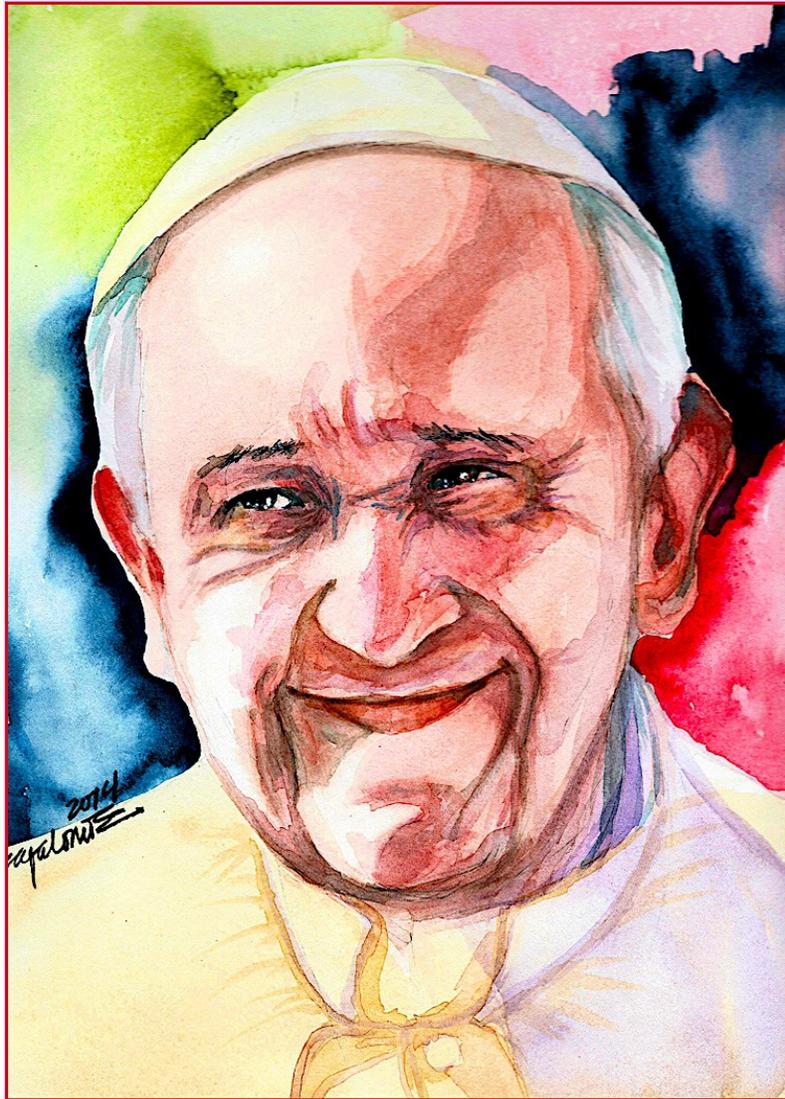


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time · November 13, 2016



THE HOