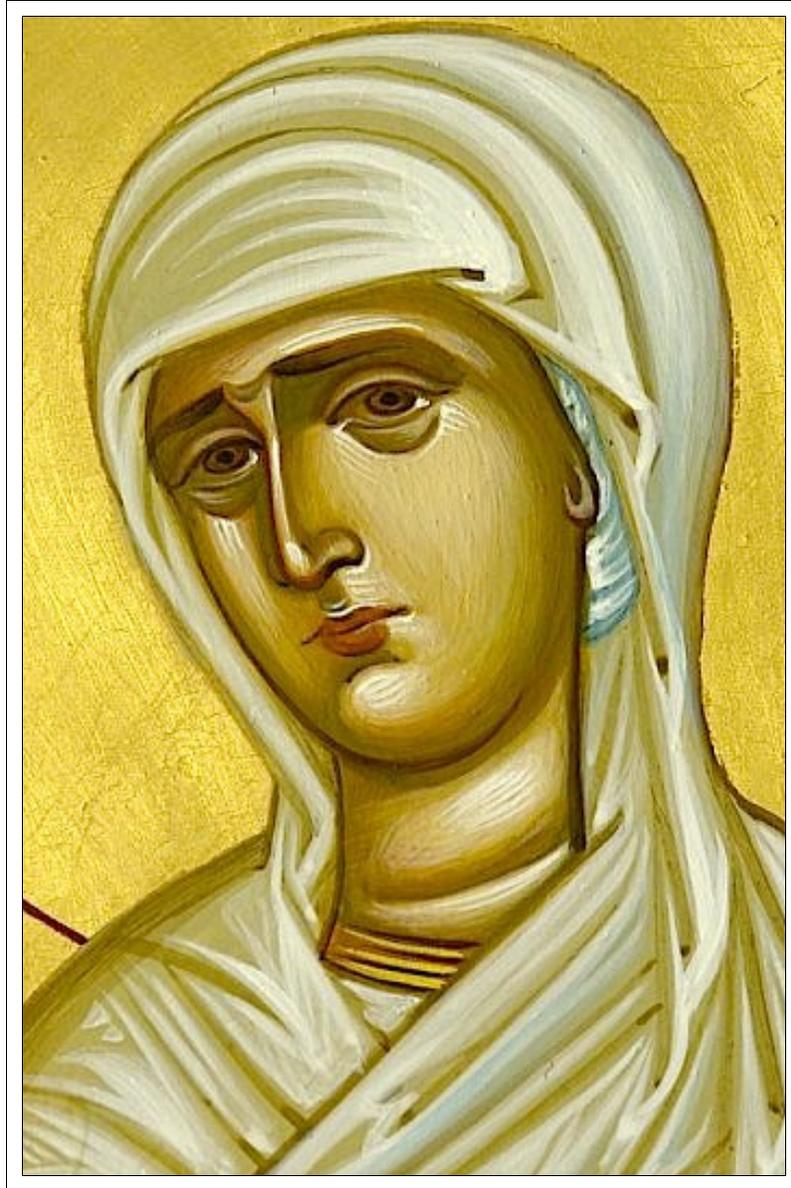


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time · July 17, 2016



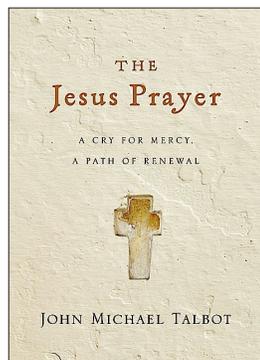
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION



THIRD ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT "THE JESUS PRAYER" Begins Monday, August 8th at 7:00pm

The summer season is a great time of year for stepping back from the business and busy-ness of daily life in order to focus on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave work, family, and friends for a real retreat from the world. For this reason, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce our Third Annual Summer Retreat!

From Monday, August 8th through Friday, August 12th, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a unique opportunity to experience the spiritual peace and renewal of a week-long retreat without leaving home! Our retreat will be based on John Michael Talbot's book, "The Jesus Prayer: A Cry for Mercy, A Path for Renewal." For centuries, the Jesus Prayer has led countless disciples toward a deeper and more intimate experience with Christ and his gifts of love and mercy. Talbot's book offers readers a step-by-step and word-by-word approach for understanding the Jesus Prayer and for making it a central component of our spiritual lives.

