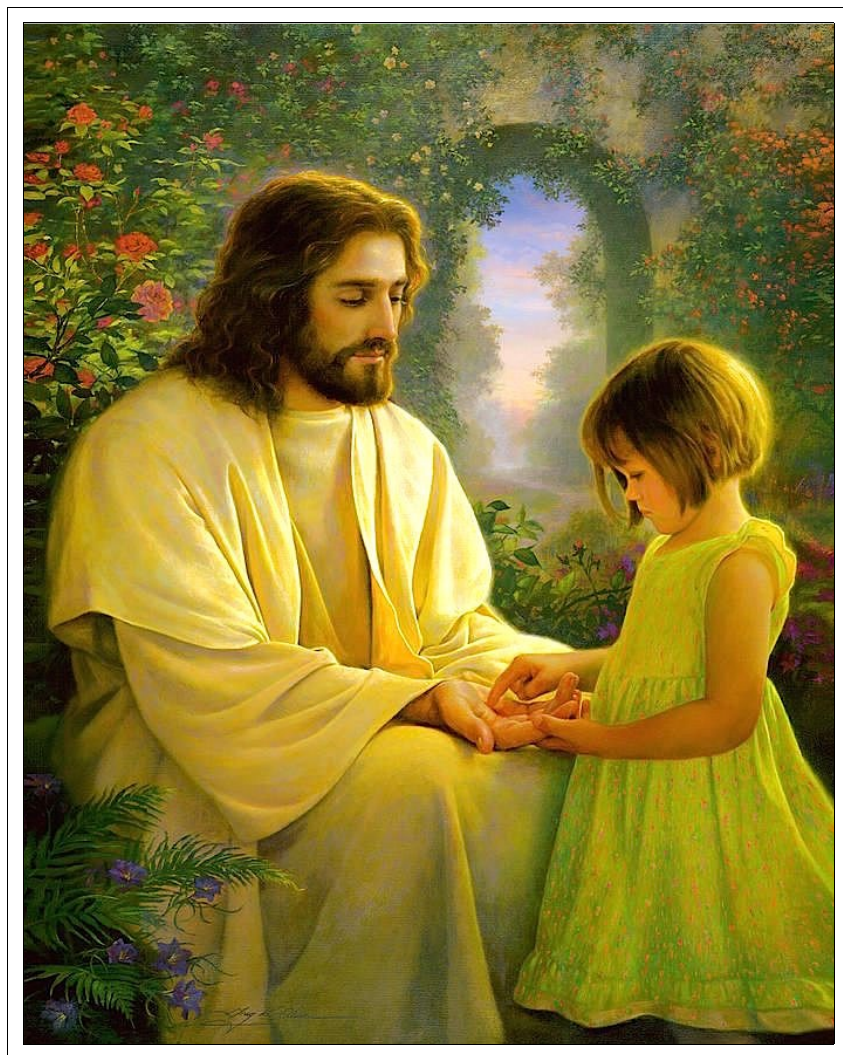


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time · September 18, 2016



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## GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Registration Now Underway!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is now offering a creative and innovative way for young children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for these sacraments, to encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, and to help families grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service. Our program is simple and family friendly!

First, we will continue to place primary focus on inviting families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses. Second, all second grade children and their parents (or guardians) are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season; and three 90 minute workshops during the winter-spring season. Each "Faith & Family Workshop" is offered at three different times, so each family can choose which option works best for them!

Our program begins next month. Calendars and registration materials are posted at [ccgrounline.com/formation](http://ccgrounline.com/formation). If you have questions or need any assistance with youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM Registration Now Underway!

Registration is now underway for our Confirmation Preparation Program. Beginning in the ninth grade, all high school students are invited to participate in our two-year program that will prepare them to receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. During the first year, our students will participate in a series of interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. During the second year, our students will participate in a series of special events and workshops designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; to prepare them to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to stimulate their lives as faithful and faith-filled young adult disciples.

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### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SAINT PADRE PIO FAITH & FAMILY MASS Sunday, September 25th at 11:45am

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all parents, grandparents, godparents, and children are invited to join Father Jim for our "Saint Padre Pio Faith & Family Mass" on Sunday, September 25th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about Saint Padre Pio and a special blessing for all families and children. All children (under at 18) will also receive a special gift. Mark your calendars! During the coming school year, we will celebrate three more "Faith & Family Masses" on Saturday, December 17th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; on Sunday, March 5th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and on Saturday, May 13th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

For more information about our upcoming Saint Padre Pio Faith & Family Mass, please see Father Jim or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.com). Let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our Teacher! Every child in our pews is a gift from God! Every family in our pews is a gift from God! So, please spread the word to family and friends! Please join us! Every family is invited! Every family is welcome!

