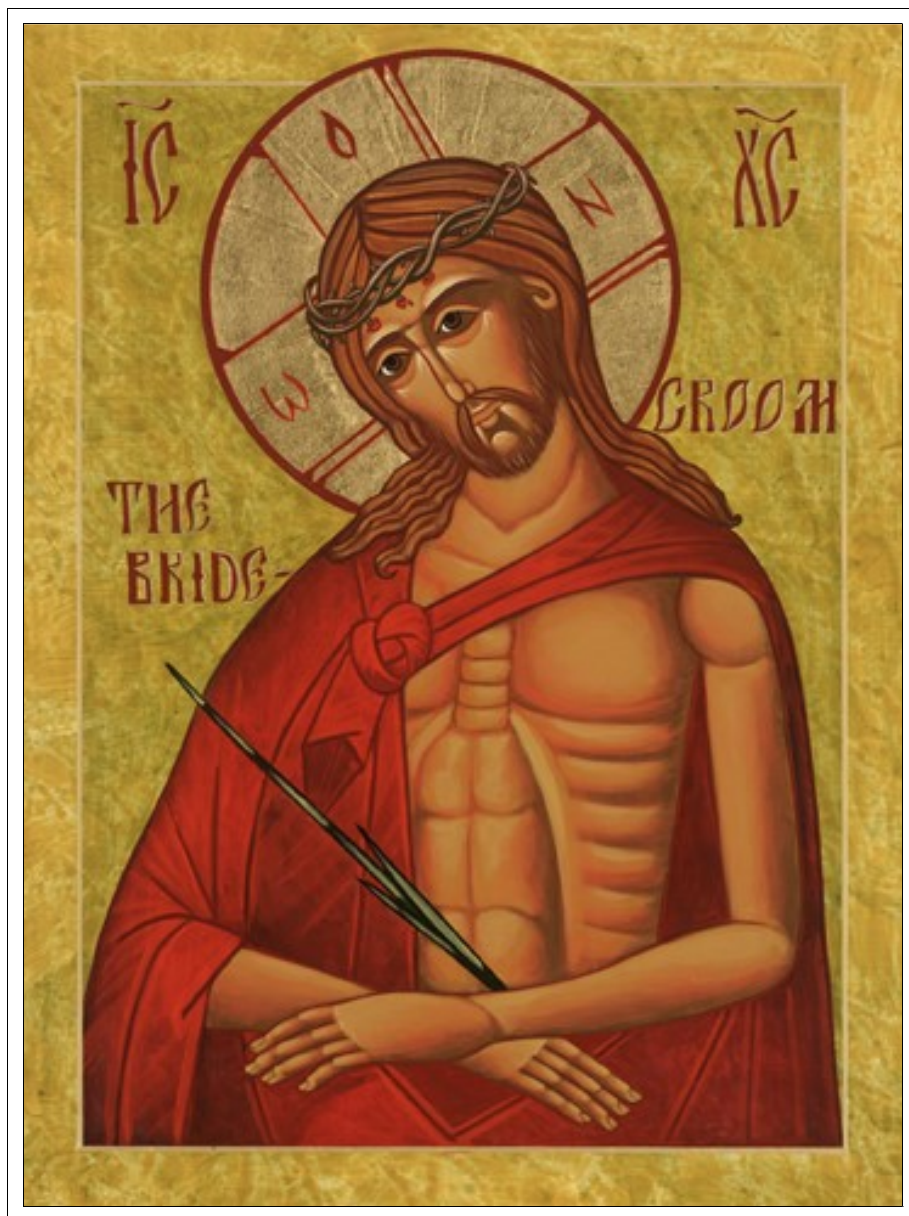


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion · March 20, 2016



A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

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PALM SUNDAY WITH POPE FRANCIS

THE CELEBRATION OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



WHO AM I?

A Palm Sunday Homily
By Pope Francis

This week begins with the festive procession with palms and olive branches. The entire people welcomes Jesus. The children and young people sing and praise the Lord. But this week concludes with the mystery of Jesus's death and resurrection. On Palm Sunday, we listen to the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord. We should ask ourselves one question: Who am I? Who am I before my Lord? Who am I when Jesus enters Jerusalem amidst the enthusiasm of the crowds? Am I ready to express my joy? Am I ready to praise him? Or do I stand back? Who am I before the crucified and suffering Jesus?

