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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

A Prayer for All Saints Day

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We give you thanks, O God,
for all the saints who ever worshipped you,
whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
weathered wooden churches,
or crumbling cement meeting houses
where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God,
for hands lifted in praise:
manicured hands and hands stained
with grease or soil,
strong hands and those gnarled with age;
holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

We give you thanks, O God,
for hardworking saints;
whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
head ragged or aproned,
blue-collared or three-piece-suited.
They left their mark on the earth for you,
for us, and for our children to come.

We give you thanks, O God,
for the tremendous sacrifices
made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints.
May we learn how to walk wisely
from their examples
of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Amen.



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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Their Most Exalted Service

BY CLIFF GARVEY

On Thursday, November 1st, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation for all Roman Catholics (see page four). As we prepare for this special day, we should prayerfully reflect on the role of the saints in our lives. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us about three states of life: "At the present time, some of the Lord's disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified (in purgatory), while still others are in glory, contemplating in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is (CCC 954)." Those in glory are the saints.

Beyond their canonization, a saint is remembered as a person of extraordinary holiness; a person who was faithful, hopeful, and loving (without counting the costs); and a person who was honest, righteous, and virtuous (regardless of the consequences). A saint is remembered as generous, humble, merciful, and self-sacrificing (regardless of what the world might think); and as someone who owned their brokenness and offered it to the Lord as an instrument of conversion, discipleship, and evangelization (for God's sake, for their own sake, and for the sake of others).

All of us are called to holiness. All of us are called to be saints. And all of us are abused, broken, cracked, or shattered to one degree or another. And yet, the Catechism says: "All of us, in varying degrees and in different ways share in the same charity towards God and our neighbors; and we all sing the one hymn of glory to our God (CCC 491)." For these reasons, we gather together, we pray together, and we work together in the Lord's vineyard. And we beg the saints to pray for us, so that each one of us, each in our own limited way, might become what Pope Francis has called one of the "everyday saints."

In *Lumen Gentium*, perhaps the most important document generated by the Second Vatican Council, we read: "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness...The saints do not cease to intercede with the Father for us...So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped (LG 49)." What does this mean? It means that all of the saints think of themselves as our brothers and sisters. It means that the saints look upon us in our weakness. They love us. They care for us. And they suffer with us. It means that the saints never stop praying for us: never, no matter who we are, no matter where we are from, and no matter what we have done in our lives.

Some of the saints knew this even before they passed from this life. Saint Therese of Lisieux wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth." The Little Flower dreamed of doing good on earth by loving us, by praying for us, and by interceding for us as she spends all eternity in adoration of God's Holy Face. Likewise, Saint Dominic is credited with saying before his death: "Do not weep for me because I will be more useful to you after my death; I will help you then even more effectively than during my life."

The Catechism affirms these spiritual truths. It states: "The saints contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth...Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world (CCC 2683)." Now more than ever, let us beg the saints to pray for us, for our divided country, for our wounded church, and for our suffering world. All saints, pray for us!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE



HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH · 9:00AM-2:00PM

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Holy Family Parish for our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 17th 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, and our famous Basket Wheel! In addition, raffle tickets are now available for cash prizes, an Apple iPad, and a Red Sox Game Package.

We gratefully accept donations! We are especially thankful to Greely Funeral Home and Pike-Newhall Funeral Home for their donation of raffle prizes. The Christmas Fair Committee and Holy Family Women's Guild are working overtime to make this year's fair another great success! So, please support this all-important fundraising event by joining us on Saturday, November 17th! 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 JEWELRY TABLE Now Accepting Donations!

Do you need more space in your jewelry box for those new baubles or those priceless family heirlooms? We have the answer! Donate your old trinkets to the Holy Family Parish Christmas Fair Jewelry Table! Our jewelry table is one of the highlights of the fair and one of its biggest fundraisers! The jewelry table is always filled with beautiful hidden treasures and your donations are what make it so much fun and successful!

