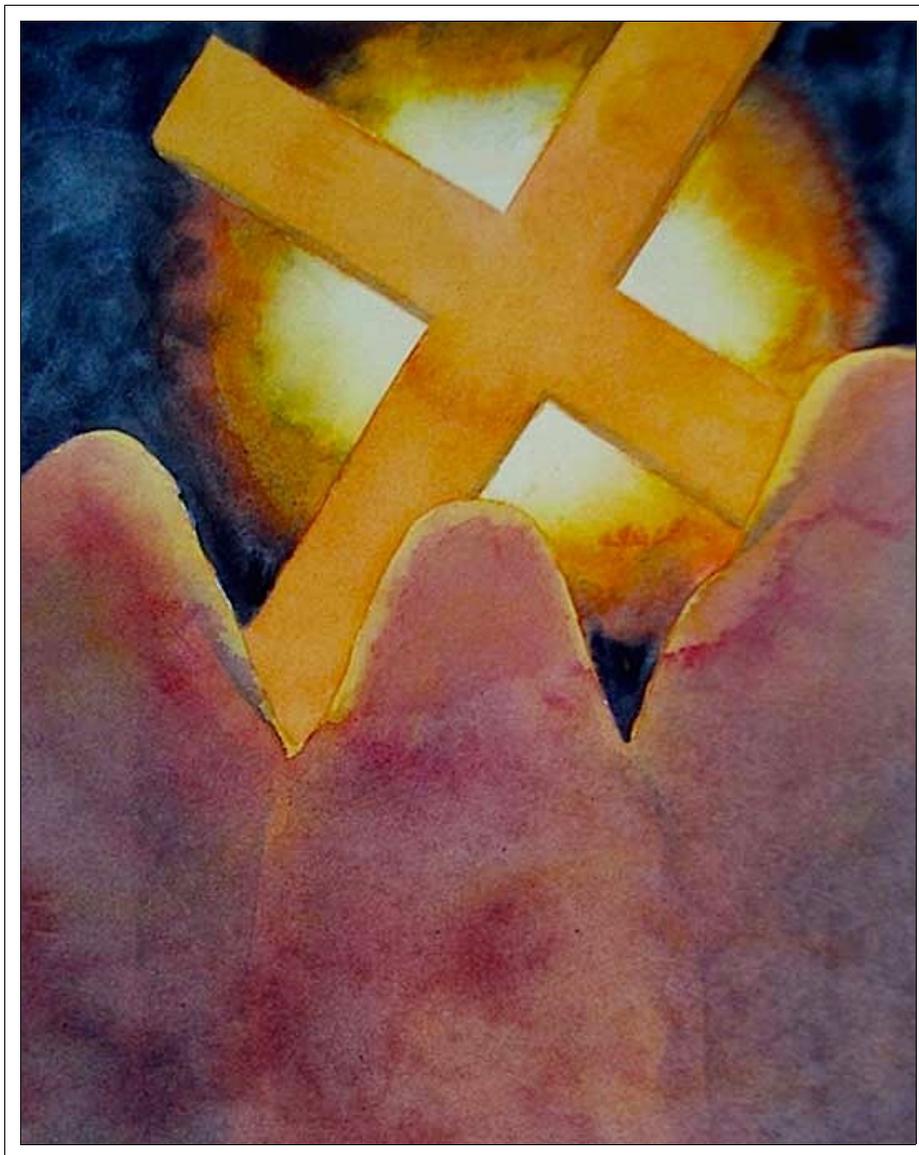


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
Fifth Sunday of Lent · March 13, 2016



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## THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

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### PALM SUNDAY MASS FOR FAMILIES COME & MEET CARDINAL SEÁN!

**Saturday, March 19th · 4:00pm · Saint Ann Church**

All parents, grandparents, godparents, and children are invited to join Father Jim for our Palm Sunday Mass for Families on Saturday, March 19th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Our special guest celebrant and homilist will be His Eminence Seán Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. During Mass, Cardinal Seán will offer a special Palm Sunday homily and blessing for all families and children in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

In addition to bringing your family and friends, please bring the Campaign Cans for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society that were distributed to our parish children at the beginning of Lent. All donations from the Campaign Cans will be given to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a service organization in our parishes that provides food and financial assistance to local families in need. We hope to raise \$1,000 during Lent for this worthy cause!

