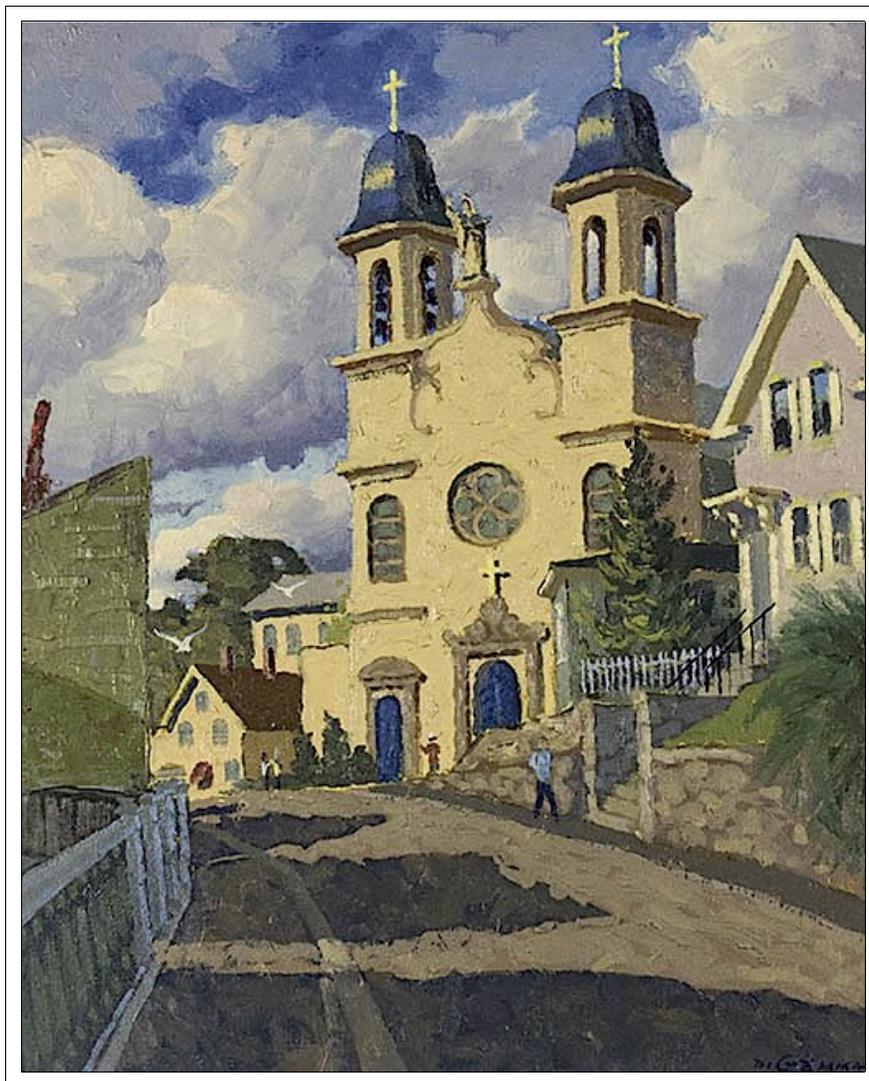


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPDATE GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES, PART II: CONFIRMATION