Each evening of our retreat will begin promptly at 7:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After that, Father Jim and Cliff will lead our community in a period of reflection, discussion, and faith sharing. We will conclude each evening at 8:30pm with Night Prayer. Between each retreat session, participants will be asked to read brief selections from John Michael Talbot's book and to engage in a daily prayer exercise. During each day of the retreat, Saint Anthony Chapel will open at 12:00pm for silent personal prayer and reflection.

In order to adequately plan for the retreat, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com if you plan to join us. A donation of \$25 is requested from those who can afford it. Copies of the book, along with coffee, tea, and cold water will be provided. Please join us! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FATHER JIM'S SUMMER ART CONTEST Calling Young Disciples!

All young disciples (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in Father Jim's Summer Art Contest by creating an original work of art based on the theme that "Jesus Is Our Teacher!" Submissions should be no smaller than 8 by 11 inches and no larger than 18 by 24 inches; created, colored, drawn, or painted by hand; and depicting one of the following images of Jesus:

Christ the Teacher
Christ the Good Shepherd
The Divine Mercy
The Face of Christ

All original art projects are due by Friday, September 2nd and will be judged by Father Jim and a committee of judges! The winning submission will be professionally framed and displayed prominently in our pastoral office! Coloring sheets (for younger children) and suggested icon images (for older children) can be found on our website at ccgronline.com/formation. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS

Amazing! Awesome! Very cool! These are just some of the great things that I heard about the good work done during our recent Second Annual Summer Catholic Kids Camp: "The Vatican Express, Part II." During this week-long program, fourteen young disciples learned about the Miracles of Jesus and the Holy Eucharist through interactive activities, crafts, music, and video. Everyone involved in this special program (children, parents, and volunteers) agree that it was a big success!

The success of this special program depended on a team of dedicated ministers and volunteers. Our young disciples wish to sincerely thank the following parishioners who volunteered their time and talent to this program: Rizza Anderson (age 12), Fernanda Brown, Mary Duran, Angelica Duran (age 14), Grace Figuerido, Michael LePenna, MaryEllen McLeod, Jean Madruga, Ann Marie Noble, and Vivien Sheng. Most of all, they wish to thank Betsy Works for her creative, energetic, and innovative approach to teaching children about the teachings and traditions of the Church!

Our next Summer Catholic Kids Camp is scheduled for August 23rd through August 26th! More information is available at ccgronline.com/formation! For more information about youth faith formation, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Begins Saturday, August 6th at 5:00pm

An annual tradition returns this summer to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our Summer Carillon Recitals are scheduled to begin on Saturday, August 6th at 5:00pm (rain or shine). Once again, Luann Pallazola, our own very talented organist-keyboardist has prepared programs that include familiar classical and international pieces, popular hymns, patriotic melodies, and even some children's tunes!

Installed in 1922, the carillon bells in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church were the first toned set of carillon bells in the United States. Although our bells can be heard from several blocks away, the sound is best near the church. So, bring a cold drink or coffee! Bring a friend! Enjoy this wonderful summer tradition! And don't forget that Mass begins at 6:00pm! All are invited! All are welcome!

Other recitals are scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:00pm: August 13th, August 20th, August 27th, and September 3rd. These recitals are free and open to the public! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION RCIA & Adult Confirmation Program Registration Underway!

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance & Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church, then please consider joining our adult faith formation program which will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on Sunday, October 2nd in Saint Ann Parish House.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Our group will meet approximately twice each month to learn about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Catholic Church. As part of this same process, our Adult Confirmation Program prepares adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation and focuses on the challenges of living a life of faith in the modern world.

If you would like to join us for this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the Sacraments of God's Holy Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, PRAY FOR US!

On Friday, July 22nd, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene. Throughout history, Mary Magdalene has been venerated as patron saint of converts, contemplatives, penitent sinners, and those who are persecuted for their faith. In the Gospels, Mary Magdalene is mentioned at least twelve times. In fact, she is mentioned more than most of the apostles! Over the centuries, however, Mary Magdalene has been the source of a great deal of confusion. Although nothing in the scriptures supports the assertion that Mary Magdalene was an adulteress or prostitute, she has been erroneously regarded as such by countless believers since the middle ages.

