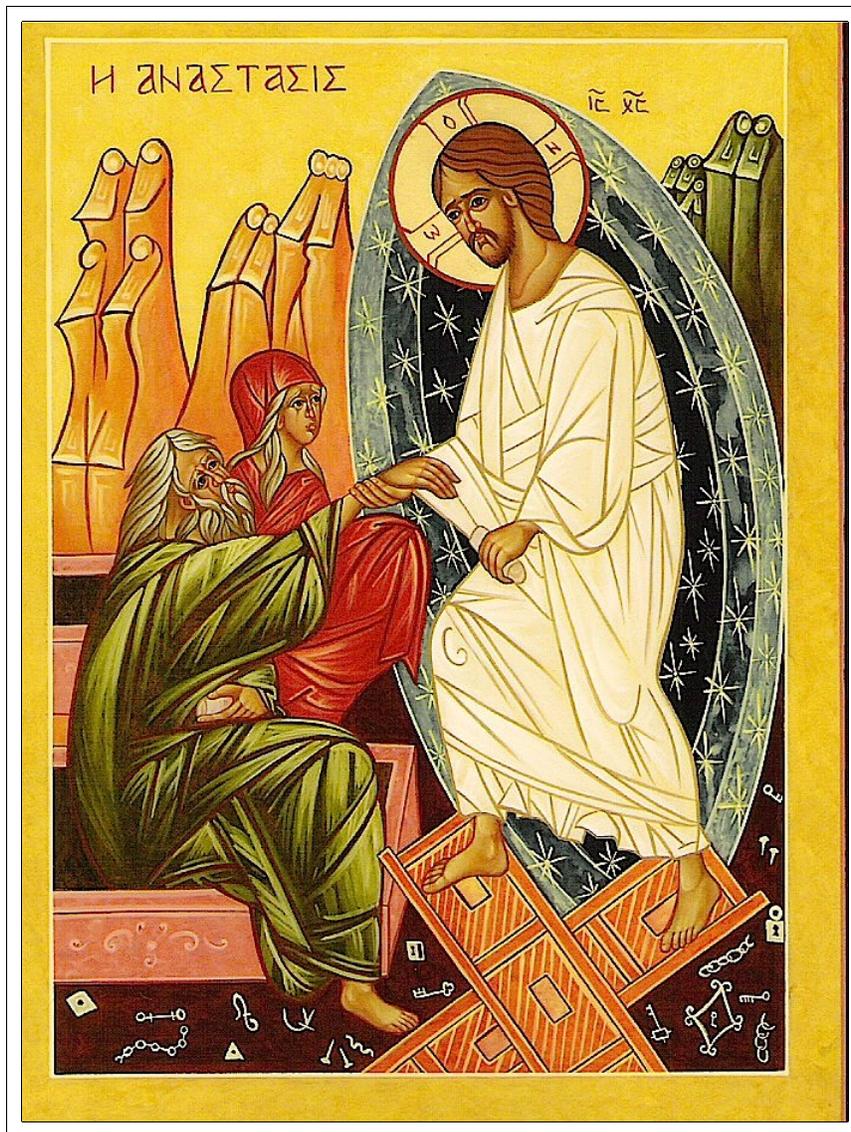


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
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## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE



### A REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

By Cliff Garvey

“Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger,  
you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted;  
but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,  
and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.

And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

John 21:18-19

As most parishioners already know, Rudy Macchi passed away two weeks ago after a brave battle with cancer. Rudy was a successful businessman, father, grandfather, friend, fellow parishioner, and community leader. He had a contagious smile, a mischievous sense of humor, and a lively spirit that will be long remembered by all those lucky enough to know him. Although I knew Rudy for less than two years, we bonded as friends during last fall's Assisi Project pilgrimage to Italy where we walked together in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare.

Rudy's death prompted me to pray and think deeply about this weekend's reading from Saint John's Gospel, especially its last two verses (John 21:18-19). In this passage, Jesus says to Peter and the other disciples: “Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go (John 21:18).” With these words, Jesus foretells the martyrdom by crucifixion that Peter would suffer years later at the hands of the Roman authorities. Jesus also teaches us about a lesson about life. When we are young and healthy, we are able and expected to take care of ourselves; and we enjoy the freedom to make the most of the life that is given to us. But when we grow old or get sick, we must depend on others to assist us with even the simplest of tasks like getting dressed.

The Lord also offers us the striking observation that when we are aged, ill, or facing some serious challenge, we will be called, like Peter, to stretch out our arms on the cross. In this way, Jesus reminds us that true discipleship involves carrying the cross, our own particular cross. Some of us will be called to carry the cross of old age. Some will be called to carry the cross of addiction and recovery. Some will be called to carry the cross of poverty or unemployment. Some will be called to carry the cross of loneliness or alienation from family, friends, and colleagues. And some, like Rudy Macchi, will be called to carry the cross of cancer or some other chronic or terminal illness. Whatever our own individual cross may look like, it always seems to us like the cross of Christ — because it is.

Nobody wants to carry the cross of suffering. Nobody wants to make the long journey to Calvary. Nobody in their right mind derives pleasure from humiliation or pain. But Jesus teaches his disciples, then and now, that suffering is part of life's journey, regardless of whether that journey is long or short. Jesus shares this tough grace and embraces the reality that his own earthly life would end on the cross. Rudy's life ended on the cross of cancer. Yours and mine will also end on the cross: whether it's the cross of old age, addiction, poverty, loneliness, or illness. Jesus shared this difficult life lesson with Peter and the other disciples. Jesus shares it with us now. Ultimately, Jesus will beckon to each and every one of us: “Follow me (John 21:19).”

Jesus calls us to lift high the cross that we have been asked to carry and to follow him wherever he leads us. Of course, we pray that where he leads will not be too hard or lonely or painful, but we know from experience that life can be hard. And yet, we do not despair. We believe. We hope. We love despite the rough road ahead because we know in our hearts that there's life beyond the cross. Even when we suffer or fall under the weight of the cross, we know that Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior, will lift us up, lead us forward, and ultimately welcome us into his eternal kingdom.

Last week during the Mass of Christian Burial for Rudy Macchi, we sang a hymn whose lyrics offer us a beautiful response to Christ's call to follow him: “Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.” Let us pray for the soul of our friend, Rudy Macchi, and for the souls of all who have passed from this life carrying their cross. And let us pray that the Lord and all of the saints will lead us beyond this life in an eternal procession of crosses to the new life that never ends. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



### 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: The Vatican Express, from Tuesday, April 19th through Friday, April 22nd from 8:00am until 12:00pm 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.

Day I: Tuesday, April 19th  
Pope Francis: Our Holy Father

Day II: Wednesday, April 20th  
The Crossed Keys: Saint Peter and the Popes

Day III: Thursday, April 21st  
The Holy Eucharist: Our Greatest Treasure

Day IV: Friday, April 22nd  
The Monstrance: Becoming a Missionary for Jesus

Each day of the Vatican Express 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, Betsy Works and a 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 new and old. The Vatican Express is a fun, thought-provoking, and faith-based program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative spring vacation 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 welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! For more information about our Spring Vacation Catholic Kids Camp: The Vatican Express, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). Please join us! All are welcome!

#### MORE ONLINE!

Join us: [ccgronline.com/formation!](http://ccgronline.com/formation!)

## PASTOR'S NOTE

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION Goal: \$75,000 · Donations: \$78,246

Each year, we ask parishioners in Holy Family Parish to contribute what they can to our Grand Annual Collection. This collection is a vitally important component of our parish's annual budget. It helps us to balance the budget by bridging the gap between the weekly collections at Mass and our overall financial obligations. It helps us to pay for the salaries and benefits of our priests and pastoral team. It helps us to pay for our insurance and utility bills. It helps us maintain and restore our historic buildings and plow our parking lots. And it help fund essential parish programs like adult and youth faith formation.

This year, our goal at Holy Family Parish was to raise \$75,000 during the Grand Annual Collection. Thanks to fellow parishioners just like you, we reached and surpassed our goal by raising \$78,246 after a final push just before the beginning of the Easter Season. Alleluia! Alleluia! Your support, especially during the past few weeks, has been both amazing and inspiring! And your generosity enables us to continue the good work we have begun in reimagining and rebuilding our youth faith formation program; repairing and refurbishing our parish hall; and paving the way for the restoration of the tower and east front of Saint Ann Church.

All parishioners are reminded that electronic giving is now available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Via ParishPay, it is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time-only or ongoing basis, and 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), see me before or after Mass, or contact me at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com).

In the coming weeks and months, I will continue to share with you important financial news in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Until then, please pray for me, for our pastoral team, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Please pray that God will bless both of our parishes with parishioners like you who are dedicated to living the Gospel, sharing God's love, and rebuilding the Church. And please pray in thanksgiving for all who share their time, talent, and treasure with our parishes. Your ongoing generosity and support are true gifts from the Lord! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray

Pope Francis was asked recently in an interview about his favorite way of praying. In response, the Holy Father replied: "What I truly prefer is Eucharistic Adoration in the evening, even when I am distracted or think of other things, or even fall asleep while praying. In the evening, between seven and eight o'clock, I pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament."

Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient and prayerful devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers four opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Monday Evenings at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm-8:00pm); Thursday Evenings at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm-7:30pm); and Tuesday and Thursday Mornings at Saint Joachim Church (8:30am-10:00am). For more information, please see Father Jim or contact Jane Russo at 978-281-4820 or jlrusso333@hotmail.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

#### Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and needy on Cape Ann. During the winter months, our "Clothes Closet" is open only on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. In addition, our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry needs the following items:

Canned Chicken or Ham · Chicken or Tuna Helper  
Mayonnaise · Instant Potatoes · Canned Stew  
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup · Chef Boyardee  
Peanut Butter & Jelly · Jarred Pasta Sauce  
Canned Tuna · Crackers · Canned Juice

Donation envelopes are also located at the entrances of our churches and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish center. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Annette Kennedy at 978-283-1268 or 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!

### MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

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Follow us on Twitter: [@ccgronline](https://twitter.com/ccgronline)!

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

#### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

#### Celebrations of First Holy Communion

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith community's joy and the center of our life of prayer, fellowship, and service. This spring season, after almost one year of prayer, preparation, and study, sixty-two students in our youth faith formation program will receive the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord for the first time.

As our annual celebrations of First Holy Communion continue, all parishioners are encouraged to be mindful of our remaining schedule: Sunday, April 10th at the 11:45am Mass in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; Sunday, April 16th at the 4:00pm Mass in Saint Ann Church; and Sunday, April 17th at the 8:15am Mass in Saint Ann Church.

For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). As we make final preparations for First Holy Communion, please pray for all of our young disciples, their parents, families, and catechists! Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support!

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

#### RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for CHILDREN

#### Begins Sunday, April 10th at 3:30pm

If you have a child or grandchild who has completed the second grade in school but has not received either the Sacraments of Baptism or First Holy Communion, we have a special program just for them! Beginning this Sunday, April 10th, from 3:30pm until 4:45pm in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Campus), Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead an eight week program of preparation for our younger disciples who for one reason or another have not yet received the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information about this special youth faith formation program, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). Please pray for all of our young disciples and their parents, grandparents, and godparents!

### YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Our 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 instrumentalists, sings every weekend during Mass at one of our three churches: Saint Ann, Saint Joachim, and Our Lady of Good Voyage. For more information, please contact Patty Natti at [pnatti@comcast.net](mailto:pnatti@comcast.net) or 978-281-4820. Singing in the choir is a great way for young disciples to make new friends and to participate in the life of our parishes! New members are always welcome!

