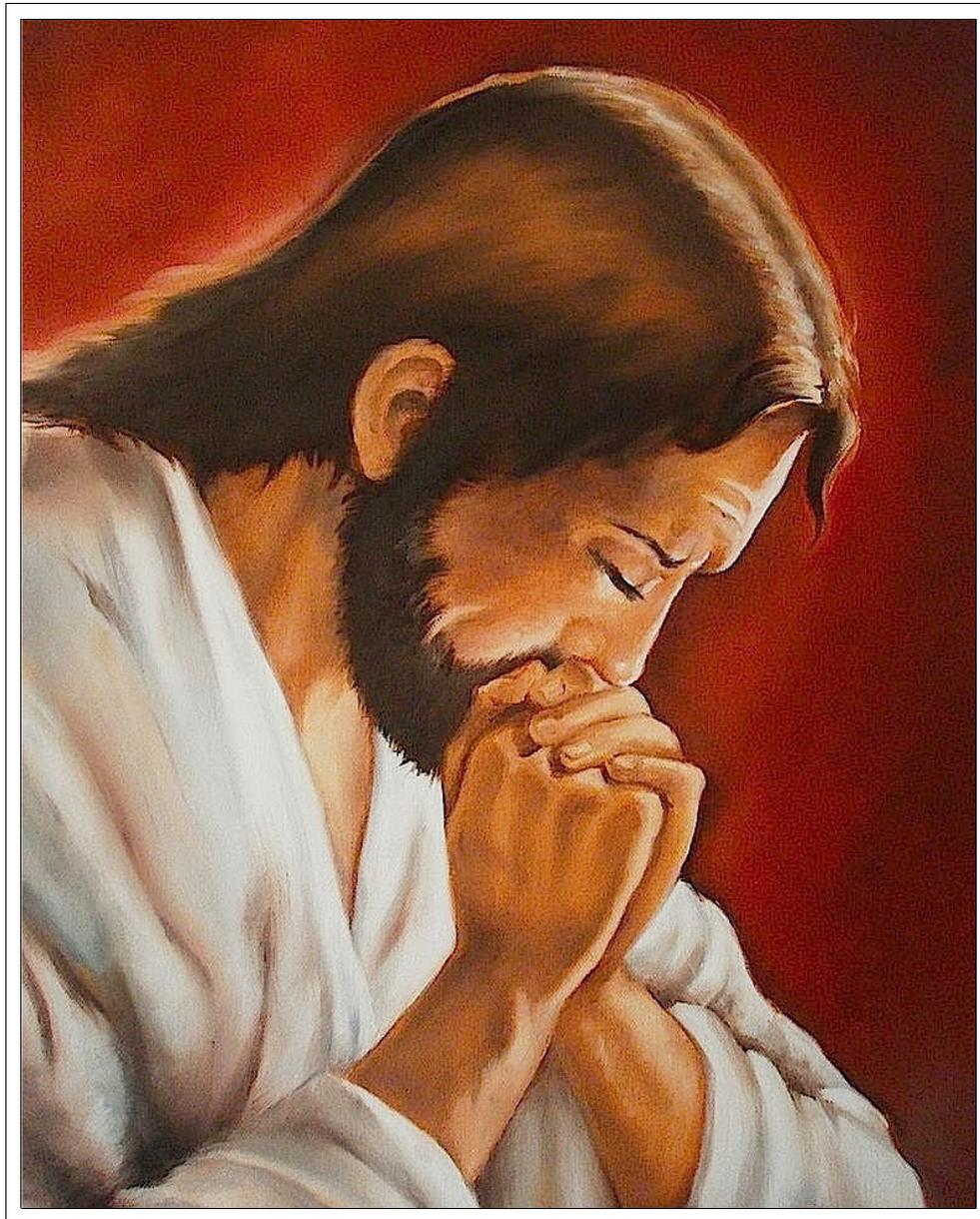


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Celebrating Two Years as a Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

THE HEARTBEAT OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

Philippians 4:6

Two years ago, my life changed. Not by accident. Not by chance. But by choice. By simply saying "yes." Two years ago, my life changed when Cardinal Sean asked me to become pastor of the newly created collaborative between two historic parishes: Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. When I said "yes" to the Cardinal's invitation, did I know what I was getting into? Did I anticipate how much my life would change? Did I fully appreciate the demands of being a pastor in this new era of evangelization? Did I understand the weight of the cross of discipleship that would be handed to me here in Gloucester and Rockport? No, I did not. But did I embrace that cross with eagerness, energy, and joy? Anyone who knows me knows the answer to this last question: "Yes!"

