

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
The Epiphany of the Lord · January 3, 2016



## The Epiphany of the Lord

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## Jubilee Year of Mercy An Invitation to Experience God's Love

### MERCY FRIDAYS A MONTHLY VIGIL OF PRAYER Friday, January 15th · Begins at 12:00pm

In March 2015, Pope Francis announced that the Roman Catholic Church would celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (December 8, 2015) and concluding on the Feast of Christ the King (November 20, 2016). Last month, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year of Mercy by opening the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Overall, the theme of this extraordinary jubilee year is "Merciful Like the Father" and its primary focus is an ongoing invitation to all people to experience God's forgiveness, love, and mercy through prayer, penance, worship, and the Sacraments of the Church.

The tradition of the jubilee year is rooted in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus (Lev 25:8-13). In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII convoked the first jubilee year in the Roman Catholic Church and offered all believers an opportunity for the universal forgiveness of sins. Since then, such holy or jubilee years have been celebrated every 25 or 50 years. The Catholic Church last celebrated a Jubilee Year in 2000 to mark the beginning of a new millennium. This Jubilee Year of Mercy is "extraordinary" because the Holy Father broke from tradition and announced it without advance notice or planning.

In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we will celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with special programs and events throughout the year. For example, our next "Mercy Friday" is scheduled for Friday, January 15th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our vigil of prayer will begin at 12:00pm 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. Please join us for all or part of this special day of devotion, prayer, and worship. All are welcome!

During the coming year, other programs and special events will include opportunities for scripture study, spiritual direction, mini-courses, and retreats all focused on offering our fellow parishioners and friends opportunities to deepen their personal relationships with the Lord and to experience God's love and mercy in their own lives. Throughout the year, let us pray for each other and for our parish communities: that the Lord will bless us with his boundless love and mercy. For more information, please contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgrronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgrronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Peace and blessings to all! Happy New Year!

### A PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY Let Us Pray with Our Holy Father!

In honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has written a special prayer to bring us closer to our merciful Lord through the inspiration of the scriptures and the grace of the Triune God. So, together with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and with fellow Christians and people of goodwill around the world, let us raise our hearts and voices in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful  
like the heavenly Father,  
and you have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew  
from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Mary Magdalene  
from seeking happiness in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,  
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all  
by forgiveness and mercy.  
Let the Church be your visible face in the world,  
its Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers  
would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those  
in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them  
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Holy Spirit  
and consecrate every one of us with his anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy  
may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;  
you who live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.  
Amen!

## News & Notes

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY YOUTH PAGEANT

**Saturday, January 2nd · 4:00pm Mass**

This weekend throughout the world, as part of the Season of Christmas, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Traditionally, the Epiphany commemorates the coming of the Magi from the East who pay homage to the newborn Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. These wise men paid tribute to the Lord by bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, our celebration of the Solemnity of the Epiphany includes a youth dramatization of the coming of the Magi at our 4:00pm Mass in Saint Ann Church. Children of all ages from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish will participate in this annual Christmas tradition. On behalf of our grateful parishes, Father Jim thanks Sue Demetri and Donna Lupo for their dedication and hard work in organizing this year's youth pageant. Special thanks also go to all of the children who participated and their parents! Happy New Year!

### PARISH PAY

#### Electronic Giving Now Offered at Both Parishes!

Electronic giving is now available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. At parishpay.com, it is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time-only or ongoing basis. And it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. So, please prayerfully consider supporting your parish by giving electronically!

For more information about electronic giving in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit parishpay.com or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. If you need any assistance with setting up an account, please contact Linda Rogers at 978-281-4820 or lrogers@ccgrronline.com. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support of our parishes! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All submissions to our bulletin & website must be sent to Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.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@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

## Our Pastor's Message

### A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Each year, a friend of mine re-reads "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens as part of his holiday tradition. Since my friend can no longer be considered a young man, he has probably read this classic tale more than thirty times. But each time, year after year, he comes away with a new lesson learned, a new bit of wisdom to share during friendly gatherings, dinners, and holiday parties.

