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OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH



The Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit In Memory of Father Eugene Alves

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH

All are invited to join Father Jim, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in celebrating our Annual Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit from Monday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 9th. This year, we will honor the life and legacy of our legendary pastor, Father Eugene Alves, who passed away earlier this year. The Crowning Feast will proceed according to the following schedule:

Monday, June 3rd

Procession & Rosary

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:30pm

Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 4th

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm

Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 5th

Rosary & Mass in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm

Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:30pm

Thursday, June 6th

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm

Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Friday, June 7th

Sung Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm

Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Saturday, June 8th

Rosary in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 5:30pm

Mass in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:00pm

Pentecost Sunday, June 9th

Mass & Crowning Ceremony in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 11:45am

Crowning Lunch in Our Lady's Hall at 1:00pm

Tickets for Sunday's Crowning Lunch are available at our parish office and before and after the Rosary during Crowning Week. A donation of \$13 per person is requested. Donations for Sunday's Annual Auction & Grand Raffle will be much appreciated. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome! Come, Holy Spirit!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Called to Be Peacemakers

BY KATHY COFFEY

As we know from family squabbles, genuine peacemaking does not simply gloss over differences. If those aren't addressed, they will surface again like dandelions on a lawn. Instead, peacemaking explores areas of disagreement and seeks common ground. We who prefer a quick fix may discover that creating peace is a slow process that some compare to the building of medieval cathedrals. Chartres or Notre Dame took about four hundred years, sixteen generations in medieval lifespans. Those who laid the foundations never expected to see the final arches. Yet they knew that their children and grandchildren would continue their work. In the same way, peacemakers know that they may never see the outcome, but they encourage the next generation to seize the baton.

So we look over the centuries to Jesus as our model. He came into a country brutally ruled by Caesar, a world that worshipped the power of the sword. Boldly, Jesus offered two different kinds of power. He told the oppressed that they are God's children who will inherit the kingdom. To those who can bring about change, he proposed a way of living that would make them happier than privilege ever had. He asked them to do what they could for some in overwhelming need, as he did, and not run away as we might be tempted to do. He suggested that they spend time figuring out what was bothering the difficult child, not just ignore him. He wanted them to listen through the family conflict, not turn away because it's too draining. He told them to look at unrest and try to discover the underlying neglect or injustice.

Jesus did not just talk about peacemaking; he lived it. He began by making peace with himself. Jesus had the internal tensions we all have. When he wanted to preach, people demanded healing. When he wanted solitude, Peter and his companions interrupted. When he sought time apart with his disciples, the crowds surrounded him. Yet he never exploded in a rage. Despite the turmoil surging around him, he left a legacy of peace. Jesus forged within himself a splendid balance between meeting his own needs and revitalizing them for God's work. He took time for prayer. But he could also be so moved by the crowds that he set aside his original intent in order to teach and feed them. While criticizing the Pharisees, he also guided Nicodemus, a member of that group.

Jesus teaches: If you want world peace, begin with yourself. We resist people who attempt leadership but carry loaded guns in their hearts. We respect people who name their grievance, then forget it. If we are honest, we admit that we should quit carrying angry burdens best abandoned in high school. We also know that the more time we spend quieting ourselves in prayer, the less we are inclined to furious outbursts.

One step toward making peace might be to find examples that we can admire: skipping the perfect opportunity for a put-down; attempting to understand another person's values; finding ways to resolve conflict without guns; becoming more educated about our so-called enemies; voting for candidates who seek alternatives to military solutions. The way Jesus proposes is no easier than it was in the Roman world. Power and prestige are still enshrined; might is still revered today. We spend billions on destructive weapons. But Jesus offers an alternative: a way of living that will make us happy now and ultimately. Beneath the sometimes-weary exterior of the peacemaker, he (or she) points to the gleam of God's child.

HEALING GOD'S FAMILY



HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH AN EVENING with SAINT DAMIEN of MOLOKAI THURSDAY, MAY 30TH - BEGINS AT 6:00PM

More than eight centuries ago, the Crucified Christ called out to the young man who would become Saint Francis of Assisi: "Go! Rebuild my church which as you can see is falling into ruin!" Francis took the Lord's command literally and set out to repair small chapels in and around his hometown. Over the years, however, Francis came to understand more fully that his vocation to live the Gospel and share God's love was vitally important to rebuilding the Church all around the world.

In this spirit and in appreciation for the crisis facing the Roman Catholic Church in our own time, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will gather in commemoration of important feast days and pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild our wounded Church. In addition, we will also beg the saints to pray for us and to guide us in the hard work of discipleship during these difficult times.

All are invited to join us for our next Evening of Prayer for the Healing of God's Family on Thursday, May 30th in honor of Saint Damien of Molokai (1840-1889), who devoted his life to caring for those who had been discarded by society because of illness and stigma. This special evening of prayer will begin at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 6:30pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary for the healing of God's family. And at 7:00pm, we will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction.