Donations to the Christmas Fair Jewelry Table are always welcome at the parish office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 10:00am until 4:00pm). For more information, please contact Joanne Grella at jag1156@msn.com; or Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. We hope to see you all at the Holy Family Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, November 1st

Since late antiquity, the People of God have honored the holy men and women who have been canonized as saints in the Roman Catholic Church. The Solemnity of All Saints honors all saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us in faith, hope, and love; and who now pray for the salvation of souls. In commemoration of this Holy Day of Obligation, on Thursday, November 1st, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, October 31st · Vigil Mass
Saint Ann Church at 4:00pm

Thursday, November 1st · Holy Day Masses
Saint Joachim Church at 8:00am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 12:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 7:00pm

MONTH OF ALL SOULS MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE For Families, Friends & Fellow Parishioners

During November, the 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, November 3rd at 4:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Mass of Remembrance II
Sunday, November 4th at 11:45am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Mass of Remembrance III
Sunday, November 18th 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!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH FRIED DOUGH BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 3rd · 9:00-11:00am · Our Lady's Hall
Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HEALING GOD'S FAMILY

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS VIGIL FOR THE HEALING OF GOD'S FAMILY Thursday, November 1st

The Holy Father recently issued a special request for prayers to Catholics around the world. It said: "Pope Francis has decided to invite all the faithful, of the entire world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day during the Marian month of October and to join together in prayer and penance, as the people of God, in asking the Mother of God and Saint Michael the Archangel to protect the church from the devil, that always aims to divide us from God and among ourselves."

In response to the Holy Father's unprecedented request, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will continue to pray the Rosary every morning after Mass for the healing and protection of the church throughout the world. For the rest of this month, we will also conclude all daily and weekend Masses with this powerful prayer for the intercession of Saint Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell
Satan and the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls. Amen.

In addition to these powerful prayer for the protection of the church, I believe that concrete steps must be taken by church leaders to protect God's family (children and adults alike) from the horrors of sexual abuse and harassment and from the conspiracies to conceal these crimes from law enforcement authorities. I also believe that we must come together as neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners to heal God's family by rededicating ourselves to living the Gospel, sharing God's love, and rebuilding our wounded Church.

In this spirit, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join me on Thursday, November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints for a Vigil for the Healing of God's Family. This vigil will begin with Mass at 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At 3:00pm, we will pray the Rosary for the healing of God's Family. We will conclude at 6:30pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us! All are welcome! Peace and blessings! — Father Jim

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WELCOME YOUNG DISCIPLES! THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2018

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During the month of November, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 18th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 25th at 10:00am Mass
Saint Joachim Church

The following children were recently baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Milosz Cimoszko
Marcus Crawford
Stephen King
Mia O'Hanley
Maggie Pinkham
Arielle Pizzimenti
Cameron Sears
Ana Walker Maya Williard

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult who has not been baptized and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please pray for our newly baptized young disciples and for their parents, grandparents, godparents, and siblings! May God bless all families with good health, happiness, and love! Congratulations to all!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

Saturday, October 27	Vigil · 30th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Joseph & Pauline Piscitello
6:00pm · OLGV	The Bruni Family
Sunday, October 28	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Anthony & Lea Militello
8:15am · Saint Ann	Anthony & Angie Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Maria Fatima & Manuel Cardosa Da Silva
11:45am · OLGV	José & Julia Goulart
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God's Family
	30th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 29 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, October 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	For the Healing of God's Family
Wednesday, October 31 8:00am · OLGV	Fitz Lufkin
Thursday, November 1 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Thomas & Elizabeth Murphy
Friday, November 2 8:00am · OLGV	Muriel Stack
Saturday, November 3 8:00am · Saint Ann	Violanda "Lily" Corrao
Saturday, November 3	Vigil · 31st Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass of Remembrance
6:00pm · OLGV	John Priest
Sunday, November 4	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Captain Joseph S. Parco
8:15am · Saint Ann	Pasquale Palazzolo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Joseph Scola
11:45am · OLGV	Mass of Remembrance
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Gilberto Idonea

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of October 20th – October 21st**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,412.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,290.00
Second Collection (Missions)	\$1,099.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of October 20th – October 21st**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,443.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,523.00
Second Collection (Missions)	\$420.00

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. The requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Sergeant Salvatore Piscitello
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of All Souls
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of All Souls
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Walter L. Wilkins
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, sanctuary flowers, or sanctuary gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support!

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