During today's gospel proclamation, we hear many names. The group of leaders, the priests, the Pharisees, the teachers of the law, all of whom had decided to kill Jesus. They were waiting for the chance to arrest him. Am I like one of them? We also hear another name: Judas. Thirty pieces of silver. Am I like Judas? We hear other names, too. We hear the names of the disciples who understand nothing, who fall asleep while the Lord is suffering. Has my life fallen asleep?

Or am I like the disciples who do not realize their betrayal of Jesus? Am I like that other disciple who wants to settle everything with a sword? Am I like them? Am I like Judas, who feigns love and kisses the Master in order to betray him, to hand him over to the authorities? Am I a traitor? Am I like those people in power who hastily summon a tribunal and seek false witnesses? Am I like them? And when I do these things, do I think that I am somehow saving the people?

Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands and dodge my responsibility? Do I allow others to be condemned? Do I condemn them myself? Am I like the crowd which is not sure whether they are present at a religious gathering, a trial, or a circus? Am I like them when they choose Barabbas over Jesus? For them, it is all the same: it is more entertaining to humiliate Jesus than to do what is right and just.

Am I like the soldiers who strike the Lord, spit on him, insult him? Am I like the soldiers who find it entertaining to humiliate Jesus? Am I like Simon of Cyrene, who is weary after a long day's work but is good enough to help the Lord carry his cross? Am I like those who walk by the cross and mock Jesus? Am I like those who say: "If he is so powerful, then let him come down from the cross! Then we will believe him!" Am I like those who mock Jesus?

Am I like Joseph, the hidden disciple, who lovingly carries the body of Jesus to give it burial? Am I like the two Marys, who remain at the tomb? Am I like those who weep and pray for him? Am I like those leaders who said to Pilate: "Look, this Jesus said that he would rise again. We cannot let this fraud take place!" Am I like those who block life, who block the tomb? Let us ask ourselves: Who am I? Where is my heart? Which of these persons am I like? May this question remain with us throughout this entire Holy Week!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

*All are welcome to join
the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport
in commemoration of Holy Week & Easter Sunday!*

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY MARCH 21ST – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

MORNING PRAYER
SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH · 8:00AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
SAINT ANN CHURCH · 7:00PM

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH
UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

MORNING PRAYER
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH · 8:00AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAINT ANN CHURCH · 12:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH · 3:00PM
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH · 7:00PM

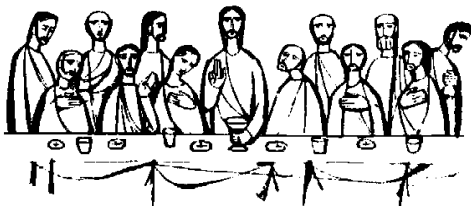
HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

MORNING PRAYER
SAINT ANN CHURCH · 8:00AM

EASTER VIGIL MASS
SAINT ANN CHURCH · 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

A HOLY WEEK PRAYER

By Cliff Garvey

Lord Jesus Christ,
we begin this holiest of weeks
by waving palms to honor you.
But as these sacred days pass,
we will hope beyond all hope
that the supper of your betrayal
will be left in friendship;
that the prayers of your agony
will be answered;
that the pillar of your scourging
will be left unbloodied;
and that the timbers of your Cross
will be left unbound.
Yet we know that our destiny
depends on your destiny:
to be arrested wrongly,
to be beaten mercilessly,
to be humiliated publically,
and to suffer and die
naked and alone under the sun,
for us and for all.
Lord Jesus Christ,
we will approach this week's end
with sadness and sorrow.
We will endure with you
the horror of the cross,
the silence of the tomb,
and the grief that comes with death.
Yet again we know that your destiny
will ensure our destiny:
to emerge from the tomb,
to rise from the dead,
to embrace those we have lost,
and to touch the face
of our Father in heaven,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one good and almighty God,
for ever and ever. Amen!

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

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

PASTOR'S NOTE CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES!

As we continue to reimagine and rebuild our youth faith formation programs, it is important to remember that all children and teenagers are called to participate in the life of our parishes: as altar servers, as players in our Live Stations of the Cross, and as singers and instrumentalists in our Youth Choir and Music Ministry. These are not just seasonal programs, but faith formation opportunities for children of all ages to gather for worship, 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, please see Father Jim; or contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome! Please join us!

SPRING VACATION CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE VATICAN EXPRESS

Begins Tuesday, April 19th at 8:00am

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our first-ever Spring Vacation Catholic Kids Camp, entitled "The Vatican Express", from Tuesday, April 19th through Friday, April 22nd from 8:00am until 12:30pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, children will learn about the traditions and treasures of the Vatican through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and easy-to-make crafts.

