

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time · July 3, 2016



Where there is hatred
let us sow love—
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is discord, union
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
Where there is sadness, joy
Grant not so much that we
be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned
And it is in dying that
we are born to eternal life

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

MAY THE LORD GIVE YOU PEACE!

By Cliff Garvey

In this weekend's reading from the Gospel of Luke (Lk 10:1-12, 17-20), Jesus sends seventy-two of his new disciples to prepare the people in various villages and towns for his upcoming visits. These seventy-two disciples are the first missionaries, the first evangelists, and the first preachers of the Good News of Christ. And they are given detailed instructions about what to do and what to say during their travels. Jesus tells them that they should enter each house with this greeting: "Peace to this household (Luke 10:5)!" Because these disciples return to Jesus with joyful hearts, tradition teaches us that they faithfully followed the Lord's instructions!

More than 1,200 years later, Saint Francis of Assisi followed in the footsteps of these seventy-two faithful disciples. When Francis heard the voice of the Lord, either through the gospel reading or through a mystical prayer experience, he tried to conform himself to the example and teaching of Christ. Although Francis was not a "fundamentalist" in the modern sense of that term, he did strive to follow and imitate the Lord as closely as possible. For example, Francis took seriously Christ's command to share a greeting of peace with those he met throughout his life. Francis traveled on foot (almost always barefoot) throughout Italy, Spain, Egypt, and the Holy Land. And everywhere he went he would proclaim: "May the Lord give you peace!"

Eight centuries after Saint Francis experienced his own conversion and began three religious orders that have attracted millions of followers around the world, his greeting of peace is still widely repeated but also widely misunderstood. Nowadays we think of peace as a condition of calm, a sense of serenity, or an absence of violence and war. For Francis, however, peace is not a condition. It is a gift that can be given only by the Lord. Like grace, which is God's free gift of his favor, love, mercy, and salvation to his children, peace is also God's gift to us. It is the totality of all goodness that was possessed (and lost) by our first parents in the Garden of Eden; and restored to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Peace, in this context, is like the biblical understanding of "shalom." It is the complete fullness of benevolence, friendship, health, joy, kindness, love, mercy, prosperity, reconciliation, and security. In this way, the Franciscan greeting of peace is not just a salutation. It is not about words. It is about actions. It is a way of thinking and a way of life. It is the way of actually living the Gospel and building a culture of real peace in our homes, neighborhoods, parishes, and workplaces. It is the way of becoming a true instrument of God's peace in the world. It is about rejecting detraction and gossip, and choosing to build up and encourage. It is about rejecting division and resentment, and striving to bring people together through kindness, love, and reconciliation. It is about reaching back, reaching out, and reaching across the aisle. In short, this greeting of peace is about practicing what we preach.

Needless to say, becoming and remaining an instrument of the Lord's peace requires patience, penance, and perseverance in all that we do, say, and think. Being an instrument of the Lord's peace beckons us to seek forgiveness and to begin again when we stumble (and we will stumble). And being an instrument of the Lord's peace calls us to forgive the unforgiveable, to love the unloved, and sometimes even to suffer for God's sake or for our neighbor's sake. If this sounds impossible, then consider something else that Saint Francis often said to his followers: "If the Lord can work through me, he can work through anyone." Like us, Francis was human. He had all the same desires, feelings, and frustrations that we have. But Francis persisted in prayer. He carried on in a true spirit of fellowship with people from all cultures, religions, and points of view. He worked tirelessly to serve the Lord and those he met along the way. If Francis could do it, then we can, too!

As we celebrate our country's independence and pray for peace around our increasingly troubled world, please join me in sharing the Franciscan greeting of peace with your family, friends, and fellow parishioners. Share it at home. Share it at the supermarket. Share it at work. Share it at Mass during the sign of the Lord's peace. Like Saint Francis of Assisi and the seventy-two disciples sent to prepare the way of the Lord, let us joyfully say: "May the Lord give you peace!" Try it once! Try it twice! Try it three times! I dare you! May the Lord give you peace!

WELCOME SUMMER VISITORS!

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE PLEASE JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport (Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish), the celebration of Holy Mass is the source and summit of our community's joy and its life of prayer, fellowship, and service. Regardless of where we worship, the Holy Eucharist brings God's consolation, love, and mercy into our midst; it brings the Real Presence of Jesus Christ into our lives and hearts!

All are welcome to join us for Mass and to participate in Holy Communion in accordance with personal conscience and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport celebrates Masses according to the following schedule:

Saturday Vigil Masses

Saint Ann Church · 4:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 6:00pm

Sunday Masses

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 7:00am

Saint Ann Church · 8:15am

Saint Joachim Church · 10:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 11:45am

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday · 8:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Tuesday and Thursday · 8:00am

Saint Joachim Church

Saturday · 8:00am

Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:00pm

Saint Ann Church

Also By Appointment

Welcome to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! We hope and pray that you will join us in prayer! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgonline.com. May God bless you!

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass

All are invited to join us every morning after Daily Mass as we pray the Holy Rosary. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to Christ 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. For more information, please see Father Jim or a member of our pastoral team. Please join us! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S CHALLENGE



SAINT ANN CHURCH HALL FUNDRAISER SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

Goal: \$7,500 · Raised So Far: \$5,855

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 next (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.

This month, we have raised \$5,855! Thank you! During the weekend of July 2nd – July 3rd, we will have another second collection at all weekend Masses in Holy Family Parish (Saint Ann Church and Saint Joachim Church) to help us reach our goal. Until then, additional donations can be sent directly to the "Pastor's Challenge" c/o Father Jim at 60 Prospect Street, Gloucester, MA 01930.

