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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE FOR MARINERS AND PEOPLE OF THE SEA

A MARINER'S PRAYER

Our Lady, Star of the Sea,
Mother of God and our Mother,
you know all the dangers of soul and body that threaten mariners.
Protect your sons and daughters
who work and travel on the waters of the world,
and protect also their families that await their return.
Star of the Sea, Mother of the Church,
give light and strength to those chaplains and lay ministers
who bring the love of your Divine Son among mariners.
Fill their hearts with a supernatural and life-giving zeal for their apostolate.
Star of the Sea, light shining in the darkness,
be a guide to those who sail amid the storms and dangers of life.
Enlighten the hearts of ardent disciples
and bring us all to the safety of heaven's port. Amen.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE FOR MARINERS AND PEOPLE OF THE SEA

The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea will be celebrated on Monday, May 23rd. The day is observed in conjunction with National Maritime Day in the United States, which has been celebrated annually since 1933 in order to recognize fishermen, merchant mariners, and others in the maritime industries. The Apostleship of the Sea is an active ministry in forty-eight dioceses in the United States and provides pastoral outreach in more than fifty ports in twenty-six states with a network of nearly one hundred chaplains, priests, religious, deacons, and lay ministers.

In a recent statement issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland, Bishop Emeritus of Savannah, Georgia said: "During this Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, may we bring the opportunity of encountering the mercy of God to our brothers and sisters who are seafarers, fishermen, and those whose occupations require them to spend most of the year away from their families, on the high seas, sometimes facing dangerous situations. They, too, are our brothers and sisters with spiritual needs. May we accompany them in their joys and trials in life so that they might also grow in faith and in understanding of God's love."

Ninety percent of the world's goods are transported by sea and waterways. There are approximately 1.2 million seafarers worldwide in 10,000 commercial ships and maritime vessels. The Apostleship of the Sea is a worldwide Catholic maritime ministry of spiritual and practical assistance to fishermen, seafarers, their families, and all who work in this industry or travel by sea or waterway.

For more information about the Apostleship of the Sea, please visit their website at usccb.org/aos. The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea was designated in 2005 in order to encourage the faithful throughout the United States to support, remember, and pray for fishermen, merchant mariners, port employees, and those working in the maritime industry.

*"Dear God, be good to me.
The sea is so wide and my boat is so small."*

A Fisherman's Prayer

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



THE PRAISES TO GOD By SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

You are holy, Lord, the only God.
 You do wondrous things.
 You are strong.
 You are great.
 You are the most high.
 You are the Almighty King, Holy Father,
 King of Heaven and Earth.
 You are three and you are one,
 the Lord God of gods.
 You are good, every good, the highest good,
 Lord God living and true.
 You are love.
 You are wisdom.
 You are humility.
 You are patience.
 You are beauty.
 You are meekness.
 You are a stronghold.
 You are rest.
 You are joy.
 You are hope.
 You are justice.
 You are all one needs.
 You are all the riches that we require.
 You are beauty.
 You are meekness.
 You are strength.
 You are refreshment.
 You are our hope.
 You are our faith.
 You are our only love.
 You are all our sweetness.
 You are our eternal life.
 Great and wonderful Lord,
 God Almighty, Merciful Savior.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
 Amen.

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MOST HOLY TRINITY

More than any other mystery of our shared faith, the Most Holy Trinity is perhaps the most difficult to explain or understand. It is almost incomprehensible for us to comprehend how the one true God can be comprised of three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Even so, theologians throughout the ages have sought to unlock the mystery of the Trinity and to grasp what seems beyond our grasp: a complete understanding of the life and work of God.

As mere mortal beings (bound by our smallness, our sinfulness, and our very limited understanding of life on earth), maybe we are not called to understand the Trinity (which is boundless, divine, eternal, and perfect). Maybe we are called only to praise God, to thank God, and to bow low before the awesome power, majesty, and mystery of God. Maybe we are called simply to follow the example of so many saints, like Francis of Assisi, who sought only to love, serve, and worship the Trinity in both word and deed (see column at left).

As small children, we looked up at our parents in awe. They were bigger, taller, and infinitely smarter than us. We looked up to them for care, forgiveness, guidance, and love. As children of God, we should look longingly toward heaven, toward the God whose care, forgiveness, guidance, and love are boundless, endless, and never ending. We should offer our prayers of praise, petition, and thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

As children of God, we should seek only to understand that the Creator of Heaven and Earth and Master of the Universe loves us beyond all doubt, beyond all measure, and beyond all sin. As children of God, we should seek to grasp only that because of his love for his children, God humbled himself; and sent his Son into the world to live among us, to die among us, and to rise from the tomb for our sake and for the sake of all who believe.