This year, my friend was typically fascinated by the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge from mean-spirited miser to charitable apostle of Christmas; and also by Scrooge's promise near the end of the story. After being visited by the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, Scrooge resolves: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

Indeed, in the closing lines of "A Christmas Carol", Dickens assures us that "Scrooge was better than his word...He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew, or any other good old city or town, or borough, in the good old world."

As a new year begins and as new year resolutions sadly fall by the wayside when confronted with the realities of work and family, we would do well to hold on tightly to Mr. Scrooge and his promise to "honor" and "keep" Christmas throughout the year. As Catholics, we are ever mindful of our shared past and traditions, both as parishioners in our home parishes and brothers and sisters in the Universal Church. And as Catholics, we always look to the future and toward the promise of eternal life.

But what about the present? At the beginning of "A Christmas Carol", Scrooge is mired in the muck of the present. He is weighed down by the concerns of the world: money, prestige, and power over others. Rather than being a voice of encouragement or an agent of charity to his friends, neighbors, and associates, Scrooge is a voice of anger and criticism. He is one of those sad people who tears down but does not build up.

As Christians, our vocation in the present is precisely that: to build up, to encourage, and to love. Our vocation is to live the Gospel, to share God's love with our families, friends, and neighbors, and to strengthen the Church through prayer, fellowship, and service. This year, let us pray for the grace to honor and keep Christmas each and every day. Let us resolve to love God and to love others; and to pray that what was said about Mr. Scrooge at the end of the story may be said about us — today, tomorrow, and throughout the year! May God bless us, everyone!

Peace and blessings to all for a Happy New Year,  
Father Jim

## Prayer, Fellowship & Service

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday Mornings · 6:30am-8:00am**

The Men's Fellowship meets every Saturday morning from 6:30am until 8:00am in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus). All are invited to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work to deepen our faith and personal relationships with Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or [albiemitchell@me.com](mailto:albiemitchell@me.com). New members welcome!

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**Sunday, January 3rd · 6:30pm · Our Lady's Hall**

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is an organization of men which was founded to prayerfully support the parish through fundraising and volunteer service. The Holy Name Society meets on the first Sunday evening of each month in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 3rd at 6:30pm. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Michael Horgan at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

### OUR LADY'S GUILD

**Monday, January 4th · 6:30pm · Our Lady's Hall**

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. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After our business meeting, we will hold a silent auction. All members are reminded to bring their food and auction donations. Fatima Lourenço and Rose DeLima will serve as co-chairwomen. For more information about becoming a member of Our Lady's Guild, please contact Linda Galvin at [lingalv2010@gmail.com](mailto:lingalv2010@gmail.com). All are welcome!

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH

#### BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE

**Help Us Help Others!**

During these challenging economic times, Catholic Charities North provides basic needs assistance (grocery gift cards, utilities, and mortgage & rent) to families in need. 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 [sarah\\_gindel@ccab.org](mailto:sarah_gindel@ccab.org) or 978-283-3055. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## Youth Faith Formation News

### CELEBRATION OF

### FIRST PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

**Saturday, January 9th · 11:00am · Saint Ann Church**

This year, sixty-four of our youngest fellow parishioners from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are preparing for their First Holy Communion. On Saturday, January 9th at 11:00am in Saint Ann Church, those young disciples will participate in the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time. All parents, grandparents, godparents, friends, and family members are also invited to join us for this special celebration in the lives of these young disciples of Christ Jesus.

As First Penance approaches, please pray for all of our students and their families, and for all of our catechists and volunteers! For more information about our youth faith formation program, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgonline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgonline.com)! May God bless our children at Christmas and always!

### PASTOR'S NOTE

#### CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES!

As we begin to reimagine and rebuild our youth faith formation programs, it is important to remember that all children and teenagers are invited to participate in the life of our parishes: as altar servers, as players in our dramatization of the Epiphany, and as singers or instrumentalists in our Youth Choir. These are not just seasonal events but formative opportunities for children of all ages to gather in prayer, to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church, and to 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 see Fr. Jim or contact Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgonline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820.

