

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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Come, Holy Spirit!

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Sacrament of Confirmation

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JIM: THE REAL WORK BEGINS NOW!

This year, sixty-four high school students from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish successfully completed the requirements of our Confirmation Preparation Program. During the past two years, our students attended classes together. They attended Mass together. They participated in our "New Spirit Evening of Reflection." They completed community service projects. And they prayed together as a community of young disciples. I can personally attest that our students are well prepared to renew their Baptismal vows, to publically profess their faith in Christ, and to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is vitally important, however, for our students, their parents and sponsors, and for all of us to remember that Confirmation should never be considered as graduation from youth faith formation or the end of their participation in the life of God's Church. Instead, Confirmation is just the beginning of a mature person's spiritual journey. It is just the beginning of one's work as a faithful and faith-filled disciple of Christ and his Church. In short, the work begins now!

As our young fellow parishioners receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend, I am mindful of the life and example of Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1991), an influential African-American educator, philosopher, and theologian. Dr. Thurman was a prolific author who wrote twenty books that influenced the spirituality and thinking of Martin Luther King, Jr. and other prominent civil rights leaders of the last century. I first learned about Dr. Thurman during my years as an undergraduate at Boston University where I studied both mathematics and religion. For many years, Dr. Thurman had served as the first-ever African-American Dean of Marsh Chapel (1953-1965); and the University's cultural center is now named in his honor. What remains with me now after these many years is this short poem that Dr. Thurman wrote about "The Work of Christmas."

Now the work of Christmas begins:
when the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks.
The work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

In this beautiful poem Dr. Howard Thurman reminds us that the real work of Christmas begins after the celebration is over, after the pomp and circumstance of the holiday season, and after all of the decorations have been packed away in our basements, attics, and sheds. Likewise, the real work of discipleship for both our Confirmation candidates and for all of us begins now and begins anew each and every time we share the Sign of Peace; each and every time we receive the Eucharist; and each and every time that we are called to welcome the stranger, forgive our neighbor, or share our time, talent, and treasure with God's people. The work of discipleship is lifelong and will culminate when Christ himself asks us to account for ourselves and our lives. Did we help the Lord find the lost sheep? Did we help him feed the hungry? Did we help him bring consolation to prisoners and to the poor? Did we help him bring peace to our families, our neighborhoods, and our workplaces? Did we help him make beautiful music in a world so often filled only with the chaotic voices of anger and prejudice? Let us always remember that the work of Christ begins now!

Dr. Howard Thurman once wrote: "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." My prayer for our newly Confirmed fellow parishioners is that they will fully embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; that they will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love; that they will continue to join our community in prayer, fellowship, and service; and they will "come alive" to live the Gospel, share God's love, and build-up and strengthen the Church. Please join me in praying for all of our Confirmation students, their parents, sponsors, and families, and for their catechists. And throughout this new year, let us remember to pray for each other and for all who live, work, and worship in our parishes. Amen!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Sacrament of Confirmation

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, January 24th

Along with Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism through an outpouring of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Knowledge · Understanding
Wisdom · Right Judgment
Courage · Reverence
Wonder & Awe

These Gifts seal or “confirm” the mystical union between the candidates and Christ Jesus and prepare them to actively participate in the prayer, worship, and apostolic ministry of the Catholic Church.

This year, sixty-four high school students in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport have successfully completed the requirements of our Confirmation Preparation Program. During the past two years, they attended both classes and Sunday Mass. They participated in the “New Spirit Evening of Reflection.” They completed service projects. And they have prayed together as a community of young disciples. These students are now well prepared to publically renew their Baptismal vows, profess their faith, and live as faithful and faith-filled Catholics.

Last weekend, the Very Reverend Gerard Petringa, Episcopal Vicar for the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston joined us for our annual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Family Parish. This Sunday, January 24th, Father Petringa will join us again to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:45am Mass in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

As always, the success of our youth faith formation program depends on our volunteers. So, on behalf of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, Father Jim gives God great thanks and praise for this year’s dedicated and hardworking team of catechists: Jennifer Dort, Martha Geraghty, Doug Greenfield, and Michael Cimoszko. Their generous gifts of time and talent have ensured that all of our sixty-four candidates will be well-prepared to accept and embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation! Thank you!

As our candidates and catechists make final preparations for our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please pray for them, their parents, sponsors, and families. May the Lord bless them and may the Holy Spirit guide them now and always! For more information about our youth faith formation programs in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com; or see Father Jim before or after Mass.

Our Pastor’s Message

SOME GOOD NEWS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

As your pastor, I am responsible for both the spiritual and temporal well-being of our parishes. That means that in addition to being a shepherd of souls, I am also accountable for the financial stability of our parishes. Before my ordination to the priesthood, I studied math in college and worked at a bank. In addition, my hardworking immigrant parents taught me a great deal about how to balance a family budget, make ends meet, and save for the future. Although I am not an accountant or a financial expert, these experiences help me to appreciate the financial challenges and opportunities facing our parishes.

