

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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MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL AGES

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration Now Underway!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is now offering a creative and innovative way for young children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for these sacraments, encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, and help families grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service. Our program is simple and family friendly!

First, we will continue to place primary focus on inviting families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses. Second, all second grade children and their parents (or guardians) are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season; and three 90 minute workshops during the winter-spring season. Each "Faith & Family Workshop" is offered at three different times, so each family can choose which option works best for them!

Our program begins this month. Calendars and registration materials are posted at ccgonline.com/formation. If you have questions or need any assistance with youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Registration Now Underway!

Registration continues for Year I of our Confirmation Preparation Program. Beginning in the ninth grade, all high school students are invited to participate in our two-year program that will prepare them to receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. During the first year, our students will participate in a series of interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. During the second year, our students will participate in a series of special events and workshops designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; to prepare them to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and to stimulate their lives as faithful and faith-filled young adult disciples.

Please note that Year II of our program is now underway and registration is closed. If you have questions or need any assistance with youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

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 prayerfully consider joining our adult faith formation program which will meet on Sunday mornings after the 8:15am Mass 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 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 (or someone you know and love) would like to join us for this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for receiving the sacraments of God's Holy Church, then please see Father Jim or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

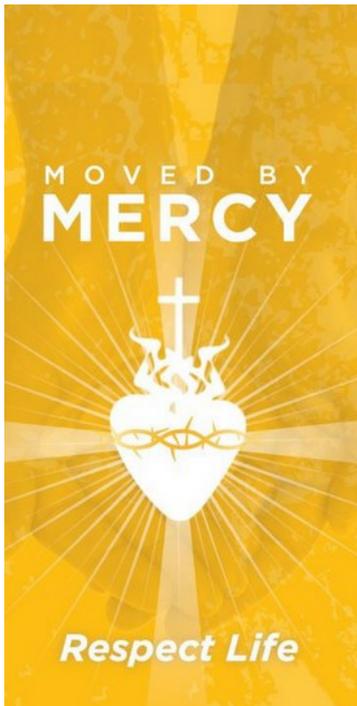
YEAR OF MERCY SPECIAL EVENT THE JESUS PRAYER: A REPRISÉ Two Night Mini-Retreat · October 27th-28th

In early August, sixty-five parishioners joined Father Jim and Cliff for our Third Annual Summer Retreat: The Jesus Prayer. Since then, many parishioners have asked for more information about desert spirituality and the ancient practice of calling on the name of Jesus. In response to this profound spiritual hunger, all are invited to join us for "The Jesus Prayer: A Reprise", a two-night mini-retreat on Thursday, October 27th and Friday, October 28th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel.

Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After praying together, we will watch and discuss the highly acclaimed film, "The Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer"; learn about how to pray with the Jesus Prayer; and explore how praying this timeless prayer can bring you closer to our Risen Lord. You need not have participated in the Summer Retreat to join us for this special program! All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us! For more information about our two-night mini-retreat, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

THE SEAMLESS GARMENT OF LIFE



The Roman Catholic Church professes what is called a “consistent ethic of life” because we believe in our hearts that each and every human being is created in the image and likeness of God; and that Jesus Christ suffered, died, and was resurrected for each and every one of us. In this way, every human being, without exception, is sacred and loved unconditionally by our God who is Master of the Universe and Creator of heaven and earth.

In 1971, Eileen Egan (1912-2000), the founder of the organization that would become known as Pax Christi USA, first likened this consistent ethic of life to the “seamless garment” that Jesus wore but was not torn by his executioners (John 19:23). And in 1984, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin (1928-1996), Archbishop of Chicago, delivered a series of lectures that gave full voice to the Church’s belief in the sanctity of every human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Cardinal Bernardin, a soft-spoken and deeply prayerful priest, spoke initially against the legalization of abortion and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. But he soon expanded the scope of the “seamless garment” to include assisted suicide, capital punishment, education, euthanasia, health care, poverty, torture, and unjust war. Cardinal Bernardin argued that each of these issues is complex and different, but that they are all linked because the intrinsic value of human life is at the center of each one. He said: “When human life is considered ‘cheap’ or easily expendable in one area, eventually nothing is held as sacred and all lives are in jeopardy.” As a Catholic and as a citizen, I couldn’t agree more.