As you know, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport has embarked on a journey to reimagine, rebuild, and restructure our youth faith formation programs. After much prayer, research, and consultation with parents and catechetical leaders from across the country, we learned that the traditional way of teaching our children and grandchildren about Christ and His Church (the classroom model) is no longer an effective way of sharing the faith or forming young disciples. We also learned that a consensus is growing throughout the Catholic Church that we should focus our energies on sacramental preparation, family-friendly liturgies, lifelong faith formation, and creative ways of welcoming people of all ages and generations back into our parishes. Earlier this month, I shared with you that we have reimagined the way that we will prepare children for the Sacraments of First Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. The details of our new program for second grade students and their families is now posted on our website: ccgrounline.com/formation. It is now time to share our program of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For too many teenagers, Confirmation has sadly become a kind of graduation from the Church, rather than the joyful beginning of life as an active adult disciple in the Church. We hope to end this tragic transition from enthusiasm to ambivalence by transforming sacramental preparation into an engaging process for the whole family. First, we will continue to place primary focus on attending Mass. For more than a century, the Church has required every parish to provide some kind of religious education to children. During recent decades, we have asked parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education by enrolling them in a faith formation program. Unfortunately, we failed to remind parents of their baptismal promise to be the first teachers of their children in all matters related to faith and morals; and that the most important component of that responsibility is attending Mass as a family. In our increasingly busy, stressful, and over-scheduled world, it has become common for parents to entrust their children to us for an hour of instruction each week but not join us for Mass each weekend. So, we will continue to ask parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education – by bringing them to church!

We will also no longer ask teenagers to spend countless hours in a classroom in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Beginning in the ninth grade, all high school students will be invited to participate in our two-year program of formation 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. These sessions will be scheduled on Sunday mornings to coincide with our weekend Mass schedule. During the second year, our students will participate in six additional workshops (and a four-hour mini-retreat) designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; to prepare them to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and to jumpstart their lives as faithful and faith-filled young adult disciples. Our complete schedule and a packet of necessary forms is posted on our website: ccgrounline.com/formation.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gives his disciples the Great Commission and says to them: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20)." Ever mindful of the Lord's promise, let us renew our dedication to the Great Commission by celebrating the sacraments, by teaching our children and grandchildren, and by creating new generations of disciples that will pass on the beliefs and traditions of God's Church until the end of the age. Change is never easy. I truly understand and appreciate that this new approach to youth faith formation may still be difficult for some to accept. In my heart, however, I am convinced that our mission is not to make "theologians" by teaching our children about just the doctrines and practices of the Church. Our mission must be to make, grow, and nurture "disciples" by engaging our children in new and creative ways, by teaching them to pray, and by helping them to build lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ, with God's Church, and with their brothers and sisters in faith. Thank you in advance for your ongoing encouragement, prayers, and support for our youth faith formation programs at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Please continue to pray for me and our pastoral team, for our children and grandchildren, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION & FINANCIAL REPORT

Just over two years ago, Cardinal Seán 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 this week's newsletter is our Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2016 which summarizes our actual income and expenses in various categories; and our budget for the coming fiscal year. This report is also posted on our website: ccgronline.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, helps 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!

In the coming week, every registered parish family will receive an offertory envelope for the Grand Annual Collection. Please place your offering in the collection basket at Mass during the weekend of September 10th and September 11th or mail it to me as soon as possible. Additional envelopes will be 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

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Saturday, September 3rd at 5:00pm

An annual summer tradition concludes this week at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our final Summer Carillon Recital of the season is scheduled for this Saturday, September 3rd at 5:00pm (rain or shine). Once again, LuAnn Pallazola, our own very talented organist-keyboardist has prepared programs that include familiar classical and international pieces, popular hymns, patriotic melodies, and even children's tunes!

Installed in 1922, the carillon bells in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church were the first toned set of carillon bells in the United States. Although our bells can be heard from several blocks away, the sound is best near the church. The recital is free and open to the public! So, bring a cold drink or coffee! Bring a friend! Enjoy this wonderful summer tradition! Don't forget that Mass begins at 6:00pm! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at lpallazola@gmail.com or 978-281-4820.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others! New Members Welcome!

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. Our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. And 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, Ham, Stew, or Tuna
Crackers · Canned Juice · Chicken or Tuna Helper
Mayonnaise · Instant Potatoes · Hot & Cold Cereals
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup · Chef Boyardee
Peanut Butter & Jelly · Jarred Pasta Sauce

Donation envelopes are 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 needed and 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!

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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 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 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 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 the sacraments, encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, and help families grow 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 are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season; and three 90 minute workshops during winter-spring seasons. Each "Faith & Family Workshop" is offered at three different times, so each family can choose which option works best for them!

