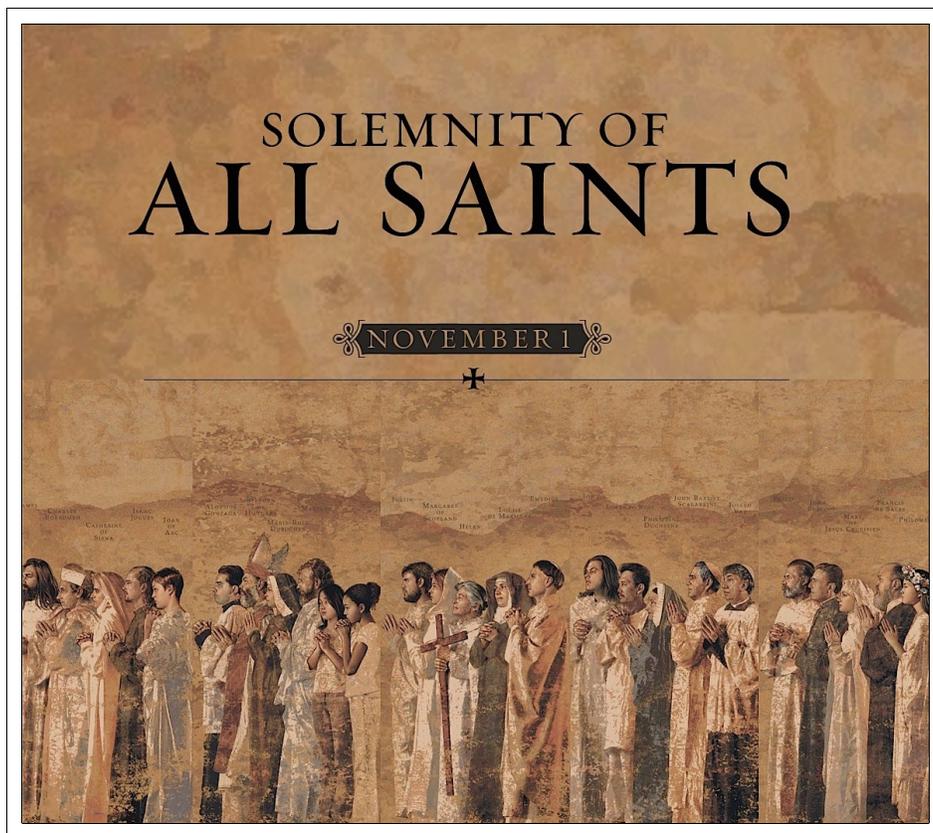


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service · All Are Welcome!
Solemnity of All Saints · November 1, 2015



The Solemnity of All Saints

"Inflamed by a Tremendous Yearning" by Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Page 3

Holy Family Parish Grand Annual Collection | Page 2

"New Spirit" Confirmation Retreat | Page 4

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism | Page 5

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

Mail: 60 Prospect Street · Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

Phone: 978-281-4820 · Fax: 978-281-4964 · Email: office@ccgonline.com · Online: ccgonline.com

Pastoral Office: 74 Pleasant Street · Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00am-4:00pm

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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION THIS YEAR'S GOAL: \$75,000

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

As you know, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport was established last year 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 its share in vital pastoral programs like adult and youth faith formation.

During the past year, Holy Family Parish has been blessed in so many ways! Our ministries and organizations continued to faithfully serve the poor, sick, and homebound. Our mini-courses and summer retreat brought together large groups of parishioners with a desire to grow closer to Christ and the Church. Our parish fundraising events (like the Christmas Fair and Strawberry Festival) are always great fun and very successful. And despite additional changes to our worship schedule, Mass attendance and weekly collections improved. But we also face serious challenges. Heating and snow removal costs are astronomical. Our churches and parish buildings all need urgent repairs and restoration. And although weekly collections are increasing (albeit slightly), our financial security is threatened by the uncertain future of our lease agreement with the City of Gloucester for the Saint Ann School building.

