

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

GRACE TRAVELS FAST!

By Cliff Garvey · Associate Minister

On July 30th, my godfather and uncle, Patrick Garvey, passed away after a brave battle with cancer. Although my family knew that Pat's prognosis was grave, his death was still shocking to my aunt, my cousins, my parents, and me. Pat was a man who loved life, lived it to the fullest, never smoked, exercised, and ate healthy foods. My dad, my uncle's older brother by just thirteen months, asked mournfully: "Why did this happen?" To this and other painful questions, we all know that there are no good answers. But at some point recently, I told my dad that during times like this, we may not be given the grace to understand why someone dies too soon, but we might be given the grace to learn something else, perhaps something even more valuable.

Almost two months later, I have no answers for my family. But I did learn something of great and lasting value. I learned that God's grace works through colleagues, friends, fellow parishioners, and even strangers. Many parishioners may recall that during that last week of July, Father Jim and I gave a week-long retreat at Saint Anthony's Chapel. During the last night of that retreat, I shared the news of my uncle's passing and asked our retreatants to pray for him and for our family. After that evening, I can only say two things: News travels fast! Grace travels fast!

During the following weeks, I received calls, cards, and electronic messages from parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport who I knew well and from parishioners I knew not at all. Some fellow parishioners shared heartfelt condolences and sympathies. Some shared similar experiences of illness, grief, and loss. Some offered advice. Some offered hugs. Some offered prayers. And some even made generous donations in my uncle's name to worthy causes like our own Saint Vincent de Paul Society. In short, I was overwhelmed by the generosity, kindness, and love that comes from people of faith and good will who share their love for Christ with people in need. Perhaps more importantly, the concern and compassion of strangers meant the world to my parents who were quietly grieving the loss of someone they had known and loved for more than seventy years.

One parishioner, who heard that I was struggling to help my parents understand what had happened, sent me a small second-hand book of prayers and reflections based on the life and teachings of Charles de Foucauld (about whom I had written in our parish bulletin). Inside of that book was a card with a prayer written by Father Joseph Veneroso, a Maryknoll priest and missionary. This prayer speaks volumes about my gratitude and love for a faith community that reached out to me and my family during a time of sadness. Please join me in praying:

Lord Jesus,
 you no longer call us servants but friends.
 Thank you for blessing me
 throughout my life with friends
 who stood by me in moments of sorrow
 and who celebrated with me in moments of joy.
 You show us the way of forgiveness and peace.
 Help me overcome my pride and reach out
 to those whose friendship I have injured
 through selfishness and insensitivity.
 Help me be ever faithful and true
 even as you stand by my side when I lose my way.
 Let me see you in the faces of those through whom
 you fill my heart with hope and my life with meaning.
 Above all, help me to be a friend to those I meet today
 who need to be reminded of your love.
 Amen.

As someone who has only been working here for just over one year, I am overwhelmed, but not surprised by your kindheartedness and thoughtfulness for me and my family. Such kindness is the heart and soul of both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. I am just beginning the process of answering the cards, calls, and messages that were sent to me and my family. But please know how deeply you have touched us and comforted us during a difficult time. And please be assured of my humble prayers for you and your family.

May the Lord give you peace — now and always!
 Cliff

Our Worship Schedule

**INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!
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@ccgonline.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@ccgonline.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@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

Pastor's Note

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPDATE
Sacramental Preparation for Children
Registration Now Underway!**

During this school year, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport (Holy Family Parish & Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish) will embark on a groundbreaking journey to reimagine, rebuild, and restructure our youth faith formation programs at all grade levels.

We should consider this year a transitional year for our program. We will focus primarily on preparing young children for First Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion (Grades 1 & 2); and on preparing teenagers for Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10). Classes at these grade levels will begin during the week of Sunday, October 25th in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Calendars, registration forms, and other important announcements are available on our website at ccgonline.com!