For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com); or Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). Please pray for our young disciples, for their families, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! Let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our Teacher! Every child and family in our pews is a gift from God! Please spread the word! Please join us! Come and meet Cardinal Seán! All are welcome!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, March 18th**

The Stations of the Cross is one of the most beloved, enduring, and moving devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with the sufferings of Jesus Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with Lord as he suffers his passion and death on the Holy Cross. Our final commemoration of the traditional Stations of the Cross is scheduled for Friday, March 18th according to the following schedule:

Saint Ann Church · 3:30pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 7:00pm  
Begins with the Celebration of Mass

For more information about the Holy Season of Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please join us at [ccgronline.com/len](http://ccgronline.com/len); or contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. As our Lenten journey continues, please join us for the Stations of the Cross! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE PARABLES OF MERCY A YEAR OF MERCY SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Friday, March 18th at Noon**

During the Holy Season of Lent, all are invited to join Father Jim for a weekly lunchtime scripture study based on the "Parables of Mercy." As part of our community's commemoration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, each Friday during Lent (February 12th through March 18th) in Our Lady's Hall, Father Jim will lead a one hour discussion on various parables of Jesus that focus on God's love and mercy for his people, including the Two Debtors & Their Creditor; the Good Samaritan; the Widow & the Judge; the Rich Man and Lazarus; and the Lost Sheep.

Father Jim's next scripture study session is scheduled for Friday, March 18th at 12:00pm! Interested friends and parishioners are welcome to bring their own lunch and to join us for as many sessions as they can. If you would like to join us for this special scripture study series, please contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com). A donation of \$20.00 per person is requested from those who can afford it for the entire series. All participants will be provided with a copy of the book, "The Parables of Mercy" along with coffee, hot tea, or bottled water. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

#### CONFESSIONS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Wednesday, March 16th · Begins at 6:00pm**

During the Holy Season of Lent, all Catholics are invited to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession). On six consecutive Wednesdays during Lent (February 17th through March 23rd), at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church from 6:00pm until 8:00pm, all are invited to join us for "The Light Is On For You!" These special evenings of prayer will include Evening Prayer and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours; Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and two full hours of confessions for those who feel called to participate. Please note that this program will be preempted on Wednesday, March 9th for our Lent Mission & Retreat.

For some, this may be a time for sacramental reconciliation. For some it may be a time for silent prayer and reflection. And for some, it may be a time to begin or renew a life of faith. Wherever you are on your faith journey, please join us! All are welcome! For more information about the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website: [ccgronline.com](http://ccgronline.com); or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com).

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

*All are welcome to join  
the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport  
in commemoration of Holy Week & Easter Sunday!*

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH**  
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY MARCH 21ST – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD**  
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH**

MORNING PRAYER  
SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH · 8:00AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
SAINT ANN CHURCH · 7:00PM

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH  
UNTIL MIDNIGHT

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH**

MORNING PRAYER  
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH · 8:00AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
SAINT ANN CHURCH · 12:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES  
SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH · 3:00PM  
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH · 7:00PM

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH**

MORNING PRAYER  
SAINT ANN CHURCH · 8:00AM

EASTER VIGIL MASS  
SAINT ANN CHURCH · 7:00PM

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH**  
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### OUR UPWARD CALLING

On his second journey as an apostle, Saint Paul established Europe's first Christian community in Philippi, a city in northern Greece. Because of their fervent faith, the Philippians were dear to Saint Paul and he writes to them with encouragement and enthusiasm for their progress in living according to the Gospel of Christ. In this weekend's reading from the Letter to the Philippians (Phil 3:8-14), Saint Paul offers a lesson about humility, the spiritual life, and the nature of our vocation as disciples. That vocation is our "upward calling" to be always and ever focused on our life with Christ both here on earth and ultimately in heaven (Phil 3:14).

Saint Paul reminds us that we can envision the ultimate reward for a life lived well: a share in Christ's resurrection and the gift of eternal life. At the same time, however, we cannot ever expect perfection in this life. After all, we are imperfect beings. We are prone to sin and weakness. We need God's grace and mercy. Despite our weakness, Saint Paul encourages us to remain hopeful because like him, we are disciples, children of God, and adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ (Phil 3:12). Paul writes that this hope is deepened and strengthened by persevering in fidelity to the Gospel and by the mystical reality that Christ embraces those who strive to follow him with their whole heart (Phil 3:13).

The Letter to the Philippians has been described as a letter of joy because of Saint Paul's love and concern for all who seek to live as disciples of Christ. And yet Paul writes this letter from prison, jailed for his faith, preaching, and zeal for the Gospel. He knows and well understands that his evangelical life could and would lead to martyrdom. Paul's faith in Christ and his hope for eternal life transcend any concern about his mortal life. In the final verse of this weekend's reading, Paul writes: "Just one thing, forgetting what lies behind, but straining toward what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:14)."

