

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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SMALL DROPS OF LOVE LEARNING FROM BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

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**The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport
Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!**

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016



*On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport
at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish
Father Jim congratulates the following young disciples
who received their First Holy Communion during this Easter Season.*

Abigail Aiello	Sophia Ferrara	Lana Levesque
Lukas Albano	Teyah Fleming	Nathan Loiacano
Macen Andersen	Kameron Francis	Skye Maimone
Alexis Athanas	Sean Frontiero	Carly Mannino
Cassidy Bolcome	Hobey Greaves	Alexandra Morgan
Austin Bouchie	Joseph Gucciardi	Thomas Nelson
Ella Brown	Talia Harrington	Bianca Oliver
Sean Buckley	Jacob Harris	Ashlyn Orlando
Jack Caputo	Kathryn Hautala	Cali Powers
Emma Carrapichosa	Nicholas Hautala	Nicholas Ranaldi
Isabella Cassettari	Ava Hovis	Dylan Rockford
Laila Ciaramitaro	Louis Iacono	Lexis Salah
Jackson Cody	Rafael Jabba	Samuel Sanfilippo
Ava Coelho	Logan Jones	James Sanfilippo
James Cooke	Brett Johnson	Bianca Sarofeen
Martina Cracchiolo	Jarred Johnson	Lilliana Sclafani
Thomas Cribbs	Lucas Johnson	Jack Silveria
Sofia Crivello	Candace Kastanopolous	Alexia Spano
Desiree DiMino	Samuel Kastanopolous	Brooke Tavares
Thomas Dort	Devin Kobs	Juliana Viviano
Anthony Doucette	Aidan Lambert	Kate von Lossnitzers

THANK YOU!

Under the guidance of Betsy Works and our team of dedicated catechists and volunteers, these sixty-three young disciples have prayed, studied, and grown together in prayer, fellowship, and service during the past seven months. They have been well-prepared to receive the Body & Blood of our Risen Lord for the first time. Our young fellow parishioners wish to thank their parents, families, and friends for their love, prayers, and support. In particular, they wish to express their appreciation to those who helped with their formation: Father Jim Achadinha, Mary Duran, Amy Greaves, Jean Madruga, Mary Ellen McLeod, Marie Orlando, Nancy Rose, Deb Salah, Annette Spanks, and Betsy Works. As their spiritual journey continues, please pray for all of our young disciples, their parents, and families so that they will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love; and that they will continue to join us for Mass! Please also pray in sincere thanksgiving for our pastoral team and for our dedicated volunteers who made these celebrations possible. Thank you! May God bless you and your families! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE LEGION OF MARY

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturday, May 7th at 3:15pm · Saint Ann Church

All are welcome to join Father Jim and the Legion of Mary for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Annual May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, May 7th in Saint Ann Church. We will begin our celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 3:15pm by praying the Holy Rosary. At 4:00pm, Father Jim will celebrate a Mother's Day Mass for Families that will include the crowning of Our Blessed Mother.

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this special afternoon of prayer and devotion! For more information, please see Father Jim or contact Joan Foster at ajay7verizon.net or leave a message with the parish office at 978-281-4820. Please join us in honoring Our Blessed Mother! All are welcome!

MAGNIFICAT: MARY'S SONG OF MERCY A Day of Prayer & Reflection

Saturday, May 14th · Begins with Mass at 8:00am

All are invited to join the Legion of Mary and its spiritual director, Cliff Garvey, for "Magnificat: Mary's Song of Mercy" on Saturday, May 14th at Saint Anthony Chapel. During this four hour mini-retreat, we will explore the meaning and spiritual significance of the Magnificat (see Luke 1:46-55), Our Blessed Mother's beautiful hymn of praise and thanksgiving, and its message of humility, love, and mercy. This special day of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule:

Holy Mass at 8:00am

Morning Prayer & Reflection at 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am

Daytime Prayer & Reflection at 11:00am

Angelus & Closing Prayer at 12:00pm

Throughout the morning, there will be scheduled breaks and also time for faith sharing, fellowship, and refreshments. Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be available throughout the morning. And after closing prayers, a light lunch will be served. Although there is no registration fee for this event, a free will donation will be collected during the celebration of Mass. Also, please note that there will be no morning Mass at Saint Ann Church on Saturday, May 14th.

