

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!

We welcome new parishioners to Gloucester & Rockport!

Please introduce yourself and contact the pastoral office to register as a parishioner!

In Case You Missed It...

PASTOR'S MESSAGE HARD CHOICES AHEAD: REPAIRING & RESTORING SAINT ANN CHURCH

On Easter Sunday (April 5th), I shared with you what can only be called a “towering challenge” for the good and faithful people of Holy Family Parish. As many of you know, when I arrived here last summer, I was bombarded with comments and questions about a proposal to build an elevator in Saint Ann Church. At that time, the cost of this proposal was approximately one million dollars (and approximately forty percent of the funds would have been borrowed from the Archdiocese of Boston). There appeared to be much support for this project. However, after serving just a few weeks as your pastor, it became abundantly clear to me that there was also much concern and doubt about the proposed project. There were also many unanswered questions. How would we repay the loan or raise the additional funds necessary to complete the project? Are there more affordable ways to improve access to the church and its restrooms for our disabled and elderly fellow parishioners? And what might happen if we begin a major construction project by cutting into the side of a 125 year old church building?

Last fall, Michael Horgan (our buildings & facilities manager who is an experienced contractor with deep roots in our community) inspected every inch of Saint Ann Church with me and members of our pastoral team. What we found was both disturbing and disheartening. We discovered that the “virtue” of long-deferred maintenance has become the vice of deterioration and neglect throughout Saint Ann Church. The ceiling over the spot where the elevator would open into the church is cracked and crumbling. Archways and ceilings in the choir loft are crumbling and crashing to the floor to the point where we have prohibited all access to the choir loft and bell tower. The anchors, frames, pins, and sills that support both the large and small rose windows in the church have decayed to the point where they may need to be removed so that the structures that support them can be rebuilt. Likewise, the buttresses on the front of the church have deteriorated to the point where we fear that they are literally separating from the building. Both side entrances to the church are in desperate and obvious need of repair and refurbishment. And this to-do list does not include the long-overdue painting of the interior of the church or the long-overdue renovation of the parish hall (including the kitchen, bathrooms, and heating system).

Many of the problems described above have been caused by leaks in the bell tower that allow water to travel from the steeple, through the tower, and then into the space between the exterior masonry and interior plaster. These leaks are causing the tower, the east wall of the church, and the interior plaster in the choir loft and vestibule to deteriorate at an accelerated pace, causing damage to the front doors, walls, and woodwork of the church. This “towering challenge” is worsened by severe winters which cause water to freeze, expand, melt, and contract. Overall, this potentially ruinous situation is urgent and must be addressed now. In short, we have reached the point where major portions of our beautiful and historic church must be restored, not just repaired, for both safety and structural reasons. Again, this is no longer about maintaining and repairing our church; this is about restoring and saving it!

As I promised to you last fall, after consulting with our finance and pastoral councils, I commissioned an independent engineering firm to formally inspect our church building and report their findings. Needless to say, this first formal inspection revealed results almost identical to our informal inspections. So after consulting again with our finance council, I gave approval to contract CBI Consulting of Boston to again inspect the building in order to determine the estimated cost of repairing and restoring the east wall, windows, and tower of our church. This sixty-two page report is now posted on our website at ccgronline.com. A limited number of additional copies are also available at our pastoral offices. This second report divides the necessary repairs and restoration work into two phases that would cost at least \$542,500. Essentially, the report makes clear the long-term structural integrity of Saint Ann Church depends on our ability and commitment to completing this repair and restoration work in a timely manner.