For these reasons, I am writing to ask you to help me raise \$75,000 for this year's Grand Annual Collection. This fundraising campaign is vitally important to our annual budget. It helps us balance our books by bridging the gap between our weekly collections and financial obligations (such as salaries and benefits, insurance premiums, utility bills, snow plowing, and essential parish programs). Each year, we ask all parishioners to contribute whatever they can to our Grand Annual Collection. Every contribution, whether it's \$10 or \$100, helps us to achieve our goal and meet our financial obligations for the coming year. Every penny raised goes directly to Holy Family Parish!

By next weekend, all parishioners registered with our census should receive a letter from me and an offertory envelope for the Grand Annual Collection. Additional envelopes are available at our pastoral office and in the vestibules of both Saint Ann Church and Saint Joachim Church. Please feel welcome to place your offering in the collection basket at Mass or mail it directly to me at the following address:

Father Jim Achadinha
Holy Family Parish
60 Prospect Street
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

Pope Francis recently said: "Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." Since the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport was created seventeen months ago, we have worked hard to put the Holy Father's words into practice in both of our parishes. But our progress in building a community in prayer, fellowship, and service depends on your ongoing generosity and support. 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! If you have any questions, please remember that you are always welcome to contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com.

Finally, please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and encouragement since becoming your pastor. I continue to be honored and humbled beyond words by your ongoing kindness and support. Please pray for me, for our pastoral team, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! And please give what you can to our Grand Annual Collection!

During the coming week, I will be away and co-directing the Assisi Project's Eighth Annual Fall Pilgrimage to Assisi, Greccio, and La Verna in Italy. Please also pray for our safe travels. And please be assured of my daily prayers for you and your family! May God bless you — now and always!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Pastor's Notes

WELCOME FATHER GERALD FLATER, OMI MISSIONARY VISIT TO OUR LADY'S

This weekend (October 31st and November 1st), the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is blessed to welcome Father Gerald Flater of the Missionary Oblates of Mary, who will celebrate Masses at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church and preach about his missionary work. In support of the good work of the Oblates of Mary and their missionary ministries around the world, a second collection will be taken this weekend at all Masses in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Your generous support will be much appreciated! Welcome, Father Flater! And thank you!

MONTH OF ALL SOULS · NOVEMBER 2015 MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

In November, the "Month of All Souls", the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate three Masses of Remembrance for those from our parishes who have journeyed home to the Lord during the past year and whose funerals were celebrated in our parishes.

These Masses will be celebrated according to the following schedule: Saturday, October 31st at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday, November 8th at 10:00am in Saint Joachim Church; and Sunday, November 15th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. At each Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones and friends will be read aloud. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace!

ASSISI PROJECT EIGHTH ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE October 30th-November 7th

During the coming week, Cliff Garvey and I, along with twelve pilgrims from the United States and Canada, will journey to Assisi, Italy and literally walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. During this annual small-group pilgrimage, we will celebrate Mass at the tomb of Saint Francis, venerate the uncorrupted relics of Saint Clare, and travel to Greccio (where Francis created the first Christmas crèche) and La Verna (where Francis received the stigmata).

At each and every holy site along the way, our pilgrims will offer prayers and petitions for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport — that through the intercession of Saint Francis, Saint Clare, and Our Lady of Angels, the Lord will continue to unite us in prayer, fellowship, and service; and to give us the courage and strength to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church.

As we pray for you during this pilgrimage, please pray for us and for our safe travels. For more information about the Assisi Project, please see Father Jim; contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820; or visit our website at assisiproject.com. Pax et bonum!

Solemnity of All Saints

"INFLAMED BY A TREMENDOUS YEARNING"

By Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is already theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of the patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors, and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, let us at length spur ourselves onward. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory...

When we commemorate the saints, we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then, we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honor. When Christ comes again, his death will no longer be proclaimed, and we will know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendor with him, when he forms his lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession. Amen.