Inserted into this weekend’s bulletin is a financial report for Holy Family Parish (Fiscal Year 2014-2015). I am very pleased to share with you some good news: Our parish budget is balanced. Weekly offertory collections increased by more than 6.0% over the previous fiscal year. Donations to our Grand Annual Collection increased by 9.0% over the previous fiscal year. More than \$100,000 from our lease agreement with the City of Gloucester has been saved and put away for emergencies and other contingencies. And we have begun the hard work of repairing and restoring our buildings (including long-planned renovations to the parish hall).

The credit for this good news must be shared by every single parishioner, friend, and visitor who supports Holy Family Parish, but also by Linda Rogers, our able Business Manager, and the other dedicated members of our Finance Council: Joseph Grella (Chair), Robert Krause, Rosa Ladd, Rudy Macchi and Cliff Garvey (Ex-Officio).

Alas, in the midst of this good financial news, I am sad to report that Linda Rogers has decided to leave our pastoral team at the end of this month. During the past twenty months, it has been a true honor and pleasure to work with Linda. Her dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work have helped to ensure the financial security of both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Needless to say, Linda will be deeply missed by me and by all who have been touched by her kind and generous spirit. On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, I wish to thank Linda Rogers for all that she has done for us, to commend her for a job well done, and to wish her a bright and happy future.

Finally, regardless of whether you belong to Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage, your financial support for our parish communities sustains us and empowers us to undertake the Lord’s holy work in his vineyards of Gloucester and Rockport. Thank you for ongoing generosity! May God bless you for you and your family!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD "Father Jim's Journey to the Priesthood" Wednesday, February 3rd · 7:00pm

On Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, the Holy Family Women's Guild will hold its first meeting of the new year! Our special guest will be our pastor, Father Jim, who will talk with us about the Sacrament of Holy Orders and share with us his journey to the priesthood. All parishioners, friends, and visitors to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this special event. Refreshments will be served. Please join us! All are welcome!

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages in prayer, fellowship, and service to the parish and wider community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts various fundraising events and social gatherings, including the Palm Sunday Bake Sale, the Strawberry Festival in June, and the Christmas Fair in December. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish community, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbertolino4@msn.com or Janet Lucido at jml3485@aol.com; or leave a message with the parish office by calling 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

MERCY FRIDAY YEAR OF MERCY SPECIAL EVENT Friday, February 5th · Begins at Noon

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for our next "Mercy Friday" on Friday, February 5th from 12:00pm until 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. This special day of devotion and prayer in celebration of the Jubilee Year will begin at noon with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. At 3:00pm, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. From 5:00pm until 6:00pm, Father Jim will hear confessions. And at 6:30pm, we will conclude with Evening Prayer (with Homily) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information about this and other Year of Mercy programs and events, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us for all or part of this special day of devotion and prayer as we celebrate God's love and mercy for each and everyone of us! All are invited! All are welcome!

BRINGING HOME THE WORD Join us: ccgronline.com/news

Bringing Home the Word is a weekly worship resource for individuals and families that is based on the Sunday Mass readings. A new edition is posted every Saturday morning on our website: ccgronline.com/news. Join us!

Youth Faith Formation Update

PASTOR'S NOTE CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES!

As we begin to reimagine, restructure, and rebuild our youth faith formation programs, it is important to remember that all children and teenagers are invited to fully participate in the life of our parishes as altar servers, as players in our Live Stations of the Cross (see below), and as singers or instrumentalists in our Youth Choir & Music Ministry (see below). These are not just seasonal events but formative and unique opportunities for our young fellow parishioners to gather in prayer, to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church, and to truly live their faith in a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or Betsy Works at bworks@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for practice and rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. The Youth Choir, along with an ensemble of talented young instrumentalists, sings every weekend during Mass at one of our three churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our Youth Choir & Music Ministry welcomes new members (ranging in age from kindergarten through eighth grade). Singing in the choir is a great way to make new friends and participate in the life of our parishes! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or leave a message by calling 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Rehearsals Begin Thursday, January 28th!

All young disciples (grades three and up) from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are invited to participate in our 18th Annual Live Stations of the Cross which will be presented on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Youth participants are expected to memorize their parts and attend eight weekly rehearsals which will begin on Thursday, January 28th from 4:00pm until 5:30pm in Saint Ann Church. Adult volunteers are also needed and most welcome! So, if you or your child would like to participate in this deeply moving annual program that helps to bring us all closer to Christ Jesus as he carries the Holy Cross, please contact Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com or 978-283-5096. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Fall Pilgrimage 2016

ASSISI PROJECT FALL PILGRIMAGE

November 4th-November 12th

For the ninth consecutive year, Father Jim, Cliff Garvey, and the Assisi Project are sponsoring a week-long, small-group pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy. Each year, our pilgrimage groups have literally walked in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. This year, from November 4th through November 12th, we will journey again to Assisi and to the Franciscan Sanctuary at La Verna.