In modern times, Saint Mary Magdalene is venerated with great reverence as an "apostle to the apostles." She was a repentant sinner saved by our Lord Jesus Christ. She was part of the group of disciples who followed and served Jesus during his public ministry in Galilee and Jerusalem. And she was the first witness of Christ's glorious resurrection. Whatever her background or life story, Mary Magdalene is an example of the miraculous power of the Lord's friendship, love, and mercy.

The fact that Mary Magdalene is mentioned so many times in the gospels indicates her importance for us and for the Church. It suggests that she was a faithful and faith-filled disciple who placed her relationship with Christ at the center of her life on earth. Mary certainly prayed with Jesus. She grew in fellowship with Jesus and with those who followed Jesus. She served Jesus with love and devotion. In this way, Mary Magdalene is a model of true discipleship: united with the Lord and with other believers in prayer, fellowship, and service.

For us, Saint Mary Magdalene is like those among us who love God and love others without recognition and without counting the cost. She is like those who give willingly of their time, talent, and treasure to build up our parishes. She is like those who pray with the sick even when they themselves are suffering in mind, body, or spirit. She is like those who help us to prayerfully bury the dead even when they themselves are grieving. She is like those who clean and maintain our churches and church buildings as a labor of love for the Lord's sake and for ours.

This week, let us pray together for the intercession of Saint Mary Magdalene. Let us pray for those who humbly labor in the Lord's vineyard. Let us pray for those suffering from illness or loneliness. Let us pray for those hungering for God's love and mercy. And let us cry out with faith and hope: Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FEAST OF SAINTS ANN & JOACHIM Annual Crowning Ceremony · Sunday, July 24th

In anticipation of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for the Annual Crowning of Saint Ann and the Blessed Virgin Mary after our 8:15am Mass on Sunday, July 24th. For more information about this special annual event, please contact Mary Rubino at 978-281-0009. Please join us! All are welcome! And as a community of faith, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for the intercession of our patrons: Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

HOLY FAMILY NOVENA & VIGIL Saturday, July 30th · Saint Ann Church · 7am-3pm

In commemoration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, all are welcome to join us on Saturday, July 30th for nine hours of prayer for the intercession of our patrons. This special vigil of prayer will begin with Morning Prayer at 7:00am, followed by the First Hour of a Novena to the Holy Family. At 8:00am, Father Jim will celebrate Mass and the Second Hour of the Novena. After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent prayer and adoration. At the top of each hour, we will continue the Novena to the Holy Family. At 3:00pm, we will conclude by praying the Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to join us for all or just part of this day-long vigil of prayer. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC Saturday, July 30th · Begins with Mass at 4:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Holy Family Parish for its Annual Summer Barbecue & Picnic in celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim on Saturday, July 30th beginning with Mass at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. After Mass, our barbecue and picnic will be held in the courtyard behind the parish center and on the rectory lawn.

The Knights of Columbus of Gloucester & Rockport (Council 215) will be cooking hamburgers & hot dogs. Soft drinks will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and a side dish to share (chips, baked beans, summer salads, and desserts). We will also have fun activities for kids! For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Bring your family! Bring a friend! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE MEANING OF MERCY WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pardoning offenses
is the clearest expression of merciful love,
and for Christians, it is an imperative
from which we cannot ever excuse ourselves.
At times how hard it seems to forgive!
And yet pardon is the instrument
placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart.
To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge
is a necessary condition to living joyfully.

Misericordiae Vultus
Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year of Mercy by Pope Francis
April 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).

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ONLINE!

For more information about the Year of Mercy, including our easy-to-use guides to the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, please visit our website: ccgrronline.com/mercy. All are welcome!

PASTOR'S CHALLENGE



SAINT ANN CHURCH HALL FUNDRAISER THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Goal: \$7,500 · Raised: \$9,336

Since last fall, Michael Horgan, our buildings and facilities manager, and a team of dedicated local carpenters, masons, painters, and technicians have been working hard to repair and renovate Saint Ann Church Hall for both our use and for future generations of parishioners.