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesday Afternoons at 5:00pm

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's 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, will soon begin performing each 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 middle school). Singing in the choir is a great way to make new friends, learn about the rich musical traditions of the Catholic Church, and participate in the prayer 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. Please join us! All are welcome!

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## GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES

### A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS "PROMISES WE MAKE TO OUR CHILDREN"

Dear Brothers and Sisters! In our catechesis on the family, we now consider the promises that we make to our children by bringing them into the world. The greatest of these is love; every child trusts that he or she will be loved and cared for. When that promise is broken, the result is a scandal that Jesus condemns, telling us that their angels in heaven stand in God's presence (see Gospel of Matthew 18:10).

The Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, also makes promises to our children: promises to be kept by parents and the Christian community as a whole. In experiencing human love, each child comes to sense the presence of a God who loves children. It is important for us to foster this mysterious relationship by leaving room for God in their young lives.

Parents, in and through the love they show for their children, help them to appreciate their identity and their uniqueness as sons and daughters of God. Jesus teaches us to become like little children; so in protecting our children and protecting the family, may we keep the great promise which God has given to us, in them and through them, to our human family.

### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

God and Father of us all,  
in Jesus your Son and our Savior,  
You have made us your sons and daughters  
in the family of the Church.  
May Your grace and love help families  
in every part of the world be united to one another  
in fidelity to the Gospel.  
May the example of the Holy Family,  
with the aid of Your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families, especially those most troubled,  
to be homes of communion and prayer,  
and to always seek Your truth  
and live in Your love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Saint Ann, pray for us!  
Saint Joachim, pray for us!  
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

For the latest news and information about Pope Francis, please visit: [www.news.va/en](http://www.news.va/en) or follow the Holy Father on Twitter: @pontifex. May God bless Pope Francis and all of families, now and always! Amen!

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### JESUS IS OUR TEACHER

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples a lesson about honesty and integrity (Luke 16:1-13). By my count, Jesus is addressed directly ninety times in the gospels. On those occasions, he is called "Teacher" sixty times either by the disciples or by the faithful people who followed his ministry in the hills and valleys of Judea. Jesus is a teacher who serves and sacrifices for his students. Jesus is a teacher who speaks with wisdom in the temple. Jesus is a teacher who preaches with compassion on the mountain. And before his ascension into heaven, Jesus is a teacher who instructs his followers to teach the world everything that he has taught them.

As we gather this weekend for Mass, parents and grandparents, catechists and missionaries, priests, bishops, and religious brothers and sisters on every continent are fulfilling Christ's commandment to teach and to make disciples. Of course, the question is this: How? How do we make disciples? How do we share our faith with others? How do we pass on the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith to our children, grandchildren, and godchildren?

For much of the Church's history, the celebration of Mass was the instrument for instructing the faithful (including children) in the Church's basic beliefs and traditions. In the thirteenth century, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments were the basis for almost all religious instruction and were explained within the context of the Mass. In the fourteenth century, priests were called upon to offer additional instruction four times each year and on various feast days. And in the sixteenth century, the Church decided that faith formation should begin at a young age. But since then, the format varied by parish, diocese, country, and culture.

Overall, two things about faith formation remain timeless and true. First, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. So much of what we should learn about Christ and the Christian life can be learned from a devotion to the Eucharist and from regular Mass attendance. And second, parents, grandparents, and godparents are called to be the first teachers of their children in all matters related to faith and morals.

Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we stand ready to assist each and every family with its sacred responsibility to share the faith with our young disciples. We welcome every family into our churches with open arms and open hearts. We believe that Mass is our class and that Jesus is our teacher. And we joyfully thank God for every family that joins us in search of the Lord's friendship, love and mercy.

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### THE HOLY ROSARY

#### Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass

All are 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 and Thursday mornings at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturday mornings at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgrounline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

#### OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE

#### Monday, September 26th at 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, September 26th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, the "Penny Sale" will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, delicious homemade sweet bread, along with other homemade food and snacks. Donations will be also accepted at Our Lady's Rectory from this Monday between 9:00am and 2:00pm and before the penny sale. For more information, please contact Julia Garcia at 978-281-2678; 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!

