

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION & FINANCIAL REPORT
OUR GOAL: \$50,000**

Just over two years ago, Cardinal Sean O'Malley established the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as a collaborative of two historic parishes: Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Although our parishes share one pastor and pastoral team, each parish remains fully and canonically independent; maintains its own back accounts and accounting procedures; and continues to be solely responsible for its own bills, building maintenance, and pastoral programs. During the past two years, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish has been blessed in many ways. Despite necessary changes to our worship schedule, attendance is good and growing (especially among young adults and young families at our 11:45am Sunday Mass). Fundraising events and the Annual Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit remain successful both by raising needed funds and by building and strengthening our parish as a vibrant community of prayer, fellowship, and service. And although it sometimes has been difficult, parishioners from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are now praying together, working together, and helping each other to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church here in Gloucester and Rockport.

Despite these blessings, we face serious financial challenges at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For the second straight year, we have been unable to balance our budget. These imbalances have been caused by those necessary changes to our worship schedule; increasing costs associated with building maintenance; and the loss of an anonymous benefactor whose generous donations over the course of many years contributed to the financial stability of the parish. During the past two years, we have worked diligently to significantly reduce our operating costs across the board: wages and benefits, office administration and equipment, and especially utilities without diminishing the pastoral ministries of our parish. Despite these efficiencies and more professional accounting procedures, we are unable to balance our annual budget. This means that we have been forced again and again to use funds from our savings account in order to make ends meet on a weekly basis. Inserted into last week's bulletin was our Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2016 which summarized our actual income and expenses in various categories; and our budget for the coming fiscal year. This report is also posted on our website: ccgonline.com.

For these reasons, I am writing to ask all parishioners at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to help me raise \$50,000 during this year's Grand Annual Collection. This fundraising campaign is vitally important to our parish's annual budget and our long-term financial stability. It helps us bridge the gap between our weekly offerings and our financial obligations (such as salaries and benefits, insurance premiums, essential parish programs, routine building maintenance and repair, utilities, snow plowing, and stipends for our senior priests). Each year, we ask all parishioners to contribute whatever they can to our Grand Annual Collection. This year, it is especially important! Every contribution, whether it's \$10 or \$100, help us to achieve our goal of a balanced budget. Every penny raised goes directly to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Anyone who tells you something else is simply not telling the truth!

Every registered parish family has received an offertory envelope for the Grand Annual Collection. Please place your offering in the collection basket at Mass this weekend of September 10th and September 11th or mail it to me as soon as possible. Additional envelopes are available at the doors of the church. As our Grand Annual Collection begins, please join me in praying that each of us, according to our means, will give generously to this all-important fundraising effort. Finally, please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and encouragement during my second year as your pastor. Your kindness and support humble me and sustain me in my ministry. Please continue to pray for me, for our dedicated pastoral team, and for each other; and please know that you and your family are always in my prayers. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

REMEMBERING VICTIM 001

By Cliff Garvey

The morning of September 11, 2001 dawned brilliantly in New York City. The air was unseasonably crisp and clear. The sky was cloudless. But the brilliance of that late summer day was shattered by terrorists who hijacked passenger jets and crashed them into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. The emergency response to the attacks was immediate. Police, paramedic, port authority, and fire fighting units rushed to the scene. These first responders raced courageously into the burning towers. Among them was Father Mychal Judge, a Franciscan friar and priest, who served as senior chaplain of the New York City Fire Department.

Father Mike was widely known as a compassionate, outgoing, and relentlessly busy priest. In addition to Father Mike's active ministry as chaplain for the city's fire fighters and their families, he worked tirelessly with alcoholics, addicts, the homeless, and those living with HIV-AIDS and other chronic illnesses. Throughout his decades of ministry in New York City, Father Mike was a bright and cheerful presence, always ready with a joke, a sympathetic word, or a humorous story. On the morning of September 11th, however, Father Mike paced in the lobby of Tower One. Dressed in his firefighter's helmet and jacket, he stood clear of the first responders, fingered the beads of a rosary, and prayed. We know this because two documentary filmmakers were there and provided us with the last living images of a kind man and priest.

Suddenly, an unspeakable roar shook the earth. Tower Two was collapsing, turning one of the world's great skyscrapers into a twisted wreck of dust and debris. After the tower fell, those in the lobby of the other tower began a slow and steady evacuation. Amidst the dust and darkness, a flashlight illuminated the face of man who lay still and was buried under some rubble. It was Father Mike. No pulse. He was dead. Some firefighters carried his lifeless body to a nearby church and rested it near the altar. Father Mychal Judge was recorded as the first official casualty of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. He was "Victim 001."

In the years since Father Mike's death, some have petitioned for his canonization as a saint. Those who knew him best, however, seem more concerned with continuing his ministry rather than the possibility of sainthood. Some have founded charitable organizations in his memory. One of these charities is "Mychal's Message" which provides food, clothing, and everyday necessities for homeless people in New York City. Another is the "Mychal Judge Recovery Center" at Saint Anthony Shrine in Boston which provides counseling and other services for recovering addicts and their families.

Those of us who did not know Father Mike personally can still honor his memory and ministry by remembering and perhaps imitating his deep spirituality and his abiding faith in the Franciscan way of life. Like his patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, Father Mike always seemed busy. On a daily basis, he rushed from the bedside of an injured firefighter to the side of a recovering addict in crisis. Like Saint Francis, he reached out to those often shunned by modern society: drug users, AIDS patients, and the homeless. Like Saint Francis, most often because of his energy and zeal, he sometimes irritated those with power and authority. And because Father Mike's wardrobe often seemed so worn and threadbare, he often received gifts of clothing. More often than not, he gave those gifts away to the poor.

When we read about Father Mike's life and ministry, we may ask: how did he do it? How did he keep the pace? How did he accomplish so much? The life and example of Saint Francis can answer some of these questions. More than 800 years ago, Francis traveled widely, always on foot, and often barefoot, in his ministry to live and preach the gospel. He embarrassed his followers by his energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to imitating the life and ministry of Jesus. And like Jesus, Francis sometimes retreated from the world for prolonged periods of prayer and retreat. Father Mike, a truly modern man, but still a Franciscan, did the same. When Father Mike needed to re-fuel his spiritual engines, he retreated into the city he loved. He took long solitary walks from the friary in Manhattan to the outer boroughs across the Brooklyn Bridge. From that historic bridge, he could step back from the gritty and suffering streets of the city and gaze at the grandeur of the skyline. In an urban sense, he could see the whole of the forest, not just the trees. There, he would pray for himself and for the city and the people that he loved so much.

This weekend, we remember in prayer the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001 and their families. We pray for all who lost their lives and for those left behind. We pray for the soul of Father Mychal Judge and for all who were touched by his good works of faith, hope, and love. We pray for all who serve our communities as first responders and for all who serve our country in uniform. We pray for reconciliation and understanding between peoples and cultures. Last but certainly not least, we pray for peace in our troubled world.

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS PASTOR'S SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS

Last weekend, this year's Summer Carillon Recitals concluded at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport sincerely thank LuAnn Pallazola, who prepared and performed programs that included favorite hymns, classical music, international pieces, patriotic melodies, and children's songs.

We also thank Stephen H. Goodick and Sean Frost of W. Herbert Goodick Construction for repairing a carillon key before this summer's concerts. Their generous contribution of time and talent also contributed to the success of our summer recitals. Finally, thanks go to all who attended, applauded, and beeped horns at the recitals! For more information about the Carillon at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, September 11th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is a service-driven organization of men which was founded to support the parish through volunteering and fundraising. Its first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for this Sunday, September 11th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by our officers. Annual dues of \$20 will also be collected. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD

Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through fundraising, good works, prayer, and social events. The Guild's first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by our officers and directors. The requested offering is \$10 per person. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Linda Galvin at lingav2010@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are welcome!

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GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

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: Christ the Teacher, Christ the Good Shepherd, the Divine Mercy, or the Face of Christ

All original art projects are due by Friday, September 23rd 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 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PASTOR'S SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS

Awesome seems to be the most common response from parents, students, and volunteers in response to how they liked our latest Catholic Kids Camp: The Vatican Express, Part 3. One of our young disciples even announced to his mom that he had no plans to remove the saint's costume attire that had been made for him during that "awesome" week!

The success of our new youth faith formation program depends on our team of dedicated ministers and volunteers. Our young disciples sincerely thank the following parishioners who volunteered their time and talent to our recent Catholic Kids Camp: Rizza Anderson (Age 12), Fernanda Brown, Angelica Duran (Age 14), Mary Duran, Grace Figuerido, Rose Legendre (Age 15), Michael LePenna, MaryEllen McLeod, Jean Madruga, Ann Marie Noble, Diane Story (Age 15), Deacon Ray Wellbank, and Anna Zerilla (Age 15). Most of all, they sincerely thank Betsy Works for her creative, energetic, and innovative approach to sharing the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Registration is now underway for our new programs of preparation for First Penance & Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (Grade 2); and Confirmation (Grade 9 and up). Calendars and registration forms are now posted to our website: ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim or contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE MEANING OF MERCY WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

The mercy of God is his loving concern for each of us. He feels responsible for us; he desires our well-being and he wants to see us happy, joyful, and peaceful. The merciful love of Christians must travel this path.
As the Father loves, so should his children.
Just as God is merciful to us,
so we are called to be merciful to each other.

Pope Francis
Misericordiae Vultus
Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year of Mercy – April 2015

THE MEANING OF MERCY IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Old Testament, the gift of mercy is dependent on God (Deuteronomy 7:9); and God's message to the repentant sinner is mercy rather than punishment. Likewise, God calls upon his people to show the same mercy to others that He shows to them. Mercy is an attitude which calls us to help those in distress. In the New Testament, through Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, mercy is always present in the world (Hebrews 2:17).

The sinner should not presume that God automatically or mechanically offers divine mercy. It is only granted by God if and when the sinner acknowledges that mercy is incalculable and beyond human understanding. Mercy does not override justice; it transcends justice and it converts the sinner into a just person by bringing about repentance and openness to the Holy Spirit.

Human mercy is an expression of divine mercy. Mercy sees the distress of others, identifies with it, and seeks to overcome it as one seeks to have one's own suffering, guilt, and burdens overcome with the aid and assistance of others. Human mercy manifests divine mercy because of Christ's identification with our plight through His passion, death, and resurrection.

The Christian must forgive seven times seventy times, and Christian mercy is an expression of the double commandment to love both God and neighbor. Mercy united with love fulfills the command of perfection (Colossians 3:14), showing the same hospitality to others that is shown to Christ (Source: Our Sunday Visitor's Revised Catholic Encyclopedia, 666-667).

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ONLINE!

For more about the Year of Mercy, including information about upcoming events and our easy-to-use guides to the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, please visit our website: ccgrronline.com/mercy. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm

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. The Knights also sponsor education, charitable, and religious programs.

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 Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm in Parish Center. For more information about joining the Knights of Columbus, please visit our website at kofc215.com or contact Mark Natti at grandknight@kofc215.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Friday, October 14th · Cape Ann Golf Course

All are invited to join the Knights of Columbus (Council 215) for its Second Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 14th at the Cape Ann Golf Course. Tee off at 1:00pm. Registration forms are available at kofc215.com and at the doors of Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All proceeds benefit the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. For more information, please contact Mark Natti at info@kofc215.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesdays at 4:00pm · New Members Welcome!

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 both of our parish communities. The Legion's primary apostolate is to visit and pray with our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. Members also serve in many other volunteer ministries in both Holy Family Parish & Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the parish center, which is located beside Saint Ann Church, 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; Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 10 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Saturday, September 10	Vigil · 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph Parisi
6:00pm · OLGV	Special Intention
Sunday, September 11	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Captain Joseph Parco & Salvatore Mistretta
8:15am · Saint Ann	Father Mychal Judge
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Marjorie Taylor
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Monica Silva
	24th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 12 8:00am · OLGV	Benjamin Luke Asaro & Family
Tuesday, September 13 8:00am · OLGV	Margaret Carr
Wednesday, September 14 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Thursday, September 15 8:00am · OLGV	Carmelo Merenda
Friday, September 16 8:00am · OLGV	Carol Ross
Saturday, September 17 8:00am · Saint Ann	Betty Lafata
Saturday, September 17	Vigil · 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Michael Fontana and Michael & Marie Fontana
6:00pm · OLGV	Stefano Adelfio
Sunday, September 18	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Michael Stuart
8:15am · Saint Ann	Arthur Marshall
10:00am · Saint Joachim	John Orlando & Antonio Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima and Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Scheduled Mass

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of September 3rd – September 4th

Weekly Offerings	\$8,486.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$9,364.00
Second Collection (Catholic University)	\$1,551.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of September 3rd – September 4th

Weekly Offerings	\$4,077.00
Second Collection (Catholic University)	\$521.00

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 Vincenza Cusumano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Warren E. Houghton
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@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

PASTOR'S NOTE

**SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH MAINTENANCE
September 12th – September 17th**

Thanks to a generous gift from two parishioners, Saint Joachim Church will be closed from September 12th through September 17th for a complete floor to ceiling cleaning. In addition, the exterior of the church will be scraped, primed, and painted. To facilitate this work, the church will be unavailable for funeral services, daily prayer, and daily Mass. During this period, all daily Masses will be celebrated at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Saint Joachim Church will re-open on Sunday, September 18th. May God bless our benefactors for their generosity! Thank you!