

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service · All Are Welcome!
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Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!

We welcome new parishioners to Gloucester & Rockport!

Please introduce yourself and contact the pastoral office to register as a parishioner!

Our Pastor's Message

Got balance?

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT RESTORING BALANCE TO OUR LIVES

I don't know about you, but life seems to be getting more and more busy. I hear this from parishioners and I experience it in my own life. Family. Friends. Finances. Mass. Ministry. Meetings. Paperwork. Yardwork. The list goes on and on. Don't get me wrong: I love being a priest. I love being a pastor. I love my family and friends. And I love my work. But sometimes I feel like something is a bit off; like life is somehow out-of-balance. If you have a spouse, children, grandchildren, or commute to work, or own a business, then you probably feel this way, too.

A parishioner recently gave me a book on leadership by Carl Koch who writes: "Even Jesus needed time alone to ground himself in his calling, his values, his core beliefs, and his commitment to the Good News...Time in the wilderness allows us to answer that key spiritual question: Where am I?" Most of us, including myself, would answer this question by reciting our role or vocation in life: priest, parent, grandparent, spouse, business owner, manager, teacher, etc. But Koch is really asking about our deepest identity as a person, as a child of God. He is asking: are we living our lives on autopilot? Are we wearing our job as a mask? Are we still focused on our core values and beliefs? Are we still aiming for eternal life in all that we think, do, and say? Are we still focused on our personal relationship with Christ?

As a priest, I am expected to make an annual retreat to help ensure that these questions are considered and reconsidered at least once during each busy year. Unfortunately, too few of us have this kind of opportunity to follow Christ into the wilderness for a period of prayer, rest, and retreat. Most of us are too busy with our families and our jobs to make a retreat. Most of us are just too busy balancing our life's competing obligations and responsibilities to even think about answering the spiritual question: Where am I? And most of us are working too hard to focus on anything other than making ends meet for ourselves and our families.

For these reasons, I invite you to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for its Second Annual Summer Retreat from Sunday, July 26th through Friday, July 31st at Saint Anthony's Chapel. Each evening at 7:00pm, we will begin with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours as a way of both sanctifying the day and offering the cares and concerns of the day to our Lord and Savior. After praying together as a community, Cliff Garvey and I will lead those who join us in a spiritual exercise, followed by a period of discussion and faith sharing. Each evening of the retreat will conclude with Night Prayer at 8:30pm. Our hope is that you will be able to join us for each evening of the retreat, but if you can only join us once or twice, please do not hesitate to sign up!

Although Cliff and I will lead the summer retreat, our true spiritual guides will be Christ and Saint Benedict of Nursia, whose life straddled the fifth and sixth centuries. What does Saint Benedict have to teach us fifteen centuries after his death? A great deal, actually. Benedict is considered the "founder of western monasticism" and his rule of life (written for the monks who followed him) is all about achieving balance, maintaining that balance, and living a good and holy life. Benedict's rule offers a practical plan for balancing work, rest, community, and prayer in order to achieve calm, fulfillment, and peace in our lives. Our retreat will also be based on Robert Benson's short and easy-to-read book entitled "A Good Life" which offers a modern interpretation of Benedict's rule and realistic plan to achieve, maintain, and restore balance in our increasingly busy lives.

If you would like to join us for this unique retreat experience, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820 (see details on page 3). If you are unable to join us on retreat, you can still benefit from Saint Benedict's ancient wisdom by answering his call to live a more deliberate and balanced life; by renewing your personal commitment to prayer; by listening for God's voice in your daily life (see page 3); by obtaining a copy of Benson's book and following along with us during the week; or by spending some time in silent prayer throughout the week. During our summer retreat week, Saint Anthony's Chapel will open at 12:00pm every day for silent prayer and reflection.

As our summer retreat approaches, let us continue to pray for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Let us pray that we might achieve, maintain, or restore some balance in our busy lives. Let us pray for the grace to remember that Christ Jesus is the true center of our lives regardless of our family and professional obligations. And let us pray that we might grow closer to Him through a renewed commitment to prayer, fellowship, and service. Saint Benedict, pray for us!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Feast of Saint Benedict

THE CALL OF SAINT BENEDICT

Feast of Saint Benedict · Saturday, July 11th

On Saturday, July 11th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia (480-543), the founder of western monasticism. The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Second Annual Summer Retreat (July 26th-July 31st) will be based on the ancient wisdom of this powerful saint. As parishioners discern the call to retreat, all parishioners, friends, and guests are invited to pray for the intercession of Saint Benedict and to prayerfully consider the "Call of Saint Benedict" which comes from his ancient rule for monks:

Seeking his workers in a multitude of people,
the Lord calls out and lifts his voice again:
Is there anyone here who yearns for life
and desires to see good days?

Let us open our eyes to the light that comes from God,
and our ears to the voice from heaven
that every day calls out this charge:

If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts!

We must, then, prepare our hearts and bodies
for the battle of holy obedience to his instructions.