Sacramental preparation classes (Grades 1, 2, and 10 only) will be held according to the following schedule:

Grades 1-2 · Saint Ann Church
Sunday Mornings · 9:15am-10:15am

Grades 1-2 · Our Lady's School
Wednesday Afternoons · 3:30pm-4:30pm

Grades 1-2 · Saint Ann Church
Saturday Afternoons · 2:45pm-3:45pm

Grades 10 · Our Lady's School
Sunday Mornings · 10:30am-11:30am

Please note that classes for our ninth grade students will begin on Sunday, January 3rd (weather permitting) at Our Lady's School (10:30am-11:30am). And dates for our celebrations of First Penance & Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation are now posted on our website at ccgonline.com/formation!

In addition, all parents and students (regardless of their age or grade levels) are invited to join me for a "Mass for Families" on either Saturday, October 17th at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church and on Sunday, October 18th at 8:15am in Saint Ann Church. During each of these Masses, I will offer a special homily and blessing for our parish families, along with a special gift for all of our students. Please join us! All are welcome!

Finally, it is my hope and prayer that we will be able to offer other exciting programs for children of all ages during this school year, school vacation weeks, and especially next summer. So, please stay tuned for more information!

Please continue to pray for our students and our program!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, October 4th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish will hold its next meeting on Sunday, October 4th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. The dinner will be chaired by John Sperry, Kevin Quadros, and Bill Proposki.

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is a service-driven organization of men which was founded to support the parish through volunteering and fundraising. New members are always welcome! For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Bill Proposki at william.proposki@verizon.net. Please join us!

AN EVENING AT JALAPENOS with HOLY FAMILY CEVICOS MISSION Wednesday, October 14th · 5:00pm-9:00pm

All are welcome to join the Holy Family Cevicos Mission on Wednesday, October 14th for an evening of good food and great company at Jalapenos Restaurant (86 Main Street in Gloucester). For every meal purchased, Jalapenos will donate a portion of the proceeds to support our mission programs.

In addition to the great food and fellowship, we'll have a variety of raffles and information about our parish mission. Funds raised will help defray the expense of bringing children to Boston hospitals for medical treatment. So, please come and enjoy a night out with family and friends and help support the Holy Family Cevicos Mission!

For more information, please contact Jean Dugan at wjdugan@verizon.net or visit our website: holyfami-lycevicos.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

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 (Council 215) for its "Best Ball Golf Tournament" on Friday, October 16th at the 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 good 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! All are welcome!

MORE ONLINE!

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Celebrating Saint Francis of Assisi October 3rd-October 4th

SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS Saturday, October 3rd · Begins at 7:00am

All parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are welcome to join us for "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" in Saint Ann Church on Saturday, October 3rd beginning at 7:00am.

In anticipation of the Feast of Saint Francis (October 4th), we will begin with Morning Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00am. At 8:00am, Father Jim will celebrate Mass for the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. After Mass, we will pray the Franciscan Rosary (a seven decade version of the Rosary that focuses on joyful events in the life of our Blessed Mother). After the Franciscan Rosary, all are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith sharing at Saint Ann Parish House (Rectory). Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us for all or part of this special morning of prayer and devotion! All are welcome!

CELEBRATING SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Saturday, October 3rd at 11:30am

In further celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Father Jim will mark the occasion with the traditional "Blessing of the Animals" in Our Lady's Rectory parking lot. All friendly family pets are welcome (but must be leashed or secured in carriers). Please join us! All are welcome! Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

THE ASSISI PROJECT "SAINT FRANCIS AND THE LEPER"

Sunday, October 4th · Begins with Mass at 11:45am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Africa. 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.

