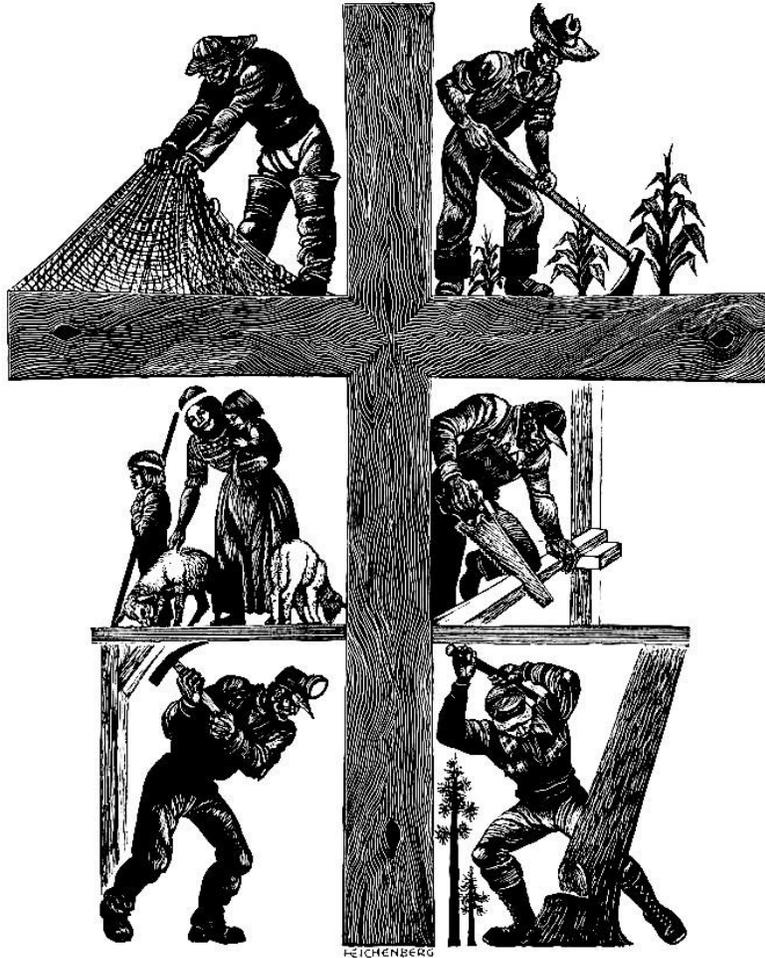


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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## THE SPIRITUALITY OF WORK

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## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### The Way

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS BEGINNING THIS FALL!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).*

“The Way” was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way also appears as a biblical reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. In addition, tradition teaches that both before and after his conversion, Saint Paul referred to the disciples of Christ as part of the Way. More than two thousand years later, Catholic Christians are still part of the Way of Jesus Christ. But as we all know, a life of discipleship is not a hobby or pastime. It is a vocation, a way of life that lays claim to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in Christ, who is our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. And as disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need our help in growing closer to Christ and the Church.

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), then please consider joining “The Way”, a new adult faith formation program that will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on October 13th in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (typically called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of this same program, we will prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation (to be received at either the Easter Vigil or at a regional archdiocesan celebration). Other parishioners who have received the Sacraments are also welcome to join us!

Our group will meet every other week for fellowship, formation, and faith sharing. As a community of disciples, we will learn together about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Church; and we will explore the methods of prayer and spirituality that have brought centuries of believers closer to Christ Jesus and to the Church. In addition, we will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of living an authentic life of faith, hope, and love in the modern world. If you would like to learn more about this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God’s Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!



## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

# The Spirituality of Work

BY KATHY COFFEY

Monday is the day of the week that many people dread. After the weekend, a collective sigh wafts across the world: "Ugh. Back to work." The drill can be tedious, the routine exhausting, and the boss stupid. Work may appear to be a grubby girl cleaning the sooty fireplace, but beneath the ragged camouflage hides the beautiful Cinderella. How can we learn to see work as a productive outlet, a means of support, and God's gift?

The problem may come from compartmentalizing our prayer and our work. Is Sunday the tidy hour given to God, separate from anything else we do? Or does our faith permeate every minute of every day, especially endless hours spent working? To resolve this dilemma, let's look at our model, Jesus. He was surrounded by people who worked: fishermen, farmers, tax collectors, shepherds, and soldiers. He drew images from a woman baking, a farmer pruning vines. He worked hard, too.

