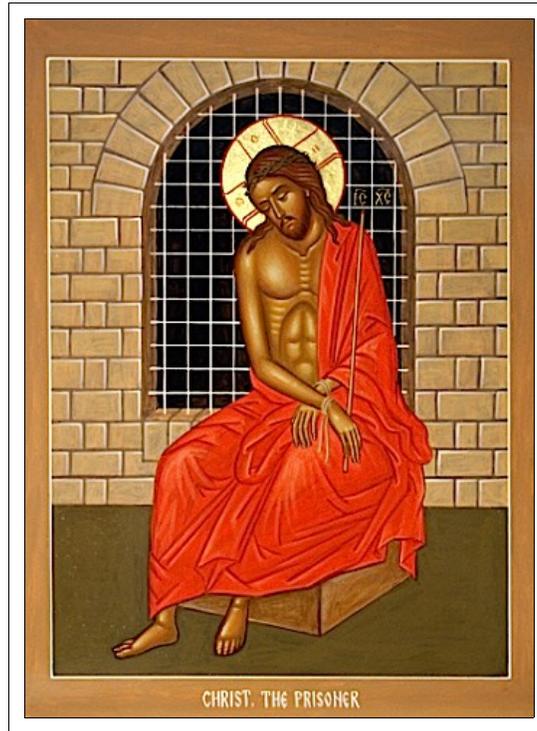


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service · All Are Welcome!
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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!

This Week's Message

LESSONS FROM PRISON

By Deacon William Kane

On a cold day in January years ago, I left home early to travel to Walpole Prison for a pastoral visit with the inmates and chaplain. I was nursing a head cold, so I took two Tylenol tablets and put two others in my suit coat pocket. I quickly forgot about them.

Walpole Prison is an intimidating place. It is surrounded by a thirty foot high concrete wall that makes the old interior buildings impossible to see from the outside. When you walk inside those walls, you pass into a place with a culture that is often violent, hostile, and dangerous. It is a "lockdown" prison. Inmates live alone, in six-foot by twelve-foot cells. They are locked down for twenty-three hours a day, seven days a week. Each inmate is allowed out of his cell for one hour each day, to exercise in a small outdoor enclosure. There is virtually no contact with other inmates.

I entered the security area as usual. It is at the entrance to a room called the "trap", which is the last room before entry into the prison area. A heavy metal door slams behind you when you walk in. The security procedures were familiar to me. I took off my shoes and my belt and passed my suit coat to the officer at the desk, and walked through the metal detector. I was putting my shoes on when suddenly I heard the officer shout: "Drugs! Drugs!" I turned, and he was holding the two white Tylenol tablets in his hand. No explanation or pleading could stop what followed. The tablets are officially defined as contraband and my forgetfulness warranted suspicion and treatment as a criminal.

I was taken by the arms to a small room and strip searched. With my clothes disheveled, I was left alone on a bench, humiliated and frightened. It didn't matter at all to them who I was or why I was there. I was now their prisoner. An eternity seemed to pass before an officer returned my shoes, belt, and coat. He said nothing but motioned for me to enter the trap, so I could enter the prison area. As I entered the inside, I felt foolish and diminished. I felt like an inmate. For years, I have looked back on that experience and embraced it for what it was: an encounter with the suffering Christ. After all, in the Gospel of Matthew 25:36, Jesus says: "I was in prison and you visited me." He tells us that He is the one who is in prison.

On that January morning, I experienced what it is like for every inmate who enters Walpole Prison: the isolation, loneliness, humiliation, and intimidation they all feel, as they suffer many of the same indignities Jesus did during His Passion. On that morning, as I walked along the tiers of cells, I struggled a lot less to see the suffering Christ on the faces of inmates. He is in every one of those cells, because He said he would be.

Seven years ago, I retired from my work in prison ministry. For eleven years, I had been going in and out of the twenty-seven prisons and jails, and the youth detention center in the Archdiocese of Boston. It was time for someone else to serve the Church behind all those walls and razor wire. It was time for someone else to minister and learn from the fragile and vulnerable in prison. It was time for me to spend more of my time in parish ministry, looking for where Jesus was waiting for me in our parish community.

When I was studying in seminary in the 1980s, a professor once said to me: "Remember that this seminary will not make you a good deacon — people will make you a good deacon." I believe that people make us who we are. People make us better and more compassionate. That is God's way. He is waiting for us in everyone who suffers, no matter where they are. It is people who inspire us to continue Jesus's ministry, especially when that ministry takes us to hostile places, or when it takes us to broken places in a person's life. And it is people who inspire us to continue Jesus's ministry when that ministry takes us to broken places in the life of a parish community.