Since receiving CBI Consulting’s report in mid-May, I have asked many questions, consulted with Mike Horgan and other professionals about the conclusions of the report, and prayed a great deal about the difficult decisions that lie ahead for our parish. At this point, it seems abundantly clear to me that we cannot begin an expensive elevator project when the long-term structural integrity of our church is in doubt. Essentially, we must decide as a community whether to return the donations made to install the proposed elevator or to use those donations (with your support) to first repair, restore, and ultimately save Saint Ann Church for future generations; and then address accessibility to the church and its restrooms. I cannot make these hard choices alone, so I ask for your prayers, your advice, and finally your support in making a final decision that is just, right, and in the best long-term interests of our parish. Saint Ann, pray for us!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Our Worship Schedule

**WELCOME SUMMER VISITORS!
PLEASE JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

In Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, the celebration of Mass is the source and summit of our community's joy and the center of our life of prayer, fellowship, and service. Regardless of where we might worship, the Holy Eucharist brings God's consolation, love, and mercy into our midst; it brings the Real Presence of Jesus Christ into our lives and hearts!

All are welcome to join us for Mass and to participate in Holy Communion in accordance with their conscience and the teachings of Catholic Church. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport celebrates Mass according to the following schedule:

Saturday Vigil Masses

Saint Ann Church · 4:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 6:00pm

Sunday Masses

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 7:00am

Saint Ann Church · 8:15am

Saint Joachim Church · 10:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 11:45am

Saint Ann Church · 5:00pm (English & Portuguese)

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am

Saint Joachim Church

Saturday at 8:00am

Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:00pm

Saint Ann Church

Also By Appointment

If you have questions about our worship schedule, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All submissions to our bulletin & website must be sent to Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com by Friday at 12:00pm for publication in the following week's bulletin. All submissions may be edited for content and must include clear and concise details about a program or event; date, time, and location; and contact information. Please note that not all requests can be honored. Priority is given to programs and events sponsored by the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

Our Pastor's Message

**A MOTHER'S PRAYERS:
THE STORY OF SAINT MONICA**

Since my ordination to the priesthood more than twelve years ago, I have counseled countless husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, and god-parents about loved ones who have either fallen away from or rejected their faith.

Most often, people ask what they can do or say to convince a loved one to accept the faith, return to church, or prepare themselves or their children for the sacraments. And most often, I advise these often heartbroken people that the best thing that they can do is to pray for their loved ones; to pray for them every day; and to persevere in praying for them for the rest of their lives if necessary.

A friend recently reminded me that "God is good. God is good all the time. And in the end, God always wins." This reminder should inspire us to offer up our loved ones in prayer to God because in his infinite goodness, love, and mercy, God will bless them, protect them, and walk with them on life's journey.

On August 27th, the Catholic Church commemorates the Memorial of Saint Monica (322-387) who is venerated as patroness of difficult marriages, difficult children, and victims of abuse, adultery and unfaithfulness. In addition, Saint Monica is patroness of the conversion of loved ones. She was also the mother of Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430), a Bishop and Doctor of the Church, who was raised as a Christian but left the Church as a young adult in pursuit of worldly passions and pleasures. Sound familiar?

Despite years of disappointment and near despair, Saint Monica prayed and cried for her unfaithful son for seventeen long years. At one point, she visited a bishop who consoled her with these famous words: "the child of those tears will never perish." Finally, Augustine experienced a conversion and found true peace and reconciliation with his mother during the final months of her life.

Although we believe that God hears all of our prayers, we also know that God does not always answer those prayers in the way that we want. When we pray for the conversion of our loved ones, we must also pray that all our hearts and minds may be open to God's love, mercy, and will in whatever form it takes.

If the story of Saint Monica resonates in your family's life, it is because her story is the story of the Church. It is the story of miracles; the story of perseverance in prayer; the story of countless tears shed for those we love; and the story of conversions that occurred centuries ago and conversions that might occur today or tomorrow or seventeen years from now. Saint Monica, pray for us!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Coming Soon!

CARILLON RECITALS

An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Begins This Saturday, August 22nd at 5:00pm

A summer tradition returns this weekend to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! The first in our annual series of Summer Carillon Recitals is scheduled for this Saturday, August 22nd at 5:00pm (rain or shine).

This summer, 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 close to the church. So bring a coffee, cold drink, or snack and enjoy this wonderful Gloucester tradition!

Other recitals are scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:00pm: August 29th, September 5th, and September 12th. These recitals are free and open to the public! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

HEARTSAVERS CPR COURSE

Saturday, September 12th · Parish Center Two Classes Available! Space Is Limited!