As children of God, we should rejoice in the mystery that God gives himself to us, his whole self to us, in the Body and Blood of His Only Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit who prays for us and inspires us to have faith, hope, and love for him and for each other. We should rejoice in the mystery of the Triune God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Creator of all things, Savior of the world, and Advocate for his people.

This Sunday and every Sunday, let us continue to believe like little children in the Most Holy Trinity. Let us rejoice in the breathtaking love and mystery of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And let us continue to pray and to serve through prayer, fellowship, and service. Amen!

Peace and blessings to all,
 Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: [ccgronline.com/prayer!](http://ccgronline.com/prayer/)

Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are ninety second reflections based on the daily and weekend Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also includes an easy to use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online. So, please join us each and every new day for a few moments of prayer, reflection, and inspiration at ccgronline.com/prayer. All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 4th · Saint Ann Church Hall

On Saturday, June 4th from 9:00am until 2:00pm, the Holy Family Women's Guild will host the Annual Strawberry Festival in Saint Ann Church Hall. For the second year, the Guild will honor the Gloucester Fishermen with the Lobstermen's "mug up" served in ceramic mugs made by local potters along with delicious homemade biscotti. Homemade muffins will also be available for sale. We will also have decorative lobster buoys for sale (which will be paired with a gift certificate). The buoys are a new item and will look great hung on a door or shed! Family and friends who live away from the island will also love a piece of authentic Gloucester!

Along with Grannie's Attic, Italian cookies, pies, and other homemade baked goods, we'll also have a Bread Board with Irish Bread, Nisu, Sweet Bread, Lebanese Bread, and an assortment of quick breads. We'll also have homemade jam, spring wreaths, note cards, and other crafts! Finally, we'll have Strawberry Shortcake to boost your strength while you shop! For more information, please contact Janet Lucido at 978-526-1543. Join us! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Now Accepting Donations! Please Help!

The Holy Family Women's Guild is now accepting donations for the upcoming Strawberry Festival. If you are able to donate potted plants or potted spring or summer flowers, please contact Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111. If you are able to donate unwanted household treasures for Grannie's Attic (dishes, glassware, kitchen items, table linens, etc.), please contact Patti Wellbank at 215-837-7010. Please note that we cannot accept any electronic items! Please help us make this year's Strawberry Festival a great success! Thank you for your generous support!

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ADULT MUSIC MINISTRY

PASTOR'S SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

Saint Augustine once wrote: "To sing is to pray twice." This is especially true when our Adult Choir sings at Mass or performs at special events during the year. Under the most able direction of Tom Misuraca and LuAnn Pallazola, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Music Ministry is a true blessing and gift to both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Each member of our music ministry offers their own personal gifts of time and talent to praise and thank the Lord for his abundant blessings. As they begin their summer break, it is now time for us to thank them for their good and hard work for the past nine months. So please join me in applauding the following fellow parishioners for participating in a most beautiful ministry that strives to praise God through prayer, fellowship, and service:

Luz Arboleda
Frank Bellini
Sheila Boudrow
Lorraine Bunker
Michelle Cook
Beth Crippen
Grazia Crivello
Cindy Donaldson
Jean Dutton
Shirley Edmonds
Angela Favalaro
Barbara Forte
Suzanne Forte
Marjorie Grace
Eleanor King
Vincent Libro
Grace Mocerri
Ann Mocerri
Thomas Misuraca
Patricia Natti
Gaspar Pallazola
LuAnn Pallazola
Michael Pallazola
Josie Russo
Lucy Sheehan
Alex Thomas

On a personal note, I wish to thank Tom Misuraca and LuAnn Palazolla for their enduring encouragement, kindness, and support for my ministry as both priest and pastor; and for their ongoing enthusiasm for the good work of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Their contribution to the life of our parishes should never be underestimated or taken for granted. Thank you!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE MEANING OF MERCY WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

We must constantly contemplate the mystery of mercy.

It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace.

Our salvation depends on it.

Mercy: The word reveals the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Mercy: The ultimate and supreme act
by which God comes to meet us.

Mercy: The fundamental law that dwells in the heart
of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes
of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.

Mercy: The bridge that connects God and man,
opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever
despite our sinfulness.

Misericordiae Vultus

Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

April 11, 2015

THE MEANING OF MERCY IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Old Testament, the gift of mercy is dependent on God (Deuteronomy 7:9); and God's message to the repentant sinner is mercy rather than punishment. Likewise, God calls upon his people to show the same mercy to others that He shows to them. Mercy is an attitude which calls us to help those in distress. In the New Testament, through Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, mercy is always present in the world (Hebrews 2:17).