This weekend marks the second anniversary of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. It is hard to believe that two years have passed already. It is hard to believe how much life has changed for me, my family, and my closest friends. As you know, I love my work. I love my ministry. I truly love being a priest. At the same time, I miss my family and my friends. As a parochial vicar, I saw my parents and godparents almost every day. I saw my brother and sister, and my nieces and nephew almost every week. And I saw my closest friends in "The Loop" almost every month. It's harder now. The demands of being a pastor, the distance, and the cross of discipleship make it more difficult to see and spend quality time with those who mean so much to me.

Don't feel badly for me! Although I carry a heavy cross, I am supported by the love and prayers of my family, my friends, and our fellow parishioners! And those prayers mean everything to me! Truth be told, I struggle with prayer. As a young child, it seemed so easy to pray. Each night after dinner, we prayed the Rosary as a family. Each weekend, we went to Mass as a family. And at the seminary, we prayed as a community every morning, every evening, and every day at Mass. But the daily demands of being both priest and pastor sometimes make it difficult for me to sit down, slow down, quiet down, and find the time necessary to pray. If you are raising a family, running a business, or working hard to make ends meet, then you may share in this struggle to pray.

Why do I mention this personal struggle with prayer? What is the connection between my struggle and our second anniversary as a community of disciples? What is the connection between my spiritual life and our spiritual life as a community of disciples? The answer is simple. Prayer is the center, the core, and the foundation of everything we do. Prayer is the source of our relationship with the Risen Lord. Prayer is the origin of our faith, our hope, and our love for Christ and for each other. Prayer is our lifeline in times of sorrow or stress. Prayer is our joy during times of blessing and happiness. Prayer is the heartbeat of discipleship.

Without prayer, how can we hope to carry the cross that has been given to us? How can we hope to be a good parent, a good friend, a good employee, a good person, or a good pastor? How can we hope to fulfill the commandment to love God and to love others? By making a personal commitment to daily prayer, we accept an invitation to sit at the feet of Christ Jesus, who is our brother, our friend, our teacher, and our savior. By making a personal commitment to daily prayer, we grow closer to the Son of God, who lived, suffered, died, and rose for our sake. And by making a personal commitment to daily prayer, we grow closer to each other as friends, neighbors, and fellow disciples. We grow closer as a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service.

As I begin my third year as your pastor, I make this solemn commitment: to pray every day for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport; to pray for our pastoral team and for all who have embraced the cross of discipleship in our parishes; and to pray for those who joyfully strive to live the gospel, to share God's love, and to rebuild the Church. I also make this solemn commitment: to pray every day for those who gossip, who seek to tear down, and who struggle to embrace change and renewal in parish life. Finally, I make this solemn commitment: to pray every day for the grace to be a good disciple, a good man, a good priest, and a good pastor. I beg you to join me in making prayer the center of our lives as individual disciples and as fellow parishioners. As we forge ahead together, please accept my humble and sincerest thanks for your ongoing encouragement, kindness, and support; for your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure; and most especially for your prayers for me, for our pastoral team, and for our parish communities. Thank you! May God bless you now and always!

Peace, blessings, and sincere thanks to all,
Father Jim

PASTORAL TEAM NEWS

PASTOR'S NOTE WELCOME, CLAIRE MURPHY!

As your pastor, I am responsible for both the spiritual and temporal well-being of our parishes. That means that in addition to being a shepherd of souls, I am also accountable for the financial stability of our parishes. Before my ordination to the priesthood, I studied math in college and worked at a bank. In addition, my hardworking parents taught me a great deal about how to balance a family budget, make ends meet, and save for the future. Although I am not an accountant or a financial expert, these experiences help me to appreciate the financial challenges and opportunities facing our two parishes.

During the past four months, I have become (by necessity) more intimately involved in the day-to-day financial management of our two parishes. This time of transition was made easier by the very able and dedicated members of our Finance Councils: Patricia Bertero, Jean Madruga, and Ann Marie Noble at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish; and Joseph Grella, Robert Krause, Rosa Ladd, Sheila McCarthy, and the late Rudy Macchi at Holy Family Parish. Their gifts of time and talent should be applauded and much appreciated by every single parishioner in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

I am now delighted to announce that Claire Murphy has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for Finance. Claire has more than thirty years of experience in banking, consulting, fundraising, and non-profit management. She has been a small business owner, community volunteer, and catechist in her home parish's youth faith formation program. Claire and I have known each other for more than ten years. And I am confident that she will make an outstanding addition to our pastoral team.

Finding the right person to assist me and our Finance Councils in ensuring the long-term financial stability of our parishes was not an easy task. And I am grateful for the advice, assistance, and support of many fellow parishioners and pastoral team members who helped with this process, especially Patty Bertero, Cliff Garvey, Joe Grella, and Rosa Ladd. I am also grateful to Jane Russo and Lori Thorstensen who have worked very hard during the past month to envision and prepare an office for Claire.