During my eleven years working in prison ministry, I was inspired by many prison chaplains, whose own faith in God's love and mercy changed people who have what the Bible would call "hearts of stone." Perhaps the poet Maya Angelou said it best when she said: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

I am grateful to the people of this parish community. I believe that we all live in some kind of prison. But we all have wonderful opportunities to break down the bars or climb the walls in each other's lives. Opportunities to find where Jesus waits for you and me. Opportunities for individual faith and community faith. What does hope look like? It looks like you and it looks like me. What does compassion and forgiveness look like? It looks like you and it looks like me. People make us who we are. People make us better people. That is God's way.

May the peace of Christ disturb you and me always!

Deacon Bill Kane

Our Pastor's Message

Our Lady of Good Voyage Grand Annual Collection

Second Collection This Weekend!

OUR LADY'S GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION
GOAL: \$40,000 · DONATIONS SO FAR: \$16,366

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

As you know, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport was established last summer as a collaborative of two historic parishes: Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Although our parishes share a pastor and pastoral service team, each parish remains canonically independent; maintains its own bank accounts and accounting procedures; and continues to be solely responsible for its own bills, building maintenance, and pastoral programs.

During the past year, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish has been blessed in so many ways. Our parish anniversary, parish fundraisers, and the Annual Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit were very successful — not just financially, but also by building and strengthening the parish as a vibrant community of prayer, fellowship, and service. In addition, despite changes to our worship schedule, Mass attendance and weekly collections are both improving.

Unfortunately, we also face some serious challenges. Our church and rectory have needed urgent repairs and now need new roofs in order to prevent damage to their interiors. Last winter's heating and snow removal costs were astronomical. And although weekly collections are increasing slowly, some generous benefactors are no longer able to support the parish. This means that we have been forced to use funds from our savings account in order to make ends meet on a weekly basis.

For these reasons, I am writing to ask you to help me raise \$40,000 during this year's Grand Annual Collection. This fundraising campaign is vitally important to our annual budget. It helps us balance our budget by bridging the gap between our weekly collections and our financial obligations (such as salaries and benefits, insurance premiums, utility bills, snow plowing, building maintenance, and essential parish programs).

Each year, we ask all parishioners to contribute whatever they can to our Grand Annual Collection. Every contribution, whether its \$1 or \$10 or \$100, helps us achieve our goal, meet our financial obligations for the coming year, and ensure our parish's long-term economic stability. And please be assured that every penny raised goes directly to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

Our goal for this year's Grand Annual Collection is \$40,000. My hope and prayer is that we reach this goal by the Fourth Sunday of Advent! So far, we have raised \$16,366! Thanks to all who have given so generously thus far! At this point, all parishioners registered with our census should have received an offertory envelope for the Grand Annual Collection. If not, additional envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. And in an effort to reach our goal more quickly, we will also have a Second Collection during all Masses this weekend (September 12th and September 13th) at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church in support of the Grand Annual Collection. Please feel welcome to place your offering in the collection basket at Mass or mail it directly to me to the following address:

Father Jim Achadinha
Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish
142 Prospect Street
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

As this year's Grand Annual Collection continues at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please join me in praying that each of us, according to our means, will give generously to this all-important fundraising effort! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com.

Finally, please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and encouragement during my first year as your pastor. I am honored and humbled beyond words by your ongoing kindness and support. Please pray for me and for our parish community; and please know that you and your family are always in my prayers! Thank you in advance for your prayers and ongoing generous support of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Pastor's Note

CELEBRATING DEACON KANE'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY Offering Our Thanks & Prayers

On Tuesday, September 15th, Deacon William Kane will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate. Deacon Kane was ordained by Cardinal Bernard Law at Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston in 1990.

Since then, Deacon Kane has served in parish ministry and as Director of Prison Ministry for the Archdiocese of Boston. In that capacity, he supervised the Catholic chaplains in the twenty-seven prisons and jails that are located throughout the Archdiocese. In addition, Deacon Kane founded the Holy Family Parish (Cevicos) Mission which has brought more than 1,000 fellow parishioners and friends to the Dominican Republic to love and serve God's poor at our sister parish in Cevicos.

During the past year, I have come to appreciate Deacon Kane's deep and prayerful faith, his compassion and patience, and his abiding love for God's people here in Gloucester and Rockport, in the Dominican Republic, and the dark shadows of our jails and prisons.

I also know that Deacon Kane has an sincere devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows who has offered him comfort and joy in the midst of life's most unbearable moments of anguish and grief. By God's amazing grace, Deacon Kane's ordination was celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. And so, let us give God great thanks and praise for the gift of Deacon Kane's vocation and his many years of service to God's Church; and let us raise our hearts and voices in prayer:

Almighty God and Father,
when Jesus, your Son, was raised up on the Cross,
it was your will that Mary, his mother,
should stand and suffer with him in her heart.

In union with Our Lady of Sorrow,
grant that the Church may share in the passion of Christ,
and so be brought to the glory of his resurrection.