If you would like to join the Legion of Mary for this special day of prayer and reflection, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com by Thursday, May 12th so that we can plan adequately for enough food and drink. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE



SMALL DROPS OF LOVE LEARNING from BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

By Gerard Thomas Straub

Mother Teresa said: "We cannot do great things in this world; we can only do small things with great love." She urged us to be "faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies...Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."

What she was saying is that the formula for becoming more fully united with God is to love, beginning with small acts of love which will not exhaust us, and that the easiest way to do this is by concentrating on the small, everyday things of our daily life and being open to manifesting small acts of love with every person and in every situation we encounter. In time, our small acts of love will increase, both in number and size, as love becomes more self-emptying and more inclusive.

Mother Teresa told her sisters that performing one small act of loving after another begins to make a difference. "How does a lamp burn?", she asks, "Through the continuous input of small drops of oil...My daughters, what are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, punctuality, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, speaking, and of acting. These are the true drops of love." Each of us can bring light into the world through our tiny but continuous drops of love. There is no other way for the darkness to be defeated.

A DAILY PRAYER

By Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Dear Jesus, help me
to spread your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with your spirit and love.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly
that my life may be only a radiance of you.
Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I meet
may feel your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see not me but only you.
Dear Jesus, stay with me,
that I may shine as you shine,
and so be a light to others. Amen.

From: Thoughts of a Blind Beggar: Reflections from a Journey to God

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass

All are invited to join us every morning immediately after our 8:00am Daily Mass 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 troubled world. All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE OUR LADY'S GUILD SPRING FAIR Saturday, April 30th · Our Lady's Hall

All are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Highlights include our famous fried dough breakfast, a linguica & hot dog lunch, and fun activities for children! Sale tables at this year's fair include baked goods & fudge, jewelry, religious items, and the general store. We'll also have raffles (including a bountiful basket of wine, cheese, and crackers)! Donations and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Spring Fair, please contact Joyce Lacerda at 978-283-3465 or Jean Madruga at 978-281-1992. 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!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

MOTHER'S DAY MASS FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, May 7th at 4:00pm · Saint Ann Church

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Mt 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all parents, grandparents, godparents, and children of all ages are invited to join Father Jim for our Mother's Day Mass for Families on Saturday, May 7th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about Our Blessed Mother and Mother's Day; and also offer a special blessing for all families and children. In addition, those who gather for this Mass for Families will join the Legion of Mary in the Annual May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This celebration will be a beautiful way to honor Our Blessed Mother and all mothers!

As our Mother's Day Mass for Families approaches, let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! And every family that joins us is a gift from God! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE CALLING ALL 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 (both boys and girls), as greeters, and as singers and instrumentalists in our youth choir and music ministry (see below). These activities are real ministries and 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@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome! Please join us!

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

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for practice and rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Participating in this important ministry and program is a great way to make new friends, participate in the life of our parishes, and learn about the Church's long tradition of praying through music! New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Patricia Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or leave a message by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

CROWNING FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Monday, May 9th through Sunday, May 15th Our Lady of Good Voyage Church & Hall

All are invited to join Father Jim, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in celebrating our Annual Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit from Monday, May 9th through Pentecost Sunday, May 15th.