On behalf of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, I warmly welcome Claire Murphy to our parishes and pastoral team. I ask you to pray for her as she begins her all-important ministry as our Administrative Assistant for Finance. And I ask you to continue to pray for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PASTOR'S CHALLENGE



PASTOR'S CHALLENGE SAINT ANN CHURCH HALL Chairs & Tables Fundraising Campaign Goal: \$7,500

Since last fall, Michael Horgan, our buildings and facilities manager, and a team of dedicated local carpenters, masons, painters, and technicians have been working hard to repair and renovate Saint Ann Church Hall for both our use and for future generations of parishioners.

During the last six months, our team identified and repaired cracks in the foundation of the church that allowed moisture and water to leak into the church building threatening to undermine both the structural integrity of the hall and our priceless stained glass windows. They painted the hall for the first time in many decades. A new heating system and a new tile floor were professionally installed. This project was funded largely by rental income from the former parish school and was unanimously approved by our finance council.

Please keep in mind that renovations to the entrances, bathrooms, and kitchen will come next. But at this point, our renovation of the church hall is nearly complete! We now need your help to finish the job! Our current stock of folding chairs and event tables are in poor condition and should be replaced for both aesthetic and safety reasons. Each new folding chair will cost approximately \$30 and each new table will cost approximately \$100.

This weekend, a second collection will be taken at all weekend Masses in Holy Family Parish (Saint Ann Church and Saint Joachim Church). Our goal is to raise at least \$7,500 for new folding chairs and lightweight (but durable) folding event tables for Saint Ann Church Hall. Donations can also be sent directly to Father Jim at 60 Prospect Street, Gloucester, MA 01930.

Your prayers and generous support for this "Pastor's Challenge" fundraiser will be much appreciated by all who visit our hall and by all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! Thank you in advance for your prayers and support! If you have any questions, please remember that you are always welcome to contact Father Jim by phone at 978-281-4820 or by e-mail at frjim@ccgronline.com. Thank you!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, June 5th · 6:30pm · Our Lady's Hall

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is an organization of adult men which was founded to support our parish through fundraising and volunteer service. The Holy Name Society meets on the first Sunday evening of each month in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, June 5th at 6:30pm. New members are always welcome! For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass

All are cordially invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary every morning immediately after our 8:00am Daily Mass. 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 powerful intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world.

Daily Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8:00am; in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturday mornings at 8:00am. For more information, please see Father Jim or contact him at frjim@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE SUMMER FAIR

Saturday, June 18th · 9:00am-1:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for our annual Summer Fair on Saturday, June 18th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Highlights will include a fried dough breakfast, freshly baked Portuguese sweet bread, homemade desserts and snacks, and an outdoor bounce house for children! In addition, the Summer Fair will feature for sale original works of art by our fellow parishioner, Theresa Wonsom, and her friends, the Mount Vernon Street Artists. Last but not least, all are welcome to browse our boutique items and yard sale!

Donations and volunteers for our Summer Fair are needed and most welcome! Donations for the yard sale can be brought to Our Lady of Good Voyage Hall during the week from 9:00am until 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com; or Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

LIVING THE WORKS OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has said that mercy is the "fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life." This Year of Mercy is an invitation for us to look sincerely into the eyes of those around us, to recognize their needs, and to act accordingly.

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called us to rediscover these Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as a way of living more deeply as disciples of Christ Jesus in the true spirit of the Gospel. Each month, Pope Francis asks us to pray for both a "universal" prayer intention and an "evangelization" prayer intention.

Throughout the year, Pope Francis will also offer us "spiritual exercises" or ways of living out the Works of Mercy in communion with his monthly intentions, with fellow parishioners, and with believers throughout the world. The Holy Father's monthly intentions & spiritual exercises will be printed in our bulletin and posted online at ccgrronline.com/mercy.

June 2016

Universal Prayer Intention: Human Solidarity

We pray that the elderly, the lonely, and the poor find opportunities for encounter, support, and solidarity.

Corporal Work of Mercy: Bury the Dead

Attend the wake or funeral of someone who may not have family or friends present. Bring an elderly friend, neighbor, or relative to visit the grave of a loved one.

June 2016

Evangelization Prayer: Seminarians & Novices

We pray for men and women entering religious life, that they might have mentors who live the Gospel and prepare them well for their vocations.

Spiritual Work of Mercy: Counsel the Doubtful

Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood & religious life. Contact a local religious community or seminary and inquire about how you might help to promote vocations.

As we celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy and live out the Works of Mercy under the Holy Father's guidance, let us pray for the grace to live the Gospel, to share God's love and mercy, and to build up the Church!

MORE ONLINE!

Join us: ccgrronline.com/mercy

For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, including our easy-to-use Guides to Making a Good Confession and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, please visit our website: ccgrronline.com/mercy.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FATHER JIM'S SUMMER ART CONTEST Calling Young Disciples!

All young disciples (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in Father Jim's Summer Art Contest by creating an original work of art based on the theme that "Jesus Is Our Teacher!" Submissions should be no smaller than 8 by 11 inches and no larger than 18 by 24 inches; created, colored, drawn, or painted by hand; and depicting one of the following images of Jesus:

Christ the Teacher
Christ the Good Shepherd
The Divine Mercy
The Face of Christ

All original art projects are due by Friday, September 2nd and will be judged by Father Jim and a committee of judges! The winning submission will be professionally framed and displayed prominently in our pastoral office! Coloring sheets (for younger children) and suggested icon images (for older children) can be found on our website at ccgronline.com/formation. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

ASSISI PROJECT SPRING RAFFLE LOVING KINDNESS HANDPAINTED ICON Final Weekend! Tickets Still Available!

Now through Sunday, June 5th, the Assisi Project is sponsoring a Spring Raffle for a beautiful handpainted icon of our Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus, often referred to as the "Loving Kindness" or "Sweet Kisses" icon because it so beautifully depicts the love and tenderness between Our Lady and her son.

Throughout the Christian world, icons are venerated as windows into heaven and are known to be instruments of God's grace and divine miracles. This particular icon was handcrafted in Greece using traditional tempera paint and gold leaf, and is covered with a protective varnish. It was blessed by Father Jim, but it was also blessed on the relics of Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker, a third century saint whose incorrupt relics are believed to be the source of many miracles. The icon can be seen on our website at ccgronline.com/news.

Proceeds will be shared with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 worth of tickets! A donation of \$1.00 per ticket is requested. Tickets can be purchased after most weekend Masses in Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish; or by contacting Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. The winner of the icon raffle will be drawn by Father Jim on Sunday, June 5th. Thank you for your generous support of the Assisi Project's Spring Raffle!

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 (Saint Ann Church Campus). New members are always welcome to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work on deepening our personal relationships with Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

ASSISI PROJECT ONLINE MARY'S SONG OF MERCY, PART II Join us: assisiproject.com!

If you were unable to attend our recent Day of Prayer & Reflection but would like to read Cliff Garvey's reflections on the Blessed Mother's life of prayer and discipleship, please join us at assisiproject.com for "Mary's Song of Mercy, Part I: The Annunciation" and "Mary's Song of Mercy, Part II: The Visitation." For more information or a printed copy of these reflections, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. May the Lord give you peace, now and always!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD END OF YEAR CELEBRATION Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30pm

All are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for its "End of the Year Celebration" on Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Dinner will be served for members and guests. A donation of \$10.00 per person is requested from our guests. In order to adequately plan for food and drink, please RSVP by calling Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 as soon as possible. Our End of the Year Celebration is a great opportunity to get together with both old and new friends, to welcome new members, and to share ideas about activities and events for "next year." Please join us! All are welcome!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Submissions to our weekly newsletter are due by 12:00pm on Friday, one full week before the following Sunday's publication. Priority is given to parish programs and events. Submissions for a program or event must include date, time, location, and contact information (name, phone number, and preferably an e-mail address). All proposed submissions may be edited for content and should be sent to Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support!

THIRD ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT Mark Your Calendar: August 8th-August 12th · 6:30pm! More information coming soon!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JUNE 4 - JUNE 12, 2016**

Saturday, June 4	Vigil · 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Mortillaro
6:00pm · OLGV	Joseph Parisi
Sunday, June 5	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Clement Aikens and Onni & Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Salvatore & Grace Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Salvatore Loiacano & Family
11:45am · OLGV	José Nunes da Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	10th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, June 6 8:00am · OLGV	Francesco Taormina
Tuesday, June 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Kevin Kane
Wednesday, June 8 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, June 9 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, June 10 8:00am · OLGV	Eileen Mailloux
Saturday, June 11 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
Saturday, June 11	Vigil · 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Frances & James Piraino
6:00pm · OLGV	John Carrancho
Sunday, June 12	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Herman J. Surette
8:15am · Saint Ann	Joseph & Nina Randazza and Salvatore Randazza (Son)
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Angela A. Vitale
11:45am · OLGV	João Adalberto Costa
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of May 28th - May 29th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$7,486.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,364.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,564.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of May 28th - May 29th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$3,467.00
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of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

PARISH PAY**Electronic Giving Made Easy!**

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. At ParishPay.com, it is easy and safe to make electronic donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time-only or on-going basis. For assistance or more information, please contact Claire Murphy at cmurphy@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

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 Ivana Parisi
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Michael Smith and Ed & Irene Griffin
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John Carrancho
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Clement Aikens
and Onni & Helen Korpi (Wedding Anniversary)
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

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