In a few weeks, we will be faced with the challenge of entering the privacy of the voting booth to choose a new president. Although I have been asked many times in recent months about which candidate we, as Catholics, should support, I agree with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that it is not the place of either priest or bishop to endorse one candidate or one party over another. At the same time, it is part of my charism and obligation as a priest to share the teachings and traditions of the Church with my fellow parishioners. Needless to say, this poses a real test for me and for my brother priests and pastors.

Overall, it seems clear that none of the major political parties in the United States professes a consistent ethic of life that reflects the fullness of the Church’s teachings. Likewise, neither of the leading presidential candidates represents the principles of the seamless garment as advocated by Catholic theologians like Eileen Egan and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. On some level, this is understandable because politics is a human endeavor and human beings are imperfect. At the same time, Catholics are called to be “moved by mercy” to accept differences, forgive and love each other, and preach the Gospel to the whole world.

In this way, before we enter the voting booth next month, we can pray with the following questions: Do we believe in the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death? Do we believe in defending the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters: the aged, the condemned, the disabled, the poor, the sick, the stranger, and the unborn? Do we believe that taking a human life through neglect, punishment, or torture is unjust? Do we believe that a wholehearted respect for life involves sharing God’s love and mercy with all people, no matter who they are, what they are, or where they’re from? If we answer “yes” to these questions, then we take one step closer toward preserving the seamless garment of life. As the election draws near, let us pray together for our country, for our leaders, and for each other.

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
1928-1996

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING Monday, October 24th · Begins at 6:30pm

If you are reading this announcement, then Holy Family Parish needs your help! Volunteers are still needed for this year's Christmas Fair (Saturday, November 19th) to set up, work the fair, and/or clean up! All parishioners (men and women) are invited to our next planning meeting on Monday, October 24th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

AN EVENING AT STUDIO CREPE with HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Wednesday, October 26th · Begins at 5:30pm

All are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild on Wednesday, October 26th for an evening of great food and good company at Studio Crepe (located at 17 Railroad Avenue in Rockport). For every meal purchased between 5:30pm and 8:00pm, Studio Crepe will donate 15% of the proceeds to support Holy Family Parish. So, please join us for a night out with family, friends, and fellow parishioners and help support our parish! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR BASKET WHEEL Now Accepting Donations!

The Basket Wheel is the biggest "money maker" at our Christmas Fair (which is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Holy Family Parish). The great success of the Basket Wheel depends on donations from our parishioners and friends! So, all are encouraged to create and donate a \$25 theme basket for kids, crafts, family nights, movie nights, snow days, wine & cheese, holiday gift wrapping, and summer barbecue! Creating a basket can be both fun and inexpensive when families, friends, and neighbors work together to support our parish!

Donations for this year's Basket Wheel are now being accepted! Last year, we gave away more than 120 baskets as prizes for those who played the wheel. Please help us to keep the Basket Wheel spinning and to make this year's Christmas Fair a record-breaking success! For more information about the Basket Wheel or the Christmas Fair, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

MOVED BY MERCY: A VIGIL FOR LIFE Friday, October 21st · Begins at Noon

Each October, the Roman Catholic Church prays in a special way for the respect of all human life. As Pope Francis reminds us: "We are called to reach out to those who find themselves in the existential peripheries of our society and to show particular solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters: the poor, the disabled, the unborn and sick, migrants and refugees, the elderly and the young who lack employment."