### HEARTSAVERS CPR COURSE

#### Saturday, October 1st at 9:00am

Irene Kerr, a certified CPR instructor, longtime friend of our pastor, and member of the Assisi Project, has generously offered to teach the American Heart Association's Heartsavers CPR Course to parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Upon completion of this three hour course, participants will receive certification from the American Heart Association in CPR and other lifesaving techniques.

The course will be offered on Saturday, October 1st from 9:00am until 12:00pm. The Heartsavers CPR Course is free but limited to just six participants. Please be advised that the course is fast-paced and involves some strenuous physical activity. If you would like to enroll in this special course, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com). Please join us!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### THE ASSISI PROJECT

#### "FRANCIS AND THE FIRST FOLLOWER"

#### Sunday, October 2nd · Begins with Mass at 11:45am

The Assisi Project is an international fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" with friends and followers in North America, South America, Europe, and Africa. Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. Each year, we also sponsor a week-long pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy.

Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd beginning with Mass at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Cliff will offer a reflection and lead a discussion about Bernard of Quintavalle, the first follower of Saint Francis of Assisi. After that, we will adjourn to Our Lady's Hall for a light lunch and fellowship. If you would like to join us or if you would like the Assisi Project to pray for you or your special intention, please see Father Jim or contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

#### Registration Now Underway!

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance & Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church, then please prayerfully consider joining our adult faith formation program which will meet on Sunday mornings after the 8:15am Mass beginning on Sunday, October 16th in Saint Ann Parish House.

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

If you (or someone you know and love) would like to join us for this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for receiving the sacraments of God's Holy Church, then please see Father Jim or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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## 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, AND SERVICE

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

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at [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 90 second reflections based on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also features an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online.

In addition, please join us every week for a new edition of Bringing Home the Word, a lectionary-based newsletter for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflections based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each issue includes wisdom from Pope Francis and prayerful reflections about the scriptures, spirituality, and parish life. Every Saturday, a new edition is posted on our website: [ccgronline.com/news](http://ccgronline.com/news). Please join us!

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION October 1st & 2nd · Holy Family Parish

In the tradition of its founder and patron, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a Roman Catholic lay fraternity that leads women and men to work together and grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Here are four important ways that you can help us help others:

First, please give generously to our special second collection the weekend of October 1st & October 2nd, during all Masses at Holy Family Parish. All donations (100%) will support the good work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and go directly to those in need!

Second, all are encouraged to donate to our Food Pantry. Baskets can be found at the entrances of all churches in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Donations may also be brought to our parish offices (74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester).

Third, all are invited to donate to our Clothes Closet. A drop-off bin is conveniently located in the parking lot in front of the Saint Ann School Building.

Fourth, your financial contributions are always welcome and appreciated! Donation envelopes are located at all church entrances in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. All donations go directly to those in need!

New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Annette Kennedy at 978-283-1268 or Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. If you need assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****SEPTEMBER 17 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

<b>Saturday, September 17</b>	<b>Vigil · 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Michael Fontana and Michael & Marie Fontana
6:00pm · OLGV	Stefano Adelfio
<b>Sunday, September 18</b>	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
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 Mass Scheduled
	<b>25th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, September 19 8:00am · OLGV	Cynthia Loiacano
Tuesday, September 20 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Michael Briggs
Wednesday, September 21 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Schmorrow Enos
Thursday, September 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Debbie Hinckley
Friday, September 23 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Saturday, September 24 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
<b>Saturday, September 24</b>	<b>Vigil · 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	William & Grace Budrow
6:00pm · OLGV	Lorenzo & Jennie Lee Scola and Jennie Grace
<b>Sunday, September 25</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	John Orlando & Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Pasquale Palazzolo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Salvatore & Grace Storniolo
11:45am · OLGV	Mary Wilkins
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 10th – September 11th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,237.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,115.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of September 10th – September 11th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,112.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$11,554.00

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

**PARISH PAY****Electronic Giving Made Safe & Easy**

Electronic giving is both safe and easy at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Through ParishPay, parishioners can make donations using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made electronically on an ongoing or one-time-only basis. For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass or contact Claire Murphy at 978-281-4820 or [cmurphy@ccgronline.com](mailto:cmurphy@ccgronline.com). Thank you for your support!

**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:

Special Intention for Liz Gurdon  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Keva Marie (Sullivan) O'Neil  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Jean (Decola) Caisey  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Michael Kenneth Davis  
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@ccgronline.com](mailto:office@ccgronline.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!