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program for children is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available to those who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are invited to join us as volunteers! For more information, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

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. All are welcome!

PALM SUNDAY EVENTS

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join our young disciples (grades 3 and up) for our Eighteenth Annual Live Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church. All are welcome to pray with us as a faithful and faith-filled group of our young fellow parishioners reenact Christ's journey to the Holy Cross using traditional readings, prayers, and beautiful music. For more information about this deeply moving annual tradition, please contact Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com or 978-282-5096. Please show your support for our young disciples! Please join us! Bring your family and friends! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND CAKE SALE March 19th – March 20th

After all weekend Masses at Holy Family Parish on Saturday, March 19th & Sunday, March 20th, the Women's Guild of Holy Family Parish will sponsor its Fifth Annual Palm Sunday Cake Sale. Our offerings will include Easter Cakes, along with our usual selection of delicious cookies and pastries. So, don't make a mess in your kitchen! Let the Holy Family Women's Guild bake for you! All donations will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds will benefit Holy Family Parish. For more information, please contact Janet Lucido at jml3485@aol.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome! And thank you for your ongoing support!

THE ASSISI PROJECT PALM SUNDAY WITH SAINT FRANCIS Sunday, March 20th · Begins with Mass at 11:45am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit that is dedicated to helping adults more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. We will gather again Palm Sunday beginning with Mass at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Cliff will offer a brief reflection about Saint Francis's devotion to the Crucified Christ. Then we will adjourn to Our Lady's Hall for a light lunch. At 3:00pm, we will gather again in Our Lady's Church and pray "A Franciscan Way of the Cross." If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

ASSISI PROJECT ONLINE The Litany of the Five Wounds of Christ Join us: assisiproject.com!

FALL PILGRIMAGE 2016

ASSISI PROJECT FALL PILGRIMAGE Only Three Spaces Remaining!

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 the free time and 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

MERCY FRIDAY

A Vigil of Prayer · Friday, April 1st

In celebration of the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, all are welcome to join us for all or part of our next Mercy Friday on April 1st in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our vigil of prayer will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:00pm. At 3:00pm, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. And at 6:30pm, we will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction. All are welcome!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 3rd · Saint Ann Church

On April 3rd, all are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for Divine Mercy Sunday from 2:00pm until 3:30pm in Saint Ann Church. Our program of prayer will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration at 2:00pm; the Holy Rosary at 2:30pm; and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. We will conclude with Daytime Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30pm. Please join us for all or part of this special celebration of God's love and mercy! For more information, please contact Jane Russo at jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-430-7196. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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 only on Saturdays 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 our churches. The Food Pantry needs the following items:

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

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. 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!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**MARCH 19 - MARCH 27, 2016**

Saturday, March 19	Vigil · Palm Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	John & Mary Garvey
6:00pm · OLGV	Antone & Matilda Santos
Sunday, March 20	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
7:00am · OLGV	Jeremiah Kiely
8:15am · Saint Ann	Paul LeBlanc
10:00am · Saint Joachim	James Brady, Sr.
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Holy Week
Monday, March 21 8:00am · OLGV	Grace & Gaspar Pallazola
Tuesday, March 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Francis R. Fittro
Wednesday, March 23 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend Edward Keohan
Thursday, March 24 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Morning Prayer · No Mass
Friday, March 25 8:00am · OLGV	Morning Prayer · No Mass
Saturday, March 26 8:00am · Saint Ann	Morning Prayer · No Mass
Saturday, March 26	Easter Vigil
7:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
Sunday, March 27	Easter · The Resurrection of the Lord
7:00am · OLGV	Mass for the People
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass for the People
11:45am · OLGV	Mass for the People
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Mass

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of March 12th - March 13th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$6,425.00
Electronic Donations	\$1,028.00
Total Offerings	\$7,453.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$61,068.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of March 12th - March 13th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$3,123.00
Electronic Donations	\$28.00
Total Offerings:	\$3,151.00
Second Collection (Easter Meals)	\$845.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$29,675.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

PARISH PAY**ELECTRONIC GIVING: SAFE & EASY****Now Offered at Both Parishes!**

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. At parishpay.com, donations can be made on a one-time or ongoing basis. 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. Thank you!

SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary lamps, and altar gifts (hosts & 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 Kathleen Desilets
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John Immig & Albert Vachon
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!