During the last six months, our team identified and repaired cracks in the foundation of the church that allowed moisture and water to leak into the church building threatening to undermine both the structural integrity of the hall and our priceless stained glass windows. They painted the hall for the first time in many decades. A new heating system and a new tile floor were professionally installed. This project was funded largely by rental income from the former parish school and was unanimously approved by our finance council.

Please keep in mind that renovations to the entrances, bathrooms, and kitchen will come later (after necessary repairs to the church tower). But at this point, our renovation of the church hall is nearly complete! We now need your help to finish the job! Our current stock of folding chairs and event tables are in poor condition and should be replaced for both aesthetic and safety reasons. Each new chair will cost approximately \$30 and each new table will cost approximately \$100.

Our goal was to raise \$7,500. During the past month, we have raised more than \$9,300! Your generosity and support for this fundraiser is simply overwhelming. Thank you! Additional donations are still most welcome and can be sent directly to the "Pastor's Challenge" c/o Father Jim at 60 Prospect Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. Your prayers and support for this "Pastor's Challenge" fundraiser will be much appreciated by all who visit our hall and by all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

Thank you for your prayers and incredibly generous support of this Pastor's Challenge Fundraiser! If you have any questions, please contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Thank you again! May God bless you and your family!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray

Pope Francis was asked in an interview about his favorite way of praying. In response, the Holy Father said: "What I truly prefer is Eucharistic Adoration...In the evening between seven and eight o'clock, I pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient and prayerful devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers four opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm-8:00pm); Thursdays at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm-7:30pm); and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Saint Joachim (8:30am-10:00am). For more information, please contact Jane Russo at jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

CAMPS: CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR Christian Summer Camp · August 1st-6th

C.A.M.P.S. (Christ As My Personal Savior) is a summer camp experience for high school students that seeks to bring participants closer to the Lord; to teach that the Christian community is both formed and lived; and to continue faith formation and spiritual growth. This summer, from August 1st through August 6th, more than 300 campers and staff will gather at Camp Lakeside in Pittsfield, Massachusetts for campfires, games, and sports; music, spiritual talks, and faith sharing. CAMPS is an amazing experience for high school students! For more information about CAMPS, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com; or visit the website at campsministry.com. Scholarships are available!

THE LEGION OF MARY Now on Wednesdays at 4:00pm · Parish Center

Founded 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 both of our parish communities. The Legion's primary apostolate is to visit and pray with our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. Members also serve in many other volunteer ministries in both Holy Family Parish & Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the parish center to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of faith formation under the guidance of their spiritual director. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in our parishes, please contact Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a message by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. New members are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 16 - JULY 24, 2016**

Saturday, July 16	Vigil · 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Deceased Members of the Achadinha Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Rosario Grillo
Sunday, July 17	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Margaret Horgan
8:15am · Saint Ann	Pietro, Josephine & Finella Taormina
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rico Strescino and Sons Richard & Donald
11:45am · OLGV	Bart & Mary Piscitello 50th Wedding Anniversary
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	16th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 18 8:00am · OLGV	Carlo Ciolino
Tuesday, July 19 8:00am · Saint Joachim	The Hurst & Balestraci Families
Wednesday, July 20 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, July 21 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend John Connolly
Friday, July 22 8:00am · OLGV	Living Intention for Wendy Lee
Saturday, July 23 8:00am · Saint Ann	Hugette Picon Micozzi
Saturday, July 23	Vigil · 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Ignazio LoContro
6:00pm · OLGV	William Buckley
Sunday, July 24	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Orland Reis
8:15am · Saint Ann	Antonio DiMercurio
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Francesco Paolo & Rosa Brancaleone
11:45am · OLGV	Helen F. Wilkins
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of July 9th - July 10th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$6,413.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,291.00
Pastor's Challenge (Chairs & Tables)	\$9,336.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of July 9th - July 10th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$4,084.00
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Thank you for your generous support
of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

PARISH PAY**Safe & Easy Electronic Giving**

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. And it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. For assistance or more information, please see Father Jim or contact Claire Murphy at cmurphy@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. May God bless you and your family! Peace and blessings to all!

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 All Victims of Gun Violence
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Humberto Mota
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@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!