Jesus' first followers continued along that path. Paul, the tentmaker, wrote: "You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way, I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak (Acts 20:34-35)." The Benedictine abbeys of the Middle Ages were founded on two cornerstones: prayer and work. The Franciscan missions in California were beehives of activity: crops were grown, grain milled, wine made, furniture carved, cloth woven, paintings and sculptures created. Saint Therese of Lisieux fell asleep during formal prayer, but she found God in routine, daily occupations, her little way.

These examples show that we have always respected work; considering it essential to a full life. A subtle pecking order undercuts this respect, distinguishing the "more lofty" work done with clean hands from "lower" work. But healthy folks relax those distinctions. An earthy pastor drew protests when he pitched in to wash dishes after a potluck dinner. He pleaded with those who tried to take over: "Please let me finish. It is the only tangible thing I have accomplished all day..."

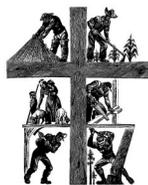
More dangerous than the hierarchy of work is the suggestion that somehow we taint our spirituality with drudgery. The teaching of Jesus about the lilies of the field (Matthew 6:28-29) prompts criticism of overwork and consumerism. We must understand that the paycheck fills the legitimate needs of providing education, shelter, and medical care for ourselves and our children. Furthermore, work provides creativity, social dimension, and a step beyond the self.

Anyone who has ever questioned work's importance to the human spirit should watch preschoolers at play. Many pretend to be firefighters, parents, doctors, or truck drivers, modeling mysterious adult responsibilities. In Montessori schools, children wash dishes that aren't dirty for sensuous joy of the task: clean scent, warm water, popping bubbles.

We may have lost that first fascination with work through numbing repetition. But many recapture it through hobbies: working on a model railroad or a potter's wheel seems more fun if it's not for a paycheck. Our outlook thus colors our work. Seeing the potential to encounter God at every turn of the page or pour of the coffeepot enlivens repetitive processes. And, if we see a job done well as an opportunity to glorify God, then this attitude will add meaning to our work.

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## LIVING THE GOSPEL



### CALL TO PRAYER A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

Labor Day is a national holiday that is celebrated on the first Monday of September in honor of the labor movement and all who work for the common good of our country. In 1887, Oregon was the first state to make it a public holiday. By 1894, when it was declared a national holiday by President Grover Cleveland, thirty states commemorated the contribution of workers in this way.

For many people, especially for our summer friends and neighbors, Labor Day can also mark an unofficial end of the summer season. Either way, it is a good opportunity to pray for all people all around the world who work hard, play by the rules, and yearn for a better life for themselves, for their families, and for their neighbors. In this spirit, let us lift our hearts and voices in prayer:

We thank you, Lord  
for the gift and opportunity of work;  
may our efforts always be pure of heart,  
for the good of others,  
and for the glory of your name.

We lift up to you, Lord,  
all who long for just employment  
and those who work to defend  
the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us  
who are now retired always remember  
that we still make a valuable contribution  
to the Church and to the world  
through our prayers and good works.

May our working and our resting  
always give praise to you until the day  
we share together in eternal rest  
with all of our departed brothers and sisters.

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!

Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us!  
Saint Anthony, pray for us! Saint Peter, pray for us!  
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!  
Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service for our parish and the wider community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts many fundraising events and social gatherings, including our famous bake sales, fashion show, and the Annual Christmas Fair.

The Guild's first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall as we celebrate "Back to School!" Bring your favorite school memorabilia, yearbooks, photos, and memories to share! Refreshments will include a traditional brown bag school lunch: a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, Hostess cupcake, and chocolate milk.

In addition, we will discuss our calendar of events for the coming year and collect annual dues of \$15 per person. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at [lbortolino4@msn.com](mailto:lbortolino4@msn.com) or 978-281-4279. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! We always welcome new members!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL MASS & BREAKFAST Sunday, September 15th · Begins at 8:15am

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal and charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Since 1897, our award-winning council has sponsored countless good works of charity and community service. If you can spare just twenty-four hours this year to volunteer with us, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our community.

The Knights invite all members, friends, and fellow parishioners to a breakfast of eggs, bacon, and pancakes in Saint Ann Church Hall immediately following our 8:15am Mass on Sunday, September 15th. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted and donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. For more information, please contact us at [info@kofc215.com](mailto:info@kofc215.com); or visit our website at [kofc215.com](http://kofc215.com). Please join us! Spread the word! Bring your family! All are invited! All are welcome!