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, participants will receive a certification from the American Heart Association in CPR and other lifesaving techniques. Two courses are now available! A morning session will begin at 8:45am and conclude at 11:45am. An afternoon session will begin at 12:45pm and conclude at 3:45pm. Pick one!

The Heartsavers CPR Course is free but limited to just six participants per class session. If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

BRINGING HOME THE WORD

Join us: ccgronline.com/news

Bringing Home the Word is a weekly resource for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings and great ideas for sharing the faith with family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Every Saturday, a new issue is available at ccgronline.com/news! Please join us online!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS · COUNCIL 215

"THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE"

Throughout this year, the Knights of Columbus of Gloucester & Rockport (Council 215) is promoting an international initiative to build and strengthen the domestic church called "The Family Fully Alive." As the first teachers of their children in all things (including faith), parents & grandparents are asked to talk with their children & grandchildren about God, the Good News of the Risen Lord, and a life of faith in the Catholic Church.

This month, let us remember that we are not alone on our faith journey and that our parish is a "family of families." In addition, let us remember those among us who are alone, lonely, or forgotten. Let us pray for them and welcome them into our parish family. Let us celebrate how the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) serves as a model for us both in our own family and more broadly in our parish family. Finally, let us call upon our patrons, Saint Ann, Saint Joachim, and Our Lady of Good Voyage, to pray for us, for our families, and for our parishes.

For more information about "The Family Fully Alive", please visit kofc.org/domesticchurch or contact Peter Brau at grandknight@kofc215.com. Thank you! May God bless you and your family!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society provides food and financial assistance to parishioners and families in need throughout the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport and beyond. Donation baskets for non-perishable food items are placed at the entrances of our churches. Our food pantry needs the following items:

Canned Baked Beans · Canned Chicken
Canned Soups · Instant Potatoes · Canned Beef Stew
Mayonnaise · Pancake Mix & Syrup · Tuna Helper

Donation envelopes are also available and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish office. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. For assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

For more information about how you might share your time and talent with our parish communities, please visit our website: ccgronline.com/fellowship. Please join us! All are welcome!

Holy Family Parish (Cevicos) Mission

HOLY FAMILY PARISH (CEVICOS) MISSION
Second Collection This Weekend!
Please Give Generously!

Who Are We?

The Holy Family Parish (Cevicos) Mission provides medical, dental, eye care, and other services for the people of the Town of Cevicos and surrounding villages (campos) in the Dominican Republic. The Mission started sixteen years ago at Saint Joachim Church (Holy Family Parish) when we joined with the Nuestra Senora Del Pilar in Cevicos and began working with the Dominican Sisters of Fatima of the Holy Rosary to provide needed medical assistance and other services to poor people in Cevicos.

What Do We Do?

Each year, we travel to Cevicos and hold three medical, dental, and/or eye clinics where doctors, dentists, optometrists, nurses, parishioners, and friends volunteer their time (and pay their own travel expenses) to provide much needed services. Since the Mission was founded, we have built a clinic, where we hold the medical, dental, and eye clinics and treat from 500-700 people per trip. This number includes our Elderly Home Visitation Program for those people who cannot travel to the clinic in Cevicos. In addition, we helped the Sisters build a Training Center where they train men and women in sewing, electrical, and plumbing skills. And we also provide scholarships for children who want to attend college (currently eight students); fund and help grow small businesses through our micro-finance program; and help with a home repair program (roofs, windows, etc.). Most importantly, during the past year, we paid for special medical cases including successful surgeries for two young burn victims at Shriners Hospital in Boston.

How Can You Help?

This weekend (August 22-23), a second collection will be taken at Holy Family Parish for the Cevicos Mission. All donations (100%) will go directly to purchasing medicines, medical supplies, scholarships, micro-financing of small businesses, and related mission services. All checks should be made payable to Holy Family Parish Mission. Donation envelopes are also located at the entrances to both Saint Ann Church and Saint Joachim Church. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Finally, most of our doctors, nurses, and volunteers have returned time and again to Cevicos because of their wonderful experience in helping the poor. For more information about being a part of the Holy Family Parish (Cevicos) Mission, please contact Phyllis (Smithers) Campbell at phyllis.smithers@gmail.com. For additional information, please visit our website at holyfamilycevicos.com or contact us at info@holyfamilycevicos.com.