This year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has chosen "Moved By Mercy" as the theme of Respect Life Month. Throughout the month of October, all are invited and encouraged to join in praying the following prayer for the protection of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death:

Father and Maker of All,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In addition, in communion and solidarity with Pope Francis, Cardinal Seán, and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for "Moved By Mercy: A Prayer Vigil for Life" on Friday, October 21st in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Our vigil will begin at 12:00pm with Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Throughout the afternoon, all are welcome to join us in silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At 3:00pm, we will pray a Rosary for Life in honor of the Holy Father's call to reach out and respect our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. The Vigil for Life will conclude at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgonline.com. We pray that you will be able to join us for all or part of this special afternoon of prayer with certain knowledge that God hears and answers our prayers for all human life. All are welcome!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

A PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY Let Us Pray with Our Holy Father!

In honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has written a special prayer to bring us closer to our merciful Lord through the inspiration of the scriptures and the grace of the Triune God. So, together with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and with fellow Christians and people of goodwill around the world, let us raise our hearts and voices in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful
like the heavenly Father,
and you have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew
from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Mary Magdalene
from seeking happiness in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all
by forgiveness and mercy.
Let the Church be your visible face in the world,
its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers
would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those
in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Holy Spirit
and consecrate every one of us with his anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus Christ,
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
you who live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen!

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com/mercy

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

MONTH OF ALL SOULS Masses of Remembrance

In November, the Month of All Souls, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate three Masses of Remembrance for those from our parishes who have journeyed home to the Lord during the past year and whose funerals were celebrated in our churches.

These Masses will be celebrated according to the following schedule: Saturday, October 29th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday, November 13th at 10:00am in Saint Joachim Church; and Sunday, November 20th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. At each Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones and friends will be read aloud. For more information about these Masses, please see Fr. Jim before or after Mass. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of men that remains true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Founded in 1882, the Knights remain an organization dedicated to the mutual assistance of members and their families, but also to serving the disabled, the poor, and the sick. The Knights also sponsor educational, charitable, and religious programs in our parishes and throughout the world.

Council 215 serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00pm in the parish center (located beside Saint Ann Church). For more information, please visit our website at kofc215.com; contact Mark Natti at grandknight@kofc215.com; or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD BAKED BEAN SUPPER Friday, October 21st at 5:30pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for its Annual Baked Bean Supper on Friday, October 21st from 5:30pm until 8:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. A donation of \$10 is requested for adults; and \$6 for children (ages 10 and under). Tickets will be available at the door. Our menu includes hot dogs, linguica, baked beans, coffee, soda, and a variety of delicious homemade desserts. Entertainment will be provided by our very own LuAnn Pallazola! For more information, please contact Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 23, 2016**

Saturday, October 15	Vigil · 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Josephine & Capt. Salvatore Santuccio and Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Richard J. Camille, Jr.
Sunday, October 16	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Aaron Hart & Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Giuseppe & Rosaria Cambria
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Salvatore Groppo
11:45am · OLGV	Corey McCollum & Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	29th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 17 8:00am · OLGV	Thomas Egan
Tuesday, October 18 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend Peter Girardin
Wednesday, October 19 8:00am · OLGV	Janet Pierce
Thursday, October 20 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Carmelo Merenda
Friday, October 21 8:00am · OLGV	Paul Scola
Saturday, October 22 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
Saturday, October 22	Vigil · 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Giuseppe & Francesca Palazzolo
6:00pm · OLGV	Andrew & Teresa Murphy
Sunday, October 23	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Mary & Joseph Orlando and Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Angie & Anthony Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Charles LaRosa
11:45am · OLGV	Giuseppe Sanfilippo
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of October 8th – October 9th**

Weekly Offerings	\$7,082.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,960.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$144,039

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of October 8th – October 9th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,143.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$16,514.00

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of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE
GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Since launching this year's Grand Annual Collection last month, parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish have donated \$16,514 toward our goal of \$50,000. Please help us balance our parish budget by contributing to this all-important fundraising campaign! Every dollar helps! For more information about the Grand Annual Collection, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your generous support of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Peace and blessings to all!

SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary candle, 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 candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Paula Novello
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Helen Korpi
Sanctuary Flowers · 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!