During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a reflection on the life and legacy of Father Damien. In addition, we will be blessed to pray with a beautiful hand painted icon of Saint Damien of Molokai that includes one of his relics. We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special evening of prayer, reflection, and devotion. For more information, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

SIXTH ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT

Sharing the Wisdom of Time with Pope Francis
August 26th through August 30th at 7:00pm
Save the dates! Spread the word! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD A Holy Day of Obligation · Thursday, May 30th

On Thursday, May 30th, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which commemorates Christ's elevation into heaven in the presence of the disciples on the fortieth day after his resurrection. On this Holy Day of Obligation, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Saint Ann Church
Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00pm

Saint Joachim Church
Thursday, May 30th at 8:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Thursday, May 30th at 12:00pm

For more information about the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD SPRING FAIR

Saturday, June 1st · Begins at 9:00am

On Saturday, June 1st from 9:00am until 4:00pm, all parishioner, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a Spring Fair in Saint Ann Church Hall. Enjoy a free cup of coffee as you shop for your spring garden needs. We'll have potted plants, hanging baskets, and garden décor! We'll also be selling homemade baked goods and pies! In addition, we'll have a craft table and mini-yard sale! All funds raised will support Holy Family Parish. For more information about the Spring Fair, please contact Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111 or Suzanne McCalla at 978-704-9281. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

This week's message was composed by Kathy Coffey of Denver, Colorado. Kathy is the author of thirteen books and countless articles about prayer and spirituality. She is also a regular contributor to "Bringing Home the Word," which is posted every week at ccgrounline.com. In addition to writing, Kathy is a retreat leader and university lecturer. She is the mother of four children and a grandmother. Be sure to check out a new edition of "Bringing Home the Word" every week at ccgrounline.com/news!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

PRAYERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 27th

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in service to their country and to the causes of freedom, justice, and peace around the world. As a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, let us raise our hearts and voices in prayer for all who have served our nation, for all who have died, and for the cause of peace in our world:

Almighty God and Father,
on this Memorial Day,
we pray for those who courageously
gave their lives for the cause of freedom.
May their example of sacrifice inspire in us
the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
We also pray for the families of our fallen troops.
We ask you to fill their hearts with strength and peace.
In union with people of goodwill around the world,
help us to answer the call to work for peace and justice,
and to seek an end to conflict and violence.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Almighty God and Father,
those who take refuge in you will be glad
and forever shout for joy.
Protect our troops as they discharge their duties.
Protect them with the shield of your strength
and keep them safe from all evil and harm.
May the power of your love enable them
to return home safely, so that all who love them
may always praise you for your loving care.
We offer these prayers through Christ Jesus,
our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR ENEMIES

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
you asked us to love our enemies
and to pray for those who persecute us.
We pray now for our adversaries and enemies.
With the help of the Holy Spirit,
may all people learn to work together
for that justice which brings true and lasting peace.
To you be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Saint Ann, pray for us!
Saint Joachim, pray for us!
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH



MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST AT 8:00AM

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey after their first pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Africa, and Europe. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the God's Holy Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

The Assisi Project meets once each month in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" is scheduled for June 1st beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will continue our study and discussion of the Franciscan Saints; and we will consider how throughout history average people like us have become saints. In particular, we will focus on Blessed Franz Jagerstatter, an Austrian farmer and church sacristan who stood up to the Nazis and was martyred for the cause of peace.

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us this month and every month! You don't need to travel with us to be part of the Assisi Project! For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820; or 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! Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE ASSISI PROJECT Need Prayers?

Members of the Assisi Project range in age from 16 to 94; and we live in Holy Family Parish, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, throughout the United States, and also in Canada, Brazil, Italy, Spain, and Angola. Part of our work together is our prayer together. So, we pray every day for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like the Assisi Project to pray for you, your family, your special intention, or the soul of a deceased friend or loved one, please see Father Jim before or after any Mass; or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. May the Risen Lord give you peace – now and always!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 25 – JUNE 2, 2019

Saturday, May 25	Vigil · Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Scola Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Filippa Palazzolo
Sunday, May 26	Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	John Lewandowski
8:15am · Saint Ann	The Demetri Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rita & Jim Kelly
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosario Lima
5:00pm · Saint Ann	John Devir
	Sixth Week of Easter
Monday, May 27 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, May 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mary Beth Sheldon
Wednesday, May 29 8:00am · OLGV	James Odum
Thursday, May 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mary & Charles Works
Friday, May 31 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Saturday, June 1 8:00am · OLGV	Ted Costa
Saturday, June 1	Vigil · Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Claude Souza & Dick Hesse
6:00pm · OLGV	Richard Devlin
Sunday, June 2	Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	Dionisio & Celestino Goulart
8:15am · Saint Ann	Grazia Storniolo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Captain Salvatore & Sarina Barbara
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Santo Militello

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of May 18th & May 19th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,137.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,015.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (87% of Goal)	\$64,891.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**
Weekend of May 18th & May 19th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,712.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,792.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (62% of Goal)	\$27,803.00

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 Captain John Cusumano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann ChurchIn Memory of Alice Balestraci
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim ChurchIn Memory of Dick Hesse
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony ChapelIn Memory of Annie Wojcicki
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

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

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