Coming Soon!

FALL MINI-COURSE
"Learning the Liturgy of the Hours"
September 15th through September 17th at 6:30pm

In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul writes: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thess 5:16)." For centuries, Christians have puzzled over what it means to pray without ceasing. But one ancient practice provides us with an answer: the Liturgy of the Hours.

Since the middle ages, the Church has used a daily practice of prayer called the "Divine Office" or "Liturgy of the Hours" to mark and sanctify the various hours or times of the day: morning, afternoon, evening, and night. It uses a four-week cycle of psalms, canticles, and scripture readings to draw us into deeper relationship with Christ and the Church by uniting us with the Lord and each other through prayers of petition, praise, and thanksgiving.

At ordination, our deacons and priests make solemn promises to pray with the Divine Office each and every day. However, the Liturgy of the Hours is not just for deacons, priests, and those consecrated to religious life. Countless lay men and women around the world make the Liturgy of the Hours the foundation of their daily prayer and worship. Indeed, in *Canticum Laudis*, the Apostolic Constitution of the Church, we read: "The purpose of the Divine Office is to sanctify the day and all human activity. The Divine Office is the prayer not only of the clergy but of the whole People of God."

During our recent summer retreat, which was based on the prayer and spirituality of Saint Benedict (the founder of western monasticism), many parishioners asked about the Liturgy of the Hours. What is it? Can I pray it, too? How does it work? In response to that spiritual hunger for more information and instruction, Father Jim and Cliff Garvey will host a special three night mini-course entitled "Learning the Liturgy of the Hours" from Tuesday, September 15th through Thursday, September 17th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm at Saint Anthony Chapel.

Each evening of the mini-course will begin with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After praying together, Father Jim and Cliff will offer a reflection on some aspect of the Divine Office and advice on how to pray it alone or in small groups. Each evening will include time for discussion and questions. And finally, we will conclude with Night Prayer.

This mini-course is free but one volume editions of the Liturgy of the Hours will be available for purchase. If you would like to enroll in this special program, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

Our Mass Intentions

AUGUST 22 – AUGUST 30, 2015

Saturday, August 22	Vigil · Twenty-First Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	John Pino
6:00pm · OLGV	Rose Marie Saunders
Sunday, August 23	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	George Medeiros
8:15am · Saint Ann	Josephine Quinn
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Agnes & Wendell Emerson
11:45am · OLGV	Francis Noyes, Richard Horak, and Virgilo Alviola
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 24 8:00am · OLGV	The Brandt Family
Tuesday, August 25 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Angelina Matos
Wednesday, August 26 8:00am · OLGV	George Medeiros
Thursday, August 27 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Intentions of Del & Mary Lou Wnorowsky
Friday, August 28 8:00am · OLGV	Veronica Naves
Saturday, August 29 8:00am · Saint Ann	Catherine Malatesta
Saturday, August 29	Vigil · Twenty-Second Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Salvatore & Mary Nicastro, and Sons, James & Joseph
6:00pm · OLGV	Andrew M. Murphy & Teresa M. Murphy
Sunday, August 30	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Michael Davis
8:15am · Saint Ann	Sis Rose & Mary Alves
10:00am · Saint Joachim	George & Katy Warde
11:45am · OLGV	Ignazio LoContro
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Gifts

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of August 15th & August 16th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$7,436.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$1,241.00
Electronic Donations:	\$756.00
Total Offerings:	\$9,433.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of August 15th & August 16th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$3,620.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$244.00
Total Offerings:	\$3,864.00
Grand Annual Collection:	\$15,796.00

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

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SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary lamps, and altar gifts (hosts and 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 PFC Robert G. Solomon
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Patrick R. Garvey
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about sanctuary gifts, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support for Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! May God bless you and your family!