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.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

This week, please join me in praying for Deacon Bill Kane on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. Please pray for his family and for all who have been touched by his good work and kindness over the years. Please also join me in praying for Deacon Dan Dunn and Deacon Raymond Wellbank (about whom you will be learning more in the coming weeks). May God forever bless our good and holy deacons!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

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@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

News & Notes

HOLY FAMILY PARISH (CEVICOS) MISSION SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS

The Holy Family Parish (Cevicos) Mission wishes to sincerely thank all parishioners, friends, and visitors who contributed \$5,659.00 to our special collection last month. These funds will be used to provide needed medical and other services to the people of Cevicos, Dominican Republic. Our ability to serve the people of Cevicos could not be achieved without help from our fellow parishioners and friends! Thank you!

Additional donations are always welcome and can be sent to the parish center. Checks should be made payable to the Holy Family Parish Mission. For more information about the Holy Family Parish (Cevicos) Mission, please join us online at holyfamilycevicos.com or contact us at info@holyfamilycevicos.com. May the peace and love of Christ be with you always! Thank you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Registration Underway! Begins Sunday, October 4!

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 consider joining us for our adult faith formation program which will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on Sunday, October 4th 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 Easter. Our group meets bi-weekly to learn about the basic beliefs and teachings of the Catholic 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 would like to join us for this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

ASSISI PROJECT ONLINE "REMEMBERING VICTIM 001" Join us at assisiproject.com

As we pray for all victims of the terrorists attacks on September 11, 2001, all are invited to join us online at assisiproject.com for "Remembering Victim 001: A Reflection on the Life & Ministry of Father Mychal Judge." Father Judge was recorded as the first official casualty at the World Trade Center. He was a Franciscan priest with a deep commitment to serving God's poor, especially those who live with addictions. Please pray with us online!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, September 13th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Sunday, September 13th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. The dinner will be chaired by our officers. Annual dues will be collected. Our calendar will be distributed and committees for our service work will be discussed.

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is a service driven organization of men founded to support the parish through volunteering and fundraising. New members are welcome! For more information about the Holy Name Society, please contact Bill Proposki at william.proposki@verizon.net.

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD

Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm

The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by the officers and directors. The suggested offering is \$10 per person. For dinner reservations, please contact Barbara Devlin at 978-282-4704. For more information about the Guild, please contact Linda Galvin at lingalv2010@gmail.com or 617-803-6050. Please join us! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD

**Christmas Fair Planning Meeting
Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm**

The next planning meeting for the Holy Family Christmas Fair (Saturday, November 21st) is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm in Monsignor Sullivan Hall (Saint Ann Church). We will work on raffle tickets for our grand prizes. Members and volunteers are asked to bring scissors, staplers, and paper cutters. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. All are welcome!

OUR LADY'S GUILD · PENNY SALE!

**Monday, September 21st · 7:00pm
Our Lady's Hall**

Great Prizes! 50/50 Raffle! Sweet Bread! Food & Snacks!

For more information, please contact Linda Galvin at lingalv2010@gmail.com or 617-803-6050.

Please join us! All are welcome!

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Our Mass Intentions

SEPTEMBER 12 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Saturday, September 12	Vigil · Twenty-Fourth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Fonzo
6:00pm · OLGV	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady's Guild & Holy Name Society
Sunday, September 13	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Duarte Medina
8:15am · Saint Ann	Living & Deceased Members of the Mother of Grace Club
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Joseph Sutera
11:45am · OLGV	Frank Gentile
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 14 8:00am · OLGV	Alice Veator
Tuesday, September 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Albert Joseph
Wednesday, September 16 8:00am · OLGV	Benjamin Luke Asaro
Thursday, September 17 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John Orlando & Antonio Viviano
Friday, September 18 8:00am · OLGV	Ronald Madruga
Saturday, September 19 8:00am · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
Saturday, September 19	Vigil · Twenty-Fifth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Michael Fontana and Marie & Michael Fontana
6:00pm · OLGV	Captain Antonino Romeo
Sunday, September 20	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Donald & Helen Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Grace & Salvatore Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Marjorie Taylor
11:45am · OLGV	Stefano Adelfio
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Gifts

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of September 5th & September 6th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	6,792.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$986.00
Electronic Donations:	\$952.00
Total Offerings:	\$8,730.00
Second Collection (Catholic University):	\$1,763.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of September 5th & September 6th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$3,851.00
Second Collection (Catholic University)	\$1,092.00
Grand Annual Collection:	\$16,366.00

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

In Memory of Mary Louise Wilkins
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about sanctuary gifts, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS · COUNCIL 215
BEST BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, October 16th · Cape Ann Golf Course

All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus for the "Best Ball Golf Tournament" on Friday, October 16th at Cape Ann Golf Course. Registration begins at 8:00am. This great event includes many fun activities and a 50-50 Raffle in support of our friends at Catholic Charities! For more information about playing or sponsoring this event, please contact the Knights at info@kofc215.com or register via PayPal at kofc215.com. Please join us!