Upcoming Events

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
HOLY NAME SOCIETY
Memorial Mass & Dinner
Sunday, November 1st at 6:00pm**

The Holy Name Society will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 1st beginning with Mass at 6:00pm in Our Lady's Church, followed by dinner in the parish hall. Our dinner will be prepared by Matt Parisi, Mario Brancaloneo, and Alan Lewis.

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 wiliam.proposki@verizon.net. Please join us!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
OUR LADY'S GUILD
Memorial Mass & Dinner
Monday, November 2nd at 6:30pm**

Our Lady's Guild will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 2nd beginning with Mass at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Church, followed by our regular business meeting, refreshments, and entertainment in the parish hall. All members are reminded to bring their food donations. Joyce Lacerda and Mary Ann Horne will serve as co-chairwomen of our meeting.

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. For more information about the Guild, please contact Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
HOLY NAME SOCIETY
Fried Dough Breakfast
Saturday, November 7th · 9:00am-11:00am**

On Saturday, November 7th from 9:00am until 11:00am, the Holy Name Society will be hosting its annual Fried Dough Breakfast in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Homemade sweetbread will also be available for purchase! So, please join us for coffee, fellowship, and some delicious fried dough and sweetbread! For more information, please contact Michael Horgan at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com/news/
Follow us on Twitter: [@ccgronline](https://twitter.com/ccgronline)

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPDATE
"NEW SPIRIT" CONFIRMATION RETREAT
Thursday, November 5th · Our Lady's Hall**

All tenth grade students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are expected to attend the "New Spirit Evening of Reflection" on Thursday, November 5th from 4:45pm until 9:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall.

Pat Sears, Barry Kingston, and their team of dedicated volunteers from New Spirit Ministries in Springfield will be joining us again for a fun and faith-filled evening of prayer, music, and faith sharing. A supper of pizza and soft drinks will be served. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please pray for all of our students and their catechists, parents, and sponsors!

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Help Us Help Others!**

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 on Cape Ann.

Our "Clothes Closet" is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm until 8:00pm; and on Saturday mornings from 10:00am until 12:00pm. In addition, our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry currently needs the following items:

Canned Chicken or Ham · Chicken or Tuna Helper
Mayonnaise · Instant Potatoes · Canned Stew
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup · Chef Boyardee
Jelly & Crackers · Juice · Jarred Pasta Sauce

Donation envelopes are also 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 in Saint Ann Church Hall. New members and volunteers are 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 for your ongoing generosity!

**DAILY PRAYER RESOURCES ONLINE
Join us: ccgronline.com/mass**

Our website includes links to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, along with Sharing the Word & Sunday Soundbites (90 second reflections on the daily & weekend Mass readings). Please join us: ccgronline.com/mass/

Sacrament of Baptism

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Schedule for the Month of November

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are 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 November, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Baptism Preparation Workshop
Sunday, November 1st at 11:00am
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 8th at 1:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 15th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 22 at 11:00am
Saint Joachim Church

Last month, the following children received the Sacrament of Baptism here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Alivia Benjamin · Colten Calabrese
William Dale · Alessandra DiMaio
Ava Doyle · Michael Farese
Cecilia Hoffman · William Johnson
Massimo Numerosi · Marguerite O'Brien
Milania Palmer · Sophia Testaverde
Logan Towne · Xavier Ventimiglia
Anthony Wilkins

If you would like to arrange for your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.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@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820.

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

MORE NEWS & INFORMATON ONLINE
Join us: [ccgrounline.com!](http://ccgrounline.com)

Upcoming Events

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WORKSHOP Tuesday, November 3rd · 7:00pm · Parish Hall

Santa Claus is coming to town! Holy Family Women's Guild will be ready! On Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00pm in Monsignor Sullivan Hall (Saint Ann Church), the Women's Guild will gather to make decorations for the coming Christmas season. From the crèche to the front door wreath, all things are beautiful at Christmas! Come and join us as we make these and other wonderful decorations for a fraction of the cost of buying them in stores! Learn a new craft or skill! Experienced crafters are welcome to bring their own supplies and tools; and those just learning are welcome to watch and learn!