Each morning, we will begin with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Mass. Father Jim celebrates Masses for us at the Basilica of Saint Francis, the Basilica of Our Lady of Angels (Porziuncola Chapel), the Carceri Hermitage, and the Sanctuary at La Verna. Each afternoon, our pilgrims will have free time and some guidance to explore Assisi at their own pace and to visit its many churches, cafes, museums, and shops. Each evening, we will gather again for supper, followed by Evening Prayer, a spiritual conference, and faith sharing.

As a fellowship of pilgrims, we will explore the historic Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Each of these great basilicas contains the tombs of the saints, holy relics, priceless frescoes and other works of art, along with quiet chapels for personal prayer and worship. We will also visit the Basilica of Saint Rufino, where Francis and Clare were baptized; the Church of Saint Damian where Christ spoke to Francis and hastened his conversion; the Carceri Hermitage where Francis and his first followers retreated for prayer and contemplation; and the chapel known as the Porziuncola, which is considered the home church of the worldwide Franciscan community.

In addition, we will spend leisurely afternoons in and around the Piazza del Commune, Assisi's city center, with its ancient Roman temple (now a Catholic Church), sidewalk cafes, restaurants, and shops. Our more adventurous pilgrims will also have a chance to visit the Rocca Maggiore, the great medieval fortress with its stunning views of Assisi, the Spoleto Valley, and Mount Subasio. And finally, we will travel to La Verna, the mountain sanctuary in Tuscany, where Saint Francis received the stigmata (the five wounds of the Crucified Christ). At La Verna, we will celebrate Mass, enjoy a delicious lunch, and participate in the daily procession that commemorates how Saint Francis received the stigmata.

The cost of this extraordinary pilgrimage and retreat is \$3,299 per person and includes roundtrip airfare and associated fees; ground transportation (except personal taxis); guest house accommodations (single room & bathroom); and all meals. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or join us online at assisiproject.com. Space is limited! Please join us!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

THE OPEN DOOR

FEEDING PEOPLE, CHANGING LIVES

Call for Saint Patrick's Day Volunteers

The Open Door is a non-profit service organization that operates a food pantry and thrift shop; and also provides nutritious meals to those in need of food or companionship. The mission of the Open Door is to alleviate the impact of hunger in our community. They use practical strategies to connect people to good food, to advocate on behalf of those in need, and to engage others in the work of building food security.

Parishioners in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport have a long history of volunteering with the Open Door. And this year, we are seeking volunteers to help with preparing and serving dinner on Saint Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th. For more information, please contact Sheila McCarthy at sheshecd@hotmail.com or 781-820-9025. Thank you in advance for your generous support of time and talent!

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. During the winter months, our "Clothes Closet" is open on Saturday mornings only from 10:00am until 1:00pm. In addition, our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of all 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

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Our Mass Intentions

JANUARY 23 – JANUARY 31, 2016

Saturday, January 23	Vigil · Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Bob Cunningham and the Rioux Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Manuel & Maria Achadinha
Sunday, January 24	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Josephine & Salvatore Testaverde
8:15am · Saint Ann	William J. Mourey
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Gerald O'Connor
11:45am · OLGV	Sacrament of Confirmation
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Third Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, January 25 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Frontiero
Tuesday, January 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Martin Dillon
Wednesday, January 27 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend John McCormick
Thursday, January 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Antoinette Vaccaro
Friday, January 29 8:00am · OLGV	Jeanne Linehan
Saturday, January 30 8:00am · Saint Ann	Mass of Thanksgiving Father Pucinelli's 50th Anniversary
Saturday, January 30	Vigil · Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Manuel & Maria Matos
6:00pm · OLGV	Paula Novello
Sunday, January 31	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Teresa & Andrew Murphy
8:15am · Saint Ann	Michael E. Trainor
10:00am · Saint Joachim	George & Josephine Piacitelli
11:45am · OLGV	Richard & Evelyn Fioravanti
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Offerings

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of January 16th – January 17th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$4,754.00
Confirmation Mass	\$1,719.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$699.00
Electronic Donations	\$778.00
Total Offerings	\$7,950.00
Second Collection (Catholic Schools)	\$2,166.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$59,029.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of January 16th – January 17th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$2,198.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$170.00
Total Offerings	\$2,368.00
Second Collection (Catholic Schools)	\$593.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$23,754.00

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 Mary & Nina Simoes
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Paula Novello
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary gifts in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE
UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION
Next Weekend: January 30th – January 31st**

Support of our Grand Annual Collection!
Thank you in advance for your generous support!