What is not possible to us by nature,
let us ask the Lord to supply by the help of his grace.
We intend to establish a school for the Lord's service.

In drawing up its regulations, we hope to set down
nothing harsh, nothing burdensome.

The good of all concerned, however, may prompt us
to a little strictness in order
to amend faults and to safeguard love.

Do not be daunted immediately by fear
and run away from the road.

It is bound to be narrow at the outset.

But as we progress in this way of life and in faith,
we shall run on the path of God's commandments,

our hearts overflowing
with the inexpressible delight of love.

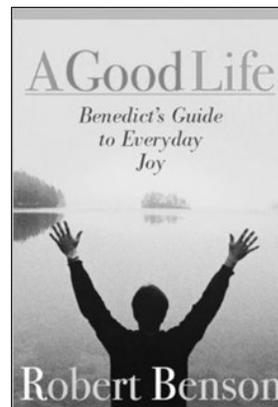
Listen carefully to these instructions,
and attend to them with the ear of your heart.

It is advice from one who loves you;
welcome it, and faithfully put it into practice.

Almighty God and Father,
you appointed Saint Benedict
to be a wise master in the school of your service.
Give us the grace to put your love before all else,
and so run with joy in the way of your commandments.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Benedict, pray for us!

Summer Retreat for Adults



SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT

"A GOOD LIFE"

Begins Sunday, July 26th at 7:00pm

Summer is a great time of year for retreat; for stepping back from the business and busy-ness of everyday life in order to focus on our personal relationship with Christ and His Church. Unfortunately, few among us have an opportunity to leave work, family, and friends for a real retreat from the world.

For this reason, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is happy to announce its Second Annual Summer Retreat! Beginning on Sunday, July 26th and concluding on Friday, July 31st, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a unique chance to experience the peace and spiritual renewal of a week-long retreat without leaving home!

Our retreat will be based on Robert Benson's book, "A Good Life", which offers a modern interpretation of the ancient rule of Saint Benedict of Nursia, the founder of western monasticism. This little gem of a book provides practical wisdom for achieving a real balance in our increasingly busy lives through work, rest, prayer, and community. Each evening of our retreat will begin promptly at 7:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After that, Father Jim and Cliff will lead the group in a spiritual exercise, discussion, and faith sharing. We will conclude our sessions at 8:30pm with Night Prayer.

Between retreat sessions, participants will be asked to read and reflect on five easy selections from Benson's book. Also, during each day of the retreat, Saint Anthony Chapel will open at 12:00pm for silent personal prayer and study. If you would like to join us for this unique summer retreat experience, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. A donation of \$25.00 is requested from those who can afford it. Copies of the book, along with coffee, tea, and cold water, will be provided. Please join us! All are welcome!

Faith Formation for Adults

ADULT FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NOW UNDERWAY!

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance & Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church, then please consider joining us for our adult faith formation program which will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning in late September (start date and location to be announced).

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Our group meets bi-weekly to learn about the basic beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church. As part of this same process, our Adult Confirmation Program prepares adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation and focuses on the challenges of living a life of faith in the modern world.

If you would like to join us for this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

ASSISI PROJECT ONLINE "The Ring of Saint Peter: A Story of Assisi"

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" that seeks to help adults more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

All are invited to join us at assisiproject.com for a new reflection by Cliff Garvey about how a chance encounter with Pope Benedict XVI in Assisi changed his life forever. For more information about becoming part of the Assisi Project, please see Father Jim or contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All submissions to our bulletin and website must be sent directly to Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com by Friday at 12:00pm for publication in the following week's bulletin. All submissions may be edited for content and must include clear and concise details about a program or event; date, time, and location; and contact information. Please note that not all requests can be honored. Priority is given to programs and events sponsored by the parishes of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Vacation Bible School for Kids



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "EVEREST" Begins Monday, July 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 this summer's Vacation Bible School entitled "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" from Monday, July 27th through Friday, July 31st at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During this exciting week, children will experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, they will learn about one simple but powerful biblical truth – both easy to remember and apply to the challenges of daily life!

Day 1: Monday, July 27th
God has the power to provide!

Day 2: Tuesday, July 28th
God has the power to comfort!

Day 3: Wednesday, July 29th
God has the power to heal!

Day 4: Thursday, July 30th
God has the power to forgive!

Day 5: Friday, July 31st
God has the power to love us forever!

Each day of "Everest" will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are welcome to join us! After Mass, our team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's Parish Hall for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. "Everest" is a fun, though-provoking, and Bible-based program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative summer faith formation program is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those who may need assistance. If you are interested in enrolling your child in "Everest", please complete a registration form (available at our pastoral office or online at ccgrronline.com/formation) as soon as possible. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Dawn Alves at 978-281-4820 or dalves@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! "EVEREST" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday, July 27th – Friday, July 31st

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Summer Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, July 27th (see page 4)! Adult, middle school, and high school volunteers are needed! If you are able to help, bring your pack, energy, and enthusiasm as we lead our youngest fellow parishioners to "Everest: Conquering Life's Challenges with God's Mighty Power!" For more information, please contact Dawn Alves at dalves@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | COUNCIL 215 Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00pm · Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of men that remains true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Founded in 1882, the Knights remain an organization dedicated to the mutual assistance of members and their families, but also to serving the disabled, the poor, and the sick. In addition, the Knights sponsor educational, charitable, and religious programs.