Your prayers and generous 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 in advance for your prayers and support! If you have any questions, please contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgonline.com. Thank you! May God bless you and your family!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us at 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!

THE ASSISI PROJECT

Mass & Summer Barbecue · Sunday, July 10th

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" with members, friends, and followers in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Africa. We are dedicated to helping Christian believers of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. Each year, we sponsor a pilgrimage to Assisi and other faith formation opportunities for adults.

Our next meeting will begin with Mass at 11:45am on Sunday, July 10th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, we will gather in Our Lady's Hall for our Ninth Annual Summer Barbecue. We will conclude with the Franciscan Rosary at 3:00pm in Our Lady's Church. If you would like to join us, please see Father Jim or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

THE LEGION OF MARY

Now on Wednesdays at 4:15pm · Parish Center

Founded in Ireland in 1921, the Legion of Mary is an international fellowship of lay men and women who volunteer their time, talent, 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 afternoon at 4:15pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the parish center, which is located beside Saint Ann Church, 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 Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please contact Joan Foster at ajay7@verizon.net; Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a message by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

SACRAMENTAL NEWS & INFORMATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Schedule for the Month of July

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

Baptism Preparation Workshop

Sunday, July 3rd at 11:00am

Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, July 10th at 1:00pm

Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, July 17th at 1:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, July 24th at 11:00am

Saint Joachim Church

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

Francesca Briguglio · Damon Cusumano

Ava Foote · Colby Heffernan

Daniel Juden · Phillip MacDougall

Aidan Moore · Olivia Noto

Bianca Silva · Jason Stackhouse

Josephine Stackhouse · Julian Trefry

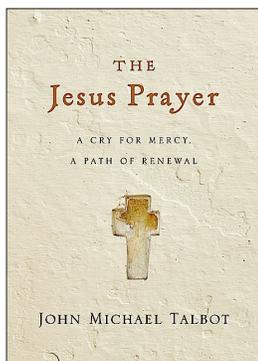
Elizabeth Tolcarz · Raymond Vasta

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at 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 or the other Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Congratulations! Please pray for these recently baptized young disciples, their parents, grandparents, and godparents! Thank you for your prayers! May God bless you and your family!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com/sacraments/

YEAR OF MERCY SPECIAL EVENT



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!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

LIVING THE WORKS OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has said that mercy is 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." This Year of Mercy is an invitation for us to look sincerely into the eyes of those around us, to recognize their needs, and to act accordingly.

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called us to rediscover these Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as a way of living more deeply as disciples of Christ Jesus in the true spirit of the Gospel. Each month, Pope Francis asks us to pray for both a "universal" prayer intention and an "evangelization" prayer intention.

Throughout the year, Pope Francis will also offer us "spiritual exercises" or ways of living out the Works of Mercy in communion with his monthly intentions, with fellow parishioners, and with believers throughout the world. The Holy Father's monthly intentions & spiritual exercises will be printed in our bulletin and posted online at ccgronline.com/mercy.

July 2016

Universal Prayer Intention: Indigenous People

We pray that indigenous peoples throughout the world are treated with dignity and respect.

Spiritual Work of Mercy: Admonish Sinners

Speak out against those who gossip or espouse racism.
Do not buy products from countries or corporations that do not fairly compensate workers.

July 2016

Evangelization Prayer: Latin America & Caribbean

We pray that the Church in Latin America & Caribbean may preach the Gospel of Christ with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

Corporal Work of Mercy: Clothe the Naked

Consider what clothing and household resources you might share with those in need.
Support the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

As we celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy and live out the Works of Mercy under the Holy Father's guidance, let us pray for the grace to live the Gospel, to share God's love and mercy, and to build up the Church! May God bless you and your family with mercy!

MORE ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com/mercy

For more information about the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, including our easy-to-use Guides to Making a Good Confession and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, please visit our website: ccgronline.com/mercy.

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 2 - JULY 10, 2016

Saturday, July 2	Vigil · 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Salvatore & Rosemary Lupo
6:00pm · OLGV	Francis, Elizabeth, and Peter Bruni
Sunday, July 3	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Martin Dillon
8:15am · Saint Ann	Antonio DiMercurio
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Kevin Kane
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Mass Scheduled
	14th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 4 8:00am · OLGV	Dorothy "Dory" O'Connell
Tuesday, July 5 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, July 6 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, July 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Ann Ritt
Friday, July 8 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend James Fahey
Saturday, July 9 8:00am · Saint Ann	Dawn McDonough
Saturday, July 9	Vigil · 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Jack & Mary MacEachern
6:00pm · OLGV	James Movalli
Sunday, July 10	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Paul Frasier
8:15am · Saint Ann	Maria Ackerman
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Josephine Terranova
11:45am · OLGV	Rudy Macchi
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of June 25th - June 26th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$8,367.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$9,245.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of June 25h - June 26th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$4,521.00
Second Collection (Peter's Pence)	\$723.00

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 Thomas Curtin
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of the Victims of the Istanbul Terrorist Attack
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@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!
ASSISI PROJECT SPRING RAFFLE WINNER

The Assisi Project and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society wish to congratulate Claire Wholley for winning our spring raffle for the beautiful hand painted icon of the Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we raised more than \$1,200 for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! And now, thanks to Claire Wholley, those who worship at Saint Ann Church will be able to enjoy the icon until the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. A basket will be placed near the icon for those who wish to contribute to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in honor of Our Blessed Mother and Her Son. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support! May the Lord give you peace!