New members of the Holy Family Women's Guild are always welcome! Current members are reminded to offer their annual dues of \$15.00. For more information about this event or the Guild's good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or leave a message with our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR BASKET WHEEL Donations Needed!

The "Basket Wheel" is the largest money maker at the Holy Family Women's Guild Christmas Fair (November 21st). Each year, we give away more than 120 baskets with non-stop action at the wheel! Let's make this year a record-breaking success and keep the Wheel spinning with even more baskets!

The great success of the Basket Wheel depends on donations from our parishioners and friends! So all are encouraged to create and donate a theme basket for kids, crafts, family nights, movie nights, snow days, wine & cheese, gift wrap, and barbecue! Creating a basket can be both fun and inexpensive if friends, neighbors, or co-workers work together! All donations are gratefully accepted!

A donation schedule will be posted soon! Also, special thanks to Alan & Jeanne Smith who made the Basket Wheel such a success for so many years! For more information about this year's Basket Wheel, please contact Patty & Jeff Martin at pruckermartin@yahoo.com.

CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY Saturday, November 7th at 5:00pm

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community is hosting its next Ultreya-Pot Luck Supper on Saturday, November 7th beginning at 5:00pm in Saint John's Parish Hall in Essex. Fore more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655. Please join us for some great food and fellowship! All are welcome!

Our Mass Intentions

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 8, 2015

| | |
|--|---|
| Saturday, October 31 | Vigil · Solemnity of All Saints |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Mass of Remembrance |
| 6:00pm · OLGV | Special Intention |
| Sunday, November 1 | Solemnity of All Saints |
| 7:00am · OLGV | All Souls in Purgatory |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann | All Deceased Members of the Onofrio Maggiore Family |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim | William Sydlowski |
| 11:45am · OLGV | Gerald & Florence French and Deceased Family Members |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | Mass for the People |
| | Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time |
| Monday, November 2 8:00am · OLGV | All Souls |
| Tuesday, November 3 8:00am · Saint Joachim | All Souls |
| Wednesday, November 4 8:00am · OLGV | Deceased Members of the Romeo Family |
| Thursday, November 5 8:00am · Saint Joachim | Clinio & Mariade Lurdes Alves |
| Friday, November 6 8:00am · OLGV | Manuel Carreiro & Family |
| Saturday, November 7 8:00am · Saint Ann | Calogero & Annarita Sanfilippo |
| Saturday, November 7 | Vigil · Thirty-Second Sunday |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Eleanor Salah |
| 6:00pm · OLGV | Rosalia & Enzo Giambanco |
| Sunday, November 8 | Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 7:00am · OLGV | Helen Sutherland |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann | Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary, and Gus, Frances & Nicholas Demetri |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim | Mass of Remembrance |
| 11:45am · OLGV | Richard & Evelyn Fioravanti |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | Mass for the People |

Our Weekly Gifts

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of October 24th & October 25th

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Weekly Offerings at Mass: | \$6,304.00 |
| Miscellaneous Gifts: | \$125.00 |
| Electronic Donations: | \$979.00 |
| Total Offerings: | \$7,408.00 |

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of October 24th & October 25th

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offerings at Mass: | \$2,722.00 |
| Grand Annual Collection: | \$23,404.00 |

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 Francis Joseph Sullivan
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Benedetto & Rosaria Favazza
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Thomas, Rose, Sam, Rosemarie,
Thomas III & Jenny Faye Lupo and Louie Aiello
Altar Gifts · Holy Family Parish

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

THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Morning After Daily Mass

All are invited to join us every morning after Daily Mass as we pray the Holy Rosary. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to Christ by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by asking for her intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our world. All are invited! All are welcome! Please join us!