

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!

In Case You Missed it...

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 this 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 week of November 1st, 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

Month of All Souls

MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 2015

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.

In addition to last Saturday's Mass of Remembrance in Saint Ann Church, we will celebrate two additional Masses of Remembrance according to the following schedule:

Saint Joachim Church
Sunday, November 8th · 10:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Sunday, November 15th · 11:45am

At each Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones and friends will be read aloud. Please join us! All are welcome! May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace!

A DAILY PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Almighty God and Father,
we raise our hearts to you today
for those who have passed from this mortal life.

In Your loving mercy,
receive them into Your heavenly company
and forgive the faults and failings
that they may have committed in human weakness.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
suffered so that He might deliver all souls into heaven.
By his grace, may they share in the glory
of Christ's victory over sin and death.

We pray for all who have died,
but we pray especially for those dearest to us:
our parents, relatives, and friends.
We pray for all who did good to us while on earth,
who helped us
by their prayers, sacrifice, and good example.
And we pray for those who did harm,
and stand in need of your mercy.

May the prayers of our Blessed Mother Mary
and all those of the angels and saints
pray for us and for all souls.

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.

Saint Ann, pray for us!
Saint Joachim, pray for us!
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

This Week's Message

MONTH OF ALL SOULS "THE REMEDY IS THE GRACE OF CHRIST"

*by Saint Ambrose
Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

We should have a familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment, the soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly passions to a place where they cannot come near. The soul must take on the likeness of death to avoid the punishment of death. The law of our fallen nature battles with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? Who will set us free from this body of death? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We have a doctor to heal us; let us use the remedy that he prescribes. The remedy is the grace of Christ, the dead body our own. Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ. Though we are still in the body, let us not give ourselves to the things of the body. We must not reject the natural rights of the body, but we must desire before all else the gifts of grace.

What more need be said? It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to die, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray, we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice, we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it is death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of our salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning. He prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unending labor and unbearable sorrow, and so began our wretched experience. There had to be a limit to sin's evil; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of God's grace, immortality would be more of a burden than a blessing...

Above all else, Holy King David prayed that he might see and gaze on this: "One thing I have asked of the Lord, this I shall pray for: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, and to see how gracious is the Lord (Psalm 27:4)." Amen!

Source: Office of Readings for the Feast of All Souls

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK, DISABLED & HOMEBOUD

"Is there anyone sick among you?" This question, found in the New Testament's Letter of Saint James (5:14), serves as an invitation for the sick and those who care for them to call upon the priests of the Church to pray with them and anoint them with holy oil in the name of the Lord.

All parishioners are welcome to ask for prayer and for the Sacrament of the Sick before surgery or when diagnosed with a serious illness. This sacrament should not be regarded as "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of the Lord's healing and merciful presence. If you or a loved one would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion at home (due to age, illness, or disability), please contact Anna Maturro, Associate Minister of Pastoral Care, at annamaturro@verizon.net or 978-281-4820.

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, Attn: 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@ccab.org. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support!

THE LEGION OF MARY Tuesdays at 4:00pm · Parish Center

Founded in Ireland in 1921, the Legion of Mary is an international fellowship of lay men and women who volunteer their time, talents, and prayers under the banner of the Blessed Virgin Mary by practicing the "spiritual works of mercy" in our parish communities. The Legion's primary apostolate is to visit and pray with our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners.

Every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Campus) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of faith formation under the guidance of their spiritual director. For more information about the Legion of Mary, please contact Joan Foster at ajay7@verizon.net; Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a message by call our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

Adult Faith Formation

SPECIAL EVENT!

Learning the Liturgy of the Hours: A Reprise Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30pm

Earlier this fall, Father Jim and Cliff introduced a large group of parishioners to the Divine Office during our three-night mini-course entitled: "Learning the Liturgy of the Hours." On Wednesday, November 18th in Saint Anthony Chapel, all are welcome to join us for a one-night "reprise" of that mini-course. This special evening of prayer, faith formation, and sharing is an opportunity for those who missed the mini-course to learn about the Liturgy of the Hours; and a chance for those who are praying with it to ask questions and share their experiences.

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 solemnly promise 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."

We will begin our time together with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After praying together, Father Jim and Cliff will offer some basic instruction on how to pray the Divine Office alone or in groups. In addition, there will be time for discussion, faith sharing, and questions. Finally, we will conclude with Night Prayer.

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

For those parishioners who may be unable to join us for this special event due to family or professional obligations, our own website includes links to user-friendly sites for praying the Liturgy of the Hours. All are welcome to join us online at ccgrounline.com/prayer.

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Sacrament of Baptism

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Schedule for the Month of November

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of 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@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.

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

INFORMATION ABOUT SACRAMENTS
Join us: ccgronline.com!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

THE HOLY ROSARY Every Morning After Daily Mass

All are invited to join us every morning after Daily Mass in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Risen Lord 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. For more information, please see Father Jim or a member of our pastoral team. Please join us! All are welcome!

CCGR YOUTH CHOIR Tuesdays at 5:00pm · Saint Ann Church

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport Youth Choir meets for practice and rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. The Youth Choir sings every weekend at one of our three churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

The Youth Choir welcomes new members (ranging in age from kindergarten through eighth grade). And singing with the choir is a great way to make new friends and participate in the life of our parish! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net. 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.

DAILY PRAYER RESOURCES
Join us: ccgronline.com/prayer

Our Mass Intentions

NOVEMBER 7 -NOVEMBER 15, 2015

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
	Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, November 9 8:00am · OLGV	Manuel Luis & Family
Tuesday, November 10 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Joan V. Jarman
Wednesday, November 11 8:00am · OLGV	For All Veterans
Thursday, November 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Treffle & Caroline Laprise
Friday, November 13 8:00am · OLGV	Grace Budrow
Saturday, November 14 8:00am · Saint Ann	Anthony Piraino
Saturday, November 14	Vigil · Thirty-Third Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Vincent Scuderi
6:00pm · OLGV	Francis, Elizabeth & Peter Bruni
Sunday, November 15	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Lillian Novello
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Nicolo & Angela (Catalfo) Vitale
11:45am · OLGV	Mass of Remembrance
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Gifts

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of October 31st & November 1st

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$5,935.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$106.00
Electronic Donations:	\$816.00
Total Offerings:	\$6,857.00
Second Collection (All Saints & Souls)	\$2,269.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of October 31st & November 1st

Weekly Offerings at Mass:	\$2,889.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$50.00
Total Offerings:	\$2,939.00
Second Collection (Missions)	\$1,852.00
Grand Annual Collection:	\$23,604.00

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 Paul & Doris McNamara
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Birthday of Margaret Myrvold
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Richard & Evelyn Fioravanti
Sanctuary Flowers · 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 support!

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