Crowning Week will begin on Monday, May 9th in Our Lady's Church when the crown is entrusted to this year's Emperor, Bart Piscitello, and his wife, Mary, as part of a special ceremony. The festivities will continue according to the following schedule of events:

Monday, May 9th

Imperator Ceremony & Rosary
in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 10th

Holy Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 11th

Celebration of Mass in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Thursday, May 12th

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Friday, May 13th

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Saturday, May 14th

Rosary in Our Lady's Church at 5:30pm
Celebration of Mass
in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:00pm
Penny Sale in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm
No Supper · Refreshments Served

Pentecost Sunday, May 15th

Celebration of Mass & Crowning Ceremony
in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 11:45am
Luncheon in Our Lady's Hall at 1:00pm

Tickets for Sunday's Luncheon are available at our pastoral offices; and also before and after we pray the Rosary each evening. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820.

All are parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this beautiful annual celebration of the coming of God's Holy Spirit! All are welcome! Come Holy Spirit! Enkindle in us the fire of your love! Amen! Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY Saturday, April 30th at 5:00pm

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will host its next Ultreya-Potluck Supper on Saturday, April 30th in Saint John Parish Hall in Essex. Our supper will begin at 5:00pm; the Ultreya will follow at 6:00pm. Even if you have not lived a Cursillo spiritual experience, please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com.

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD SPRING INTO SPRING

Tuesday, May 3rd · Our Lady's Hall · 7:00pm

On Tuesday, May 3rd beginning at 7:00pm (with a brief business meeting), the Women's Guild will welcome Karen McBain of Garden Paths Creations in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Karen and her green thumb will help us with ideas for our gardens at home and for the upcoming Strawberry Festival. All are invited to join us for this wonderful way of welcoming the spring season! Refreshments will be served!

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and the community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts various fundraising events and social gatherings. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or Robin Davis at 978-281-4689. All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 4th · Saint Ann Church Hall

On Saturday, June 4th, the Holy Family Women's Guild will host its annual Strawberry Festival from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This year, the Women's Guild will honor the Gloucester Lobster Fishermen! Part of our celebration will include the sale of discarded lobster buoys (which will be painted and paired with a gift certificate). If you can donate a buoy, please contact Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111.

The Strawberry Festival will also feature handmade ceramic mugs; homemade cookies, muffins, jams, and other delicious baked goods (including our famous strawberry shortcake); along with handcrafted knitted items, note-cards, and other crafts. For more information about how you can help out with this year's Strawberry Festival, please contact Janet Lucido at 978-526-1543. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgrounline.com!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**APRIL 23 - MAY 1, 2016**

Saturday, April 23	Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Frank Aloï
6:00pm · OLGV	Francesco Ciaramitaro
Sunday, April 24	Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	Peter J. Cahill
8:15am · Saint Ann	Ralph Martin and Angie & Anthony Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Stephen Russo
11:45am · OLGV	Pietro Noto
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Fifth Week of Easter
Monday, April 25 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention for Emilia Gingras
Tuesday, April 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Monica Silva
Wednesday, April 27 8:00am · OLGV	Theresa A. Wilkins
Thursday, April 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, April 29 8:00am · OLGV	Deceased Members of the Shields & Edgerton Families
Saturday, April 30 8:00am · Saint Ann	Mary McEachern
Saturday, April 30	Vigil · Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Josephine & Captain Salvatore Santuccio and Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Agnes Sliwa
Sunday, May 1	Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	Captain Joseph Parco
8:15am · Saint Ann	Santo Aloï
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Norman Taylor
11:45am · OLGV	Mary & James Burns
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of April 16th - April 17th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$7,331.00
Electronic Donations	\$1,177.00
Total Offerings	\$8,508.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$80,708.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of April 16th - April 17th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$2,873.00
Electronic Donations	\$28.00
Total Offerings	\$2,901.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$31,234.00

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 & 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 Donald & Helen Sutherland
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Dante Brandamo
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann 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!

SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of the LORD
Holy Day of Obligation · Thursday, May 5th

In celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation for all Catholics, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule: Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Thursday, May 5th at 8:00am in Saint Joachim Church; and Thursday, May 5th at 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!