

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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ADULT & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

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@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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 ccgonline.com/formation. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgonline.com/formation

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



SUMMER CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE VATICAN EXPRESS, PART 3 Begins Tuesday, August 23rd 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 next Catholic Kids Camp: The Vatican Express, Part 3 from Tuesday, August 23rd through Friday, August 26th from 8:00am until 12:00pm 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.

Day I: Tuesday, August 23rd
The Miracles of the Eucharist and the Saints

Day II: Wednesday, August 24th
The Eucharist Miracle and Saint Clare of Assisi

Day III: Thursday, August 25th
The Eucharist Miracle and Saint Francis of Assisi

Day IV: Friday, August 26th
The Eucharist Miracle and Blessed Imelda Lambertini

Each day of the Vatican Express, Part 3 will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are welcome to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both new and old. The Vatican Express, Part II is a fun, exciting, and educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative summer youth faith formation program 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 welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available online or by contacting our pastoral office! For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp: The Vatican Express Part 3, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES, PART I

Last summer, after much prayer and consultation with experts, parishioners, and other pastors, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport embarked on a journey to reimagine, rebuild, and restructure our youth faith formation programs. Our research and long years of declining participation led us to two important conclusions about youth faith formation. First, the traditional way of teaching our children and grandchildren about Christ and His Church (the classroom model) is no longer an effective way of sharing the faith or forming young disciples. Second, a consensus is emerging throughout the Catholic Church that we should focus our energies on sacramental preparation, family-friendly liturgies, lifelong faith formation, and creative ways of welcoming people of all ages and generations back into our parishes.

When Betsy Works joined our pastoral team last fall as Associate Minister for Youth Faith Formation, we thought that we would be reinventing the wheel. But we soon discovered that we are part of a much larger movement in every region of the country. Betsy is an experienced educator and a person of deep prayer and strong faith. She has a passion for innovative approaches to learning, teaching, and faith formation. She traveled throughout our region and across the country; spoke with countless pastors and lay ministers; and met with many parents and volunteers about creating youth faith formation programs that focus on helping young disciples to develop deep and lasting relationships with Christ and his Church. During the past ten months, Betsy and a team of dedicated volunteers offered four week-long opportunities for children to meet Jesus, to learn from Jesus, and to grow in faith, hope, and love with Jesus. These Catholic Kids Camps are laser focused on interactive and multi-sensory learning. They made a real difference in the spiritual lives of many of our youngest fellow parishioners. And they received rave reviews from parents, volunteers, children, and catechetical leaders. During the coming school year, we will offer four more camps for younger children (ages 5 through 11) which are conveniently scheduled during school vacations. If a child attends just two camps, then that child will receive more instructional hours under this model of youth faith formation than under the traditional classroom model. More importantly, they will grow in faith and discipleship with Christ, with Christ's Church, and with other young disciples.

In addition, we have reimagined the way that we will prepare children for the Sacraments of First Penance & Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. For decades, these programs were part of a decade-long process that began in the first grade and concluded during high school. These programs were conducted according to the traditional classroom model. They were long and often interrupted by holidays, snowstorms, and school vacations. They were also expensive and ineffective. Each year, we would rejoice in a family's enthusiasm during preparations for First Holy Communion; and later we would endure that same family's growing ambivalence during preparations for Confirmation. For too many teenagers, Confirmation has sadly become a kind of graduation from the Church, rather than the joyful beginning of life as an active adult disciple in the Church. We hope to end this tragic transition from enthusiasm to ambivalence by transforming sacramental preparation into an engaging process for the whole family.

First, we will continue to place primary focus on attending Mass. For more than a century, the Church has required every parish to provide some kind of religious education to children. During recent decades, we have asked parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education by enrolling them in a faith formation program. Unfortunately, we failed to remind parents of their baptismal promise to be the first teachers of their children in all matters related to faith and morals; and that the most important component of that responsibility is attending Mass as a family. In our increasingly busy, stressful, and over-scheduled world, it has become common for parents to entrust their children to us for an hour of instruction each week but not join us for Mass each weekend. So, we will continue to ask parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education – by bringing them to church! Every weekend, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers seven opportunities for families to attend Mass. And I will continue to personally invite families with children to four Family Masses which are scheduled for the coming school year.