The sinner should not presume that God automatically or mechanically offers divine mercy. It is only granted by God if and when the sinner acknowledges that mercy is incalculable and beyond human understanding. Mercy does not override justice; it transcends justice and it converts the sinner into a just person by bringing about repentance and openness to the Holy Spirit.

Human mercy is an expression of divine mercy. Mercy sees the distress of others, identifies with it, and seeks to overcome it as one seeks to have one's own suffering, guilt, and burdens overcome with the aid and assistance of others. Human mercy manifests divine mercy because of Christ's identification with our plight through His passion, death, and resurrection.

The Christian must forgive seven times seventy times, and Christian mercy is an expression of the double commandment to love both God and neighbor. Mercy united with love fulfills the command of perfection (Colossians 3:14), showing the same hospitality to others that is shown to Christ (Source: Our Sunday Visitor's Revised Catholic Encyclopedia, 666-667).

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ONLINE!

Join us: ccgonline.com/mercy

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass

All are cordially invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary every morning immediately after our 8:00am Daily Mass. 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 powerful intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world.

Daily Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8:00am; in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturday mornings at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

ASSISI PROJECT SPRING RAFFLE LOVING KINDNESS HANDPAINTED ICON Tickets Now Available!

Now through Sunday, June 5th, the Assisi Project is sponsoring a Spring Raffle for a beautiful handpainted icon of our Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus, often referred to as the "Loving Kindness" or "Sweet Kisses" icon because it so beautifully depicts the love and tenderness between Our Lady and her son.

Throughout the Christian world, icons are venerated as windows into heaven and are known to be instruments of God's grace and divine miracles. This particular icon was handcrafted in Greece using traditional tempera paint and gold leaf, and is covered with a protective varnish. It was blessed by Father Jim, but it was also blessed on the relics of Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker, a third century saint whose incorrupt relics are believed to be the source of many miracles. It was donated by a member of the Assisi Project and can be seen online at ccgonline.com/news.

Proceeds from the Assisi Project's Spring Raffle will be shared with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Our goal is to sell at least \$1,000 worth of tickets! A donation of \$1.00 per ticket is requested. Tickets can be purchased after various weekend Masses in both Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish; in the parish office during regular business hours; or by contacting Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. The winner of the icon raffle will be drawn by Father Jim after Masses on Sunday, June 5th. Thank you for your generous support of the Assisi Project's Spring Raffle!

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OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 21 - MAY 29, 2016

Saturday, May 21	Vigil · Most Holy Trinity
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rose Testaverde and Al & Renee Sarofeen
6:00pm · OLGV	The O'Brien Family
Sunday, May 22	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
7:00am · OLGV	Norman J. Dulong, Jr.
8:15am · Saint Ann	Joseph & Mary D'Amico and First Lieutenant Frank D'Amico
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Jerome & Helen Svec
11:45am · OLGV	D.E.S. Crowning Mass
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, May 23 8:00am · OLGV	Morgan Huke
Tuesday, May 24 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Eileen Mailloux
Wednesday, May 25 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, May 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, May 27 8:00am · OLGV	John J. Garvey
Saturday, May 28 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
Saturday, May 28	Vigil · Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Aiello
6:00pm · OLGV	Reverend Neil Mullaney
Sunday, May 29	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
7:00am · OLGV	John W. Orlando & Kyle Joseph (Grandson)
8:15am · Saint Ann	Captain Joe & Felicia Ciaramitaro and Charles J. Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Captain Salvatore & Sarina Barbara
11:45am · OLGV	Pietro Noto
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of May 14th - May 15th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$5,328.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,206.00
Second Collection (Seminaries)	\$1,896.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of May 14th - May 15th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$3,548.00
Second Collection (Seminaries)	\$736.00

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS
"BANKING FOR THE COMMUNITY"
Cast Your Vote: BankGloucester.com!

For the ninth consecutive year, BankGloucester is sponsoring its "Banking for the Community" campaign, which could potentially provide much needed funds to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. All parishioners, friends, and visitors of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are encouraged to visit BankGloucester.com and cast your vote for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! Voting ends at 5:00pm on May 31st!

Since 2007, BankGloucester has donated \$130,000 to community organizations through its "Banking for the Community" program. This year, they will donate \$20,000 to nineteen local charities and community service organizations, including the Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is an international organization dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, SVDP works from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and needy.

In addition to supporting the Saint Vincent de Paul Society through BankGloucester's "Banking for the Community" program, donation envelopes are also located at the entrances to our churches and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to our parish offices. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our community, 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! Don't forget to vote for us at BankGloucester.com