

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!

Our Pastor's Message

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION GOAL: \$40,000 · DONATIONS SO FAR: \$16,316

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 long-term economic stability. And 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. So far, we have raised \$16,316. At this point, all parishioners registered with our census should have received an offertory envelope for the Grand Annual Collection. Additional envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. 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
Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish
142 Prospect Street
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

In an effort to reach our goal more quickly, we will also have a Second Collection during all Masses next weekend (September 12th-September 13th) at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church in support of the Grand Annual Collection. As this year's Grand Annual Collection continues, 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@ccgonline.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 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

News & Events

SUMMER CARILLON CONCERTS An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition This Saturday, September 5th at 5:00pm

A summer tradition continues this weekend at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! The third in our annual series of Summer Carillon Concerts is scheduled for this Saturday, September 5th 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!

Our last carillon concert of the summer season is scheduled for next Saturday, September 12th at 5:00pm. These concerts 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, 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. If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

BRINGING HOME THE WORD Join us: ccgonline.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 ccgonline.com/news! Please join us online!

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!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

MOTHER OF GRACE CLUB · HOLY ROSARY Everyday Through September 11th at 1:00pm

In celebration of the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, September 8th, the Mother of Grace Club (which is located at 48 Washington Street in Gloucester) invites all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport to join in praying the Holy Rosary every day at 1:00pm. And on Sunday, September 13th, all are welcome to join the Mother of Grace Club for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a Procession beginning at 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Katy Fontana at 978-283-7621. Please join us! All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS · COUNCIL 215 Meeting & Social · Tuesday September 8th

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Our next meeting and quarterly social is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00pm in the Holy Family Parish Center. For more information about joining the Knights of Columbus, please join us online at kofc215.com or contact Peter Brau at grandknight@kofc215.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

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!

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Thank You!

A GIFT OF GRACE

By Dawn Alves

As my ministerial position as Director of Faith Formation at Holy Family Parish as part of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport comes to a close, I am grateful for the gift of having been called and allowed to serve the many families here on Cape Ann. In any field of employment, there are challenges and celebrations; and in ministry, we recognize them as moments of death and resurrection. Though the deaths are difficult, we take the good experiences from those opportunities and relationships and journey on with much wisdom! Celebrating God's love in the countless numbers of brothers and sisters in Christ has been and continues to be the living presence of Christ among us.

In this time of change, there is no sorrow, only joy and gratitude for the outpouring of love and support we have been for one another in the difficult times of transition. Countless prayers over the years have been answered as we struggled through the closings of parishes, merging committed volunteers for catechists, leaders of liturgical ministries, sodalities, guilds and other committees. Through it all, we gained the beauty of new friendships in Christ, all pure grace from God.

For me as a companion, friend, and sister in Christ, my journey continues on with the light of Christ that radiates from you, the people of God. I take all of this as a labor of love and trust in the words of Julian of Norwich: "All shall be well." Rest assured of my prayers for you that the new Associate Minister for Youth Faith Formation will serve you well, for we are all threads of the tapestry of His love and joy of the gospel.

God be praised for the gift of His grace poured out to my family and especially to me over these past twenty-eight years! From every corner of my heart and the depth of my soul, thank you.

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Memorial Mass · Saturday, September 12th · 4:00pm

On Saturday, September 12th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church, Father Jim will celebrate the Vigil Mass for the intentions of the Holy Family Women's Guild. This will be a special time to come together and pray for both the souls of those Guild members who have gone home to God and for those still laboring in God's vineyard.

For those interested in learning more about the Women's Guild, members will be available to answer questions both before and after Mass. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are welcome!

Sacrament of Baptism

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Schedule for the Month of September

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The other Sacraments of Initiation are Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During September, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Baptism Preparation Workshop
Sunday, September 6th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 13th at 1:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 20th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 27th at 11:00am
Saint Joachim Church

If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult who has not been baptized and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism in the Roman Catholic Church, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820.

The following children recently received the Sacrament of Baptism here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Joseph Bertolino · Virginia Favazza
Natalia Gyngell · Luca Muniz
Sophia Murray · Joseph Novello
Giuseppe Numerosi · Erik O'Connor
Isla O'Hanley · Jay Sanfilippo
Robert Wilson

Congratulations! Please pray for these recently baptized children, their parents, grandparents, and godparents! Thank you in advance for your prayers! May God bless you and your family!

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Prayer, Fellowship & Service

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE Memorial Mass · Saturday, September 12th · 6:00pm

On Saturday, September 12th at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, Father Jim will celebrate the Vigil Mass for the intentions of Our Lady's Guild and the Holy Name Society. This will be a special time to come together and pray for both the souls of those Guild & Holy Name members who have gone home to God and for those still laboring in God's vineyard.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special blessing to reaffirm the commitment of service for the officers and directors of both organizations. For more information about Our Lady's Guild, please contact Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. For more information about the Holy Name Society, please contact Bill Proposki at william.proposki@verizon.net. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE 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, please contact Bill Proposki at william.proposki@verizon.net.

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE 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!

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!

Our Mass Intentions

SEPTEMBER 5 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Saturday, September 5	Vigil · Twenty-Third Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	William H. Budrow
6:00pm · OLGV	Pietro Noto
Sunday, September 6	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Father Henry Cicale
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mother of Grace Memorial Mass
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Anniversary Mass Ordination of Deacon William Kane
11:45am · OLGV	José & Julia Goulart & Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 7 8:00am · OLGV	John & Ada Pierce
Tuesday, September 8 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Living & Deceased Members of the Mother of Grace Club
Wednesday, September 9 8:00am · OLGV	Antonio, Angela & Salvatore Mistretta
Thursday, September 10 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Warren Sanborn
Friday, September 11 8:00am · OLGV	George Moynihan
Saturday, September 12 8:00am · Saint Ann	Father Mychal Judge & Victims of September 11, 2001
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

Our Weekly Gifts

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of August 29th & August 30th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$6,513.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$225.00
Electronic Donations:	\$756.00
Total Offerings:	\$7,494.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of August 29th & August 30th

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$3,727.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,702.00
Grand Annual Collection:	\$16,316.00

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 Lilian Novello
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

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

In Memory of the Victims of September 11, 2001
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage 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!

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 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 lbortolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are welcome!