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## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### OUR LADY OF GRACE CLUB ANNUAL MASS & BENEDICTION Saturday, September 7th at 8:00am

The Mother of Grace Club invites all members, friends, and fellow parishioners to join us for our Annual Feast in Honor of the Blessed Mother. From Thursday, August 29th through Friday, September 6th, we will pray the Holy Rosary each night at 6:00pm at the Mother of Grace Club (located at 48 Washington Street in Gloucester). On Saturday, September 7th, all are invited to join us for Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, followed by the Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, please contact Katie Fontana at 978-283-7621. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, September 8th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is a service organization of men which was founded to support the parish through volunteering and fundraising. The first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by the officers. In addition, 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 978-281-4820 or mparisi101@gmail.com. Please join us! Spread the word! We always welcome new members!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, September 9th 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. The Guild's first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by the officers. The requested offering is \$10 per person. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at 978-281-4820 or jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! Spread the word! We always welcome new members!

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## REBUILDING THE CHURCH



### HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH AN EVENING OF PRAYER with MYCHAL JUDGE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - 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 vital to rebuilding the Church all around our suffering world.

In this spirit and in appreciation for the ongoing crisis facing the Roman Catholic Church in our own time, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport has gathered throughout this year on a regular basis in commemoration of various feast days and important memorials to pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild our wounded church. In addition, we have also begged 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 Wednesday, September 11th in commemoration of the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and to reflect on the life and spirituality of Father Mychal Judge, who is recorded as the first official victim of those attacks. 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 7:15pm, we will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction.

During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a brief reflection on the life and legacy of Father Mychal Judge, who was a Franciscan Friar, the chaplain for the New York City Fire Department, and widely known for his boundless care and compassion for the poor, the sick, and the addicted. 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 about this special event, please contact Cliff Garvey at [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, August 31</b>                      | <b>Vigil · 22nd Sunday</b>          |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann                              | Mildred Donaldson                   |
| 6:00pm · OLGV                                   | Herbert O. Hultin                   |
| <b>Sunday, September 1</b>                      | <b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |
| 7:00am · OLGV                                   | Father Eugene Alves                 |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann                              | Hilary Oliver                       |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim                         | James King                          |
| 11:45am · OLGV                                  | Jay Stuart                          |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann                              | Healing of God's Family             |
|   | <b>22nd Week in Ordinary Time</b>   |
| Monday, September 2<br>8:00am · OLGV            | Communion Service                   |
| Tuesday, September 3<br>8:00am · Saint Joachim  | Mario & Carmelo Merenda             |
| Wednesday, September 4<br>8:00am · OLGV         | Special Intention                   |
| Thursday, September 5<br>8:00am · Saint Joachim | Herbert O. Hultin                   |
| Friday, September 6<br>8:00am · OLGV            | Ronald LaFlam                       |
| Saturday, September 7<br>8:00am · OLGV          | Rose Stuart                         |
| <b>Saturday, September 7</b>                    | <b>Vigil · 23rd Sunday</b>          |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann                              | Salvatore Storniolo                 |
| 6:00pm · OLGV                                   | Joseph Heanue                       |
| <b>Sunday, September 8</b>                      | <b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |
| 7:00am · OLGV                                   | George C. Grace                     |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann                              | Carlos Matos                        |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim                         | Annette & Jay Harrington            |
| 11:45am · OLGV                                  | Manuel F. Garcia, Jr.               |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann                              | Graziella Palazzolo                 |

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 24th & August 25th**

|                      |            |
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| Weekly Offerings     | \$6,270.00 |
| Electronic Offerings | \$878.00   |
| Total Offerings      | \$7,148.00 |
| Second Collection    | (N/A)      |

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of August 24th & August 25th**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Weekly Offerings     | \$2,924.00 |
| Electronic Offerings | \$80.00    |
| Total Offerings      | \$3,004.00 |
| Second Collection    | (N/A)      |

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**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 Dana Martin  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Keva M. O'Neil  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Robert G. Solomon  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of John S. Testaverde  
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 Joseph at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

**FALL DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION**  
**REBUILDING THE CHURCH with SAINT FRANCIS**

**Saturday, October 5th**

**Begins with Mass at 8:00am · Our Lady's Church**  
**Save the date! Please join us! All are welcome!**