Again, that upward calling is a life of faith and discipleship. That upward calling is our vocation to look beyond the stumbles and suffering of this life and to eagerly anticipate the ultimate joy of eternal life with Christ Jesus. It is precisely this upward calling that inspired Jesus to persevere in the wilderness, along the road to Jerusalem, at the pillar, and finally on the Cross. Let us follow the Lord wherever he leads us. Let us pray for the courage to persevere in prayer, fellowship, and service to God and to each other. And let us pray for the grace to fulfill our upward calling to look beyond this life to the bliss of life in heaven. Amen!

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday Mornings · 6:30am · Parish Center**

The Men's Fellowship meets every Saturday morning at 6:30am in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus). All are invited to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work together on deepening our faith and personal relationships with Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or [albiemitchell@me.com](mailto:albiemitchell@me.com). Please join us! All are welcome!

### ADULT CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY

**Wednesdays · 7:00pm · Saint Ann Church**

Saint Augustine once wrote: "To sing is to pray twice." This is especially true when our Adult Choir sings at Mass or performs at special events during the year. Under the direction of Thomas Misuraca and LuAnn Palazolla, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Music Ministry meets for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church. The members of our music ministry offer their own personal gifts of time and talent to praise and thank the Lord for his abundant blessings. And all members acknowledge that they belong to a ministry that strives to praise God through prayer, fellowship, and music. For more information about becoming a part of this beautiful and important ministry in our parishes, please contact Tom Misuraca, Associate Minister of Music at 978-281-4820 or [tmisuraca@ccgronline.com](mailto:tmisuraca@ccgronline.com). New members are always welcome! Please join us!

### YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY

**Tuesdays at 5:00pm · Saint Ann Church**

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for practice and rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. The Youth Choir, along with an ensemble of talented young instrumentalists, sings every weekend during Mass at one of our three churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our Youth Choir & Music Ministry welcomes new members (ranging in age from kindergarten through eighth grade). Singing in the choir is a great way to make new friends and participate in the life of our parishes! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at [pnatti@comcast.net](mailto:pnatti@comcast.net) or leave a message by calling 978-281-4820. All are welcome!

### BRINGING HOME THE WORD

**Join us: [ccgronline.com/news](http://ccgronline.com/news)**

Bringing Home the Word is a weekly worship resource for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. A new edition is posted every Saturday morning on our website: [ccgronline.com/news](http://ccgronline.com/news). Join us!

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

### EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL

**LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join our young disciples (grades 3 and up) for our Eighteenth Annual Live Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church. All are welcome to pray with us as a faithful and faith-filled group of our young fellow parishioners reenact Christ's journey to the Holy Cross using traditional readings, prayers, and beautiful music. For more information about this deeply moving annual tradition, please contact Sue Demetri at [sdemetri2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sdemetri2000@yahoo.com) or 978-282-5096. Please show your support for our young disciples! Please join us! Bring your family and friends! All are invited! All are welcome!

### SPRING VACATION CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP

**THE VATICAN EXPRESS**

**Begins Tuesday, April 19th 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 our first-ever Spring Vacation Catholic Kids Camp, entitled "The Vatican Express", from Tuesday, April 19th through Friday, April 22nd from 8:00am until 12:30pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, children will learn about the traditions and treasures of the Vatican through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and easy-to-make crafts.

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program for children is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available to those who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are invited to join us as volunteers! For more information, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). Please join us! All are welcome!

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 3rd · Saint Ann Church**

On April 3rd, all are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for Divine Mercy Sunday from 2:00pm until 3:30pm in Saint Ann Church. Our program of prayer will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration at 2:00pm; the Holy Rosary at 2:30pm; and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. We will conclude with Daytime Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30pm. Please join us for all or part of this special celebration of God's love and mercy! For more information, please contact Jane Russo at [jlrusso333@hotmail.com](mailto:jlrusso333@hotmail.com) or 978-430-7196. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

### OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE

**Monday, March 14th · Our Lady's Hall · 7:00pm**

All parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, March 14th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. As always, the "Penny Sale" will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, delicious homemade sweet bread, along with other delicious food and snacks. Donations will be accepted at Our Lady's Rectory on Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am until 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Galvin at [lingalv2010@gmail.com](mailto:lingalv2010@gmail.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND CAKE SALE March 19th – March 20th

After all weekend Masses at Holy Family Parish on Saturday, March 19th & Sunday, March 20th, the Women's Guild of Holy Family Parish will sponsor its Fifth Annual Palm Sunday Cake Sale. Our offerings will include Easter Cakes, along with our usual selection of delicious cookies and pastries. So, don't make a mess in your kitchen! Let the Holy Family Women's Guild bake for you! All donations will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds will benefit Holy Family Parish. For more information, please contact Janet Lucido at [jml3485@aol.com](mailto:jml3485@aol.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome! And thank you for your ongoing support!