Our program begins in October! Registration for all "Faith & Family Workshops" is now underway! All calendars and registration materials are now posted on our website: ccgronline.com/formation. If you have questions or need assistance, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.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 ccgronline.com/mercy.

September 2016

Universal Prayer Intention: Human Dignity

We pray that each of us may contribute to the common good and to building a society that places the human person at the center.

Corporal Work of Mercy: Visit the Prisoner

Learn more about and support pastoral ministries that care for those who are incarcerated and their families; send a handwritten card or note to someone who is confined to a nursing home or care facility; or volunteer to serve the disabled or homebound.

September 2016

Evangelization Prayer: Mission to Evangelize

We pray that by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on the scriptures, all Catholics may become more aware of our mission to evangelize.

Spiritual Work of Mercy: Instruct the Ignorant

Meditate prayerfully on the Sunday Mass readings and share your prayer experience with someone; or invite a friend, neighbor, or relative who is a so-called “lapsed Catholic” to join you for Mass or a parish event or program.

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! May God bless you and your family with mercy!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com/mercy!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GRACE CLUB Annual Feast & Novena

The Mother of Grace Club (located at 48 Washington Street in Gloucester) invites all members, friends, and parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to join us for our Annual Feast in Honor of the Blessed Mother. Each day, now through September 9th, all are welcome to join us for the Rosary at both 1:00pm and 7:00pm. And on Sunday, September 11th, all are welcome to join us for Benediction and a procession at 1:00pm (at the club). For more information, please contact Katie Fontana at 978-283-7621. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN’S GUILD

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 6th · 7:00pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women’s Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to the parish and wider community. Throughout the year, the Women’s Guild hosts various fundraising events and social gatherings, including the Palm Sunday Bake Sale, the Strawberry Festival in June, and the Christmas Fair in November.

The Guild’s next meeting is on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our special guest will be Rita Sheinker of Chicos in Burlington who will talk with us about fall fashions and the “Three R’s: Relax, Refresh & Rejuvenate.” Also, annual dues of \$15.00 are now being collected. All parishioners, friends, and visitors to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this special event! Refreshments will be served (including a potato bar). For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN’S GUILD

Christmas Fair Planning Meeting Thursday, September 8th · 6:00pm

It may seem early, but the Holy Family Christmas Fair is coming soon! Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our Christmas Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Holy Family Parish! So, there is much to do to ensure this event’s continued success! Everyone has a special talent! Let your talent shine at the Christmas Fair! All are invited to consider how their gifts and talents might contribute to making this our most successful Christmas Fair ever! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or lbortolino4@msn.com. Mark your calendars: the Holy Family Christmas Fair is Saturday, November 19th! Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**SEPTEMBER 3 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

Saturday, September 3	Vigil · 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Robert & Dorothy Benham
6:00pm · OLGV	Lillian Novello
Sunday, September 4	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Anthony Testaverde
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Fred & Josephine Sallah
11:45am · OLGV	Manual F. Garcia, Jr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	23rd Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 5 8:00am · OLGV	John & Ada Pierce
Tuesday, September 6 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Rosario & Eleonora Merenda
Wednesday, September 7 8:00am · OLGV	Gregory McNamara
Thursday, September 8 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Living & Deceased Members of the Mother of Grace Club
Friday, September 9 8:00am · OLGV	Deceased Members of the Rosa Family
Saturday, September 10 8:00am · Saint Ann	Antonino Romeo
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	Special Intention
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Marjorie Taylor
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Monica Silva

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 27th - August 28th**

Weekly Offerings	\$7,441.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,319.00
Second Collection (Cevicos)	\$4,546.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of August 27th - August 28th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,382.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,835.00

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 Mary Hinkley Ciaramitaro
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Warren E. Houghton
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Joan MacDonald & Joyce Melanson
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Martin Griffin
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@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!

**THE ASSISI PROJECT
Need Prayers?**

Founded by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey in 2007, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" with friends and followers on four continents. Members of the Assisi Project around the world pray for those who ask for prayers. If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com.