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### A PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY Let Us Pray with Our Holy Father!

In honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has written a special prayer to bring us closer to our merciful Lord through the inspiration of the scriptures and the grace of the Triune God. So, together with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and with fellow Christians and people of goodwill around the world, let us raise our hearts and voices in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful  
like the heavenly Father,  
and you have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew  
from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Mary Magdalene  
from seeking happiness in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,  
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
"If you knew the gift of God!"  
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all  
by forgiveness and mercy.  
Let the Church be your visible face in the world,  
its Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers  
would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those  
in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them  
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
and consecrate every one of us with his anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy  
may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;  
you who live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen!

### THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ONLINE!

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

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturdays at 6:30am · Parish Center

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tuesday, April 12th · 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 continues to be an organization dedicated to the mutual assistance of its members and their families, but also reaches out to the disabled, the sick, and the poor. In addition, the Knights sponsor educational, charitable, and religious programs throughout the year.

Council 215 serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Our next meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus). For more information, please contact Mark Natti at [grandknight@kofc215.com](mailto:grandknight@kofc215.com). New members are always welcome! Please join us!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE Saturday, April 16th · 9:00am-3:00pm

On Saturday, April 16th from 9:00am until 3:00pm, the Knights of Columbus of Gloucester & Rockport (Council 215) and the Boy Scouts will hold their annual food drive to benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. We will be collecting non-perishable canned goods and food at the following locations: Rite Aid in Rockport; Market Basket at Gloucester Crossing; and Shaw's Supermarket on Eastern Avenue in Gloucester. For more information this special annual event, please contact Mark Natti at [grandknight@kofc215.com](mailto:grandknight@kofc215.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

### ONLINE PRAYER RESOURCES Join us: [ccgronline.com/prayer/](http://ccgronline.com/prayer/)

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

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**APRIL 9 - APRIL 17, 2016**

<b>Saturday, April 9</b>	<b>Vigil · Third Sunday of Easter</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Isabella & Giovanni Bonina
6:00pm · OLGV	John Madruga
<b>Sunday, April 10</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Charlotte Aikens & Helen Korpi & Sons
8:15am · Saint Ann	Arthur Marshall
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William Waddleton
11:45am · OLGV	First Holy Communion
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>Third Week of Easter</b>
Monday, April 11 8:00am · OLGV	Corey McCollum & Salvatore Albano
Tuesday, April 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend John McCormick
Wednesday, April 13 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend Henry Cicale
Thursday, April 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, April 15 8:00am · OLGV	Oswald Ajavon
Saturday, April 16 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
<b>Saturday, April 16</b>	<b>Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	First Holy Communion
6:00pm · OLGV	Anna Lucido and Margaret, Giuseppe & John Giacalone
<b>Sunday, April 17</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Herman Surette
8:15am · Saint Ann	First Holy Communion
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Alycia Mazzeo
11:45am · OLGV	Deceased Members of the Wilkins & Silva Families
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**Weekend of April 2nd - April 3rd**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$5,498.00
Electronic Donations	\$1,028.00
Total Offerings	\$6,526.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$78,246.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**  
**Weekend of April 2nd - April 3rd**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$2,523.00
Electronic Donations	\$28.00
Total Offerings	\$2,551.00
Second Collection	\$1,046.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$31,029.00

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

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Wilkins Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Mary MacEachern  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann 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 or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

**PASTOR'S NOTE**  
**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

All requested submissions to our weekly newsletter are due on Friday by 12:00pm, one full week before the following Sunday's publication. All requests regarding parish events must include a date, time, location, and contact information (name, phone, and email). All requests should be sent to Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com. Priority is given to programs and events within the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport; and all requests may be edited for content and style. For more information, please contact Father Jim. Thank you!