Approximately six times each year, we gather for Mass, a community meal, and a period of faith formation and discussion. Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th beginning with Mass at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Cliff will offer a reflection entitled "Saint Francis and the Leper: How Embracing God's Poor Created a Saint." After that, we will adjourn to Our Lady's Hall for a light lunch and social hour. If you would like to join us, please see Father Jim or contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

Coming Soon!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

HEARTSAVERS CPR COURSE

Saturday, October 17th · Holy Family Parish Center Two New 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 on Saturday, October 17th! 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. Please be advised that these courses are fast-paced and involve some strenuous physical activity. If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATES!

ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT

December 8th through December 10th · Begins at 6:30pm

"Mercy & Discipleship" with Father Gary Gurtler, S.J.

Evening Prayer · Mass · Prayer & Reflection

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

More information coming soon!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD

Special Meeting · Tuesday, October 6th · 6:30pm

The Women's Guild of Holy Family Parish will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30pm until 7:30pm in Monsignor Sullivan Hall (Saint Ann Church). This will be a time for us to gather for fellowship, return ticket money, purchase tickets, and sign up to provide baked goods for the Fashion Show.

The Women's Guild Fashion Show will be held on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Coffee & dessert will be served. For more information, please contact Rose Verga at 978-283-8225. Please join us! All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH

Help Us Help Others!

Catholic Charities North provides basic needs assistance (food gift cards, utilities, and mortgage & rent) to needy families during these challenging economic times. Funds are also available to help our fishing community families with food, utilities, mortgage, and rental costs. If you can help us help others, please send your donation to:

Catholic Charities North
Attention: Sarah Gindel
60 Prospect Street
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

Please make all checks payable to Catholic Charities North and write "basic needs" in your check's memo line. For more information or assistance, please contact Sarah Gindel at 978-283-3055 or sarah_gindel@ccb.org. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support!

DAILY PRAYER RESOURCES

Join us at ccgrronline.com/mass

In addition to participating in the sacramental life of our parishes, all Catholics are called to holiness through daily prayer. As one way of encouraging our community to grow closer to Christ through prayer, our website offers links to online resources for daily prayer and reflection that include the Liturgy of the Hours, Sharing the Word (90 second daily reflections), Sunday Soundbites (90 second weekly homilies), and Bringing Home the Word (a weekly lectionary-based newsletter for individual or family prayer and reflection. So, please visit our website at ccgrronline.com/mass! All are welcome!

MORE ONLINE!

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Please join us! All are welcome!

Our Mass Intentions

SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 4, 2015

Saturday, September 26	Vigil · Twenty-Sixth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Clara Davis
6:00pm · OLGV	Michael Davis
Sunday, September 27	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Eugene & Gloria Sieczkowski
8:15am · Saint Ann	Arthur Marshall
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Albert V. Dapolito
11:45am · OLGV	Richard J. Camille, Jr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 28 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention for Rose
Tuesday, September 29 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention for Sage Cooke & Family
Wednesday, September 30 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention for Rose
Thursday, October 1 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Jonathan Greenleaf
Friday, October 2 8:00am · OLGV	Intentions of Pope Francis
Saturday, October 3 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, October 3	Vigil · Twenty-Seventh Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Living & Deceased Members of the Madonna del Rosario Society
6:00pm · OLGV	Manuel I. Garcia
Sunday, October 4	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Frank & Frances Souza and Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Frank & Jennie Sabato and Daughter Josie
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Bertha Maksimowicz
11:45am · OLGV	Pietro Noto
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Gifts

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of September 19th & September 20th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$5,858.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$1,099.00
Electronic Donations:	\$952.00
Total Offerings:	\$7,909.00
Second Collection (Clergy Fund):	\$2,780.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of September 19th & September 20th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$3,247.00
Second Collection (Clergy Fund):	\$1,327.00
Grand Annual Collection:	\$20,434.00

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 Brien Kennedy
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of
Deceased Members of the Madonna del Rosario Society
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

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

CCGR PARISH COUNCILS MEETING

Friday, October 2nd · 6:30pm

Father Jim will be meeting with the combined parish councils of both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish on Friday, October 2nd at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. All parishioners from both parishes of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com.