Second, we will no longer prepare students for First Penance or First Holy Communion through the traditional classroom model. Instead, second grade students and their parents will be asked to join us for Mass and participate in two ninety-minute workshops in preparation for First Penance; and to join us for Mass and participate in three ninety-minute workshops in preparation for First Holy Communion. In order to make our program as family-friendly as possible, each workshop will be offered at three different times. So, each family can choose which option works best for them. This approach to sacramental preparation has been tried and tested in our own archdiocese and throughout the country. It is focused on families. And it is firmly rooted in the Holy Eucharist. Schedules and registration forms are now posted on our website: ccgrounline.com/formation. In coming weeks, I will share more information about preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Until then, please pray for our young disciples and their families!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays at 6:30am · Parish Center

The Men's Fellowship meets every Saturday morning at 6:30am in the Parish Center at Saint Ann Church Campus. New members are always welcome to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work on deepening our personal relationships with Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING

Thursday, August 18th at 6:00pm

Although it may seem early, the Holy Family Christmas Fair is coming soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 19th! The Christmas Fair is Holy Family Parish's biggest fundraiser of the year! And there's much work ahead to ensure its continued success! The Holy Family Women's Guild is holding its first Christmas Fair Planning Meeting on Thursday, August 18th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Everyone has a special gift or talent! Let yours shine at the Christmas Fair! All parishioners are invited to help us make this year's fair our best ever! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-421-4279. Please join us! All are welcome!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Help Us Help Others! New Members Welcome!

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. Our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. And 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, Ham, Stew, or Tuna
Crackers · Canned Juice · Chicken or Tuna Helper
Mayonnaise · Instant Potatoes · Hot & Cold Cereals
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup · Chef Boyardee
Peanut Butter & Jelly · Jarred Pasta Sauce

Donation envelopes are 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 needed and 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!

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.

August 2016

Universal Prayer Intention: Sportsmanship

We pray that sporting events, especially the Olympic Games, may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between all peoples and may these encounters contribute to peace in our troubled world.

Corporal Work of Mercy: Welcome the Stranger

Volunteer with a youth sports league or organization that welcomes children of different economic and ethnic backgrounds; or buy tickets or donate funds to a youth group so that they might attend a sporting event.

August 2016

Evangelization Prayer: Live the Gospel

We pray that all Christians might live the Gospel and give witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

Spiritual Work of Mercy: Patience

Pray for patience and understanding before responding to a perceived hurt or insult.

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!

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.

DAILY PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: ccgronline.com/prayer/

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgronline.com/prayer/. Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are 90 second reflections based on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also features an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online.

In addition, please join us every week for a new edition of Bringing Home the Word, a lectionary-based newsletter for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each issue includes words of wisdom from Pope Francis, along with prayerful reflections about the scriptures, prayer and spirituality, and the lives of saints. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word is posted on our website: ccgronline.com/news/! Please join us!

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass!

All are 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@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

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 Church (8:30am-10:00am). For more information, please contact Jane Russo, at 978-281-4820.

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS

An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Saturday, August 13th 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 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. This summer, our other recitals are scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:00pm: August 20th, August 27th, and September 3rd.

These recitals are free and open to the public! 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! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com.

THE LEGION OF MARY

Wednesdays at 4:00pm · New Members Welcome!

Founded in Ireland 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 of Mary'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 throughout both Holy Family Parish & Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm, 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!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE

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OUR MASS INTENTIONS**AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 21, 2016**

Saturday, August 13	Vigil · 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Norman J. & Evelyn G. Authier
6:00pm · OLGV	Frank Gentile
Sunday, August 14	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Joseph & Mary Azevedo & Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Anthony Testaverde
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mario Merenda
11:45am · OLGV	Walter "Butch" Wilkins
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	20th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 15 8:00am · OLGV	Ann Trupiano
Tuesday, August 16 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Katy & George Warde
Wednesday, August 17 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, August 18 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Communion Service
Friday, August 19 8:00am · OLGV	Deceased Members of the Brosnan & Pomerleau Families
Saturday, August 20 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
Saturday, August 20	Vigil · 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Norman MacFarland
6:00pm · OLGV	Hugette Picon Micozzi
Sunday, August 21	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Mary Josephine Densmore
8:15am · Saint Ann	Antonio DiMercurio
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Pietro Noto
11:45am · OLGV	Lilian Sinagra Patzloff
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 6th - August 7th**

Weekly Offerings	\$7,028.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,906.00
Second Collection (CRS)	\$1,940.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of August 6th - August 7th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,332.00
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PARISH PAY**Electronic Giving Made Safe & Easy**

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. At ParishPay.com, it is safe and simple to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time only or on-going basis. And it takes just a few minutes to create a secure personal account. So, please prayerfully consider supporting your parish by giving electronically! For more information, please see Father Jim before or after any daily or weekend Mass; or contact Claire Murphy at cmurphy@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support! May God bless 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 Christopher Wheeler
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Albert & Eva Chandanais,
and Walter "Butch" Wilkins

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!