Christmas Fair (see left).

The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Refreshments of apple crisp and autumn sangria will be served. During the meeting, we will collect donations and gifts to benefit our upcoming Christmas Fair, especially the Basket Wheel. All are encouraged to donate new items such as jewelry, games, puzzles, toys, coloring books, crayons, markers, paints, hats mittens, scarves, and gift certificates to the movies or your favorite local café or restaurant.

For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish; or about how you and your family can help make this year's Holy Family Christmas Fair our most successful event ever, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

Saturday, October 28	Vigil · 30th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass of Remembrance
6:00pm · OLGV	Carleton & Richard Duwart
Sunday, October 29	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Anibal E. Senos
8:15am · Saint Ann	Capt. Girolomo & Grace Lovasco
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Graziella Palazzola
11:45am · OLGV	Andrew & Teresa Murphy
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Alex Borge
	30th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 30 8:00am · OLGV	Michael LoGrande
Tuesday, October 31 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mario & Carmelo Merenda
Wednesday, November 1 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Thursday, November 2 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, November 3 8:00am · OLGV	Grace Ciolino
Saturday, November 4 8:00am · Saint Ann	William Edmonds
Saturday, November 4	Vigil · 31st Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Gerolama Pallazola
6:00pm · OLGV	Francesco Taormina
Sunday, November 5	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Franco Casagrande
8:15am · Saint Ann	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Vincenza Cusumano
11:45am · OLGV	Helen & John Melanson
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of October 21st – October 22nd**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,843.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,721.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,693.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,299.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of October 21st – October 22nd**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,014.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,094.00
Second Collection (Grand Annual)	\$4,894.00

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 Pietro Cusenza
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Thomas Kerr
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@ccgrounline.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!

**SAVE THE DATE!
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!