Council 215 serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00pm in Holy Family Parish Center. For more information about joining the Knights of Columbus, please visit our website at kofc215.com or contact Peter Brau at grandknight@kofc215.com.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society provides food and financial assistance to parishioners and families in need throughout the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Donation baskets for non-perishable food items are placed at the entrances of our churches. Our food pantry needs the following items:

Canned Baked Beans · Canned Chicken
Canned Soups · Instant potatoes · Mayonnaise
Pancake mix & syrup · Tuna Helper
Canned Beef Stew

Donation envelopes are also available and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish office. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. For assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Coming Events

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC Saturday, July 25th · After 4:00pm Mass

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Holy Family Parish for its Annual Summer Barbecue & Picnic in celebration of the Feast of Saints Ann & Joachim on Saturday, July 25th beginning with Mass at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

After Mass, our barbecue and picnic will be held in the courtyard behind the parish center and on the rectory lawn. The Knights of Columbus will provide us with hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks. Parishioners are asked to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and a side dish to share (chips, baked beans, desserts, and salads). We'll also have fun activities for kids! For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Bring your family! Bring a friend! Please join us! All are welcome!

CAMPS: CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR Christian Summer Camp · August 3rd-8th

C.A.M.P.S. (Christ As My Personal Savior) is a summer camp experience for high school students that seeks to bring participants closer to Christ; to teach that the Christian community is both formed and lived; and to continue spiritual growth and commitment.

This summer, from August 3rd through August 8th, more than 300 campers and staff will gather at Lakeside Campgrounds in Pittsfield for campfires, games and sports, music, spiritual talks, and faith sharing. CAMPS is a wonderful experience for high school teens! For more information and an application, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com; or visit the website at campsministry.com. Some scholarships are available. Please join us! All are welcome!

CAMPS: CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR Mega Sports Raffle! Now Underway!

C.A.M.P.S. (Christ As My Personal Savior) is currently holding its Annual Mega Sports Raffle to support its ministry and summer camp program. Funds raised will help bring some of the country's top youth speakers to our summer camp (see above).

A donation of \$5.00 per ticket is requested. Prizes include tickets to several Red Sox games, a Celtics game, a Bruins game, and a Patriots game. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com; or contact our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Your generosity will help bring teens into a closer relationship with Christ Jesus! Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support!

Our Mass Intentions

JULY 11 – JULY 19, 2015

Saturday, July 11	Vigil · Fifteenth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Sally Unis
6:00pm · OLGV	Dorothy & Alvin Williams and Louise & William Natti
Sunday, July 12	Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
8:15am · Saint Ann	Pietro Noto
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Grace & Angelo Pasquale
11:45am · OLGV	John Skinner, Jr. and Eduardo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time	
Monday, July 13 8:00am · OLGV	Esther Smith
Tuesday, July 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Ann Trupiano
Wednesday, July 15 8:00am · OLGV	Jean Balzarini
Thursday, July 16 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Manuel & Maria Achadinha
Friday, July 17 8:00am · OLGV	Manuel Carreiro & Family
Saturday, July 18 8:00am · Saint Ann	Sandra Brooks
Saturday, July 18	Vigil · Sixteenth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Robert & Dorothy Benham
6:00pm · OLGV	Humberto Mota
Sunday, July 19	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John S. Testaverde
8:15am · Saint Ann	James Tucker
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Joseph “Joe Popcorn” Ciaramitaro
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima & Sons
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Gifts

HOLY FAMILY PARISH Weekend of July 4th & July 5th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$9,027.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$325.00
Electronic Donations:	\$945.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,297.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH Weekend of July 4th & July 5th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$3,864.00
Second Collection (Parish Maintenance):	\$1,648.00
Total Offerings:	\$5,512.00

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

PARISH PAY THE EASY WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH! Online Giving Program

Parish Pay is the largest, most experienced electronic giving provider in the United States, serving more than 6,000 parishes nationwide. Parish Pay is a simple, safe, and secure way to make online donations to your parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

Each week, Holy Family Parish collects more than \$900 in electronic donations from parishioners through our Parish Pay program. Parish Pay is currently available to parishioners at Holy Family Parish, but will be available soon to parishioners at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For more information, please contact Linda Rogers at 978-281-4820 or lrogers@ccgronline.com; or visit the website at parishpay.com.

THE HOLY ROSARY Monday through Saturday After Mass

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport every morning after Daily Mass as we pray the Holy Rosary. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Risen Lord by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by asking for her intercession for ourselves, our parish communities, and the whole world. For more information, please see Father Jim or a member of our pastoral team; or join us online at ccgronline.com/mass. Please join us! All are welcome!