### 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, 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.

The Youth Choir 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](mailto:pnatti@comcast.net) or leave a message by calling 978-281-4820. All are welcome!

## Sacrament of Baptism

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Schedule for the Month of January

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

Baptism Preparation Workshop  
Sunday, January 3rd at 1:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism  
Sunday, January 10th at 1:00pm  
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism  
Sunday, January 17th at 1:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism  
Sunday, January 24th at 11:00am  
Saint Joachim Church

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

Giuliana Ciaramitaro · Valentina Ciaramitaro  
Francis Day-Laporte · Amanda de Oliveira  
Bianca dos Santos · Etta Gardner  
James Lorden · Evan O'Connell · Isabella Parisi  
Kimberly Ricardo · Macie Zerilli

If you would like to arrange for your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at [office@ccgronline.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 and your family throughout the new year!

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE!

Join us: [ccgronline.com/sacraments](http://ccgronline.com/sacraments)  
Follow us on Twitter: @ccgronline

## Prayer, Fellowship & Service

### CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY Saturday, January 9th at 5:00pm

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community is hosting its next Ultreya-Potluck Supper on Saturday, January 9th in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus) after the 4:00pm Mass. All are invited to join us for great food, good cheer, prayer, and fellowship! Upcoming Potluck Suppers are scheduled for February 13th (at Saint John's in Essex), April 9th (at Holy Family Parish in Gloucester), April 30th (Saint John's), and June 4th (Saint John's). For more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or [albiemitchell@me.com](mailto:albiemitchell@me.com). Please join us and bring a friend! All are welcome!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Four Opportunities Each Week!

Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient and prayerful devotion of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers several opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Monday Evenings at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm-8:00pm); Thursday Evenings at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm-7:30pm); and Tuesday & Thursday Mornings at Saint Joachim Church (8:30am-10:30am). Please join us! All are welcome!

### 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. The Legion of Mary joyfully welcomes its two newest members: Jean Madruga of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish and Elizabeth Unis Philips of Holy Family Parish. For more information about the Legion of Mary, please contact Joan Foster at [ajay7@verizon.net](mailto:ajay7@verizon.net); Sue Demetri at [sdemetri2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sdemetri2000@yahoo.com); or leave a message by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

### BRINGING HOME THE WORD A Weekly Resource for Prayer & Reflection

New Edition Every Saturday!  
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## Our Mass Intentions

JANUARY 2—JANUARY 10, 2016

<b>Saturday, January 2</b>	<b>Vigil · The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph Barbagallo & Sisters
6:00pm · OLGV	Herbert O. Hultin
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Orlando Reis
8:15am · Saint Ann	Joseph Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Robert McConnell
11:45am · OLGV	John Orlando & Matteo Russo
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>Season of Christmas</b>
Monday, January 4 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend Edward Keohan
Tuesday, January 5 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Caterina Russo
Wednesday, January 6 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention for Colleen Ritzer
Thursday, January 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Jane Joseph
Friday, January 8 8:00am · OLGV	Elsie Marks
Saturday, January 9 8:00am · Saint Ann	Elva Romanow
<b>Saturday, January 9</b>	<b>Vigil · The Baptism of the Lord</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Francesco DiMercurio
6:00pm · OLGV	Reverend Cornelius Mullaney
<b>Sunday, January 10</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Paul Frasier
8:15am · Saint Ann	Francesco DiMercurio
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Albert Lattof
11:45am · OLGV	Anna Adelfio
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

## Our Weekly Offerings

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

#### Weekend of December 19th – December 20th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$5,968.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$649.00
Electronic Donations	\$1,023.00
Total Offerings	\$7,640.00

#### Weekend of December 26th – December 27th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$4,923.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$649.00
Electronic Donations	\$1,023.00
Total Offerings	\$6,595.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$55,889.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

#### Weekend of December 19th – December 20th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$3,098.00
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#### Weekend of December 26th – December 27th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$3,406.00
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 Ralph & Josephine Pratt  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of All Souls  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of All Souls  
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@ccgonline.com](mailto:office@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!