### THE ASSISI PROJECT

#### PALM SUNDAY WITH SAINT FRANCIS

**Sunday, March 20th · Begins with Mass at 11:45am**

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit that is dedicated to helping adults more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. Our next gathering is scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 20th beginning with Mass at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, we will adjourn to Our Lady's Hall for a light lunch. At 3:00pm, we will gather again in Our Lady's Church where Cliff will offer a brief reflection about Saint Francis's devotion to the Crucified Christ and we will conclude by praying "A Franciscan Way of the Cross." If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff at [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820 by March 18th. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

### ASSISI PROJECT ONLINE

#### The Litany of the Five Wounds of Christ

Composed by Saint Clare of Assisi  
Join us: [assisiproject.com](http://assisiproject.com)!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### FATHER JIM'S FIVE DOLLAR CHALLENGE HOLY FAMILY GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION Goal: \$75,000 · Raised: \$61,018

The Grand Annual Collection is a vitally important component of our annual budget. It helps balance our parish budget by bridging the gap between our weekly collections and our overall financial obligations. So far, parishioners at Holy Family Parish have donated more than \$61,000 (approximately 81%) toward our goal of \$75,000. Thank you for your generous support!

Currently, nearly 3,600 families are registered as parishioners in Holy Family Parish. At this point, if every family gave just \$5 during the next two weeks, we would reach and exceed our goal by Easter Sunday! Donations can be mailed to the parish office or dropped in the basket during our second collection on Palm Sunday Weekend. Please join me in praying that each of us, according to our means, will give generously to this year's Grand Annual Collection for Holy Family Parish! Peace, blessings, and thanks to all! – Father Jim

### THE LEGION OF MARY

**Tuesdays at 4:00pm · Parish Center**

Founded in Ireland in 1921, the Legion of Mary is an international fellowship of lay men and women who volunteer their time, talents, and prayers under the banner of the Blessed Virgin Mary by practicing the "spiritual works of mercy" in our parish communities. The Legion's primary apostolate is to visit and pray with our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. In addition, members also serve in many other volunteer ministries in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Campus) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of faith formation under the guidance of their spiritual director. For more information about the Legion of Mary, please contact Joan Foster at [ajay7@verizon.net](mailto:ajay7@verizon.net); Sue Demetri at [sdemetri2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sdemetri2000@yahoo.com); or leave a message by call our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

### DAILY PRAYER RESOURCES

**Join us: [ccgrounline.com/prayer](http://ccgrounline.com/prayer)**

Our website feature links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are 90 second reflections based on the daily and weekend Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also includes a link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online. So, please join us each day for a few moments of prayer, reflection, and inspiration at [ccgrounline.com/prayer](http://ccgrounline.com/prayer)!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****MARCH 12 - MARCH 20, 2016**

<b>Saturday, March 12</b>	<b>Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Lillian Morendo
6:00pm · OLGV	Claudia Greeley
<b>Sunday, March 13</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Reverend Cornelius Mullaney
8:15am · Saint Ann	Rosaria & Giuseppe Cambria
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William, Rose, Charles & John Morrison
11:45am · OLGV	Lena, Michael & Sebastian Lovasco
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>Fifth Week of Lent</b>
Monday, March 14 8:00am · OLGV	George Moniz
Tuesday, March 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John Barbosa
Wednesday, March 16 8:00am · OLGV	Kay Ellis
Thursday, March 17 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Elizabeth, Rammy & Neil Ramsden
Friday, March 18 8:00am · OLGV	Leonardo de Castro
Saturday, March 19 8:00am · Saint Ann	Maria, Sebastian & Salvatore Ciolino
<b>Saturday, March 19</b>	<b>Vigil · Palm Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	John & Mary Garvey
6:00pm · OLGV	Antone & Matilda Santos
<b>Sunday, March 20</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Jeremiah Kiely
8:15am · Saint Ann	Paul LeBlanc
10:00am · Saint Joachim	James Brady, Sr.
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of March 5th - March 6th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$5,839.00
Electronic Donations	\$994.00
Total Offerings	\$6,833.00
Second Collection (Easter Flowers)	\$1,320.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$61,018.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of March 5th - March 6th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$2,902.00
Electronic Donations	\$28.00
Total Offerings:	\$2,930.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$29,575.00

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

**PARISH PAY****ELECTRONIC GIVING: SAFE & EASY****Now Offered at Both Parishes!**

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. At [parishpay.com](http://parishpay.com), donations can be made on a one-time or ongoing basis. It takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. For more information about electronic giving in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit [parishpay.com](http://parishpay.com) or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com). Thank you!

**SANCTUARY GIFTS**

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary lamps, and altar gifts (hosts and 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 lamp is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Nicholas Rano & Patricia Scannell  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

For more information about donating sanctuary gifts in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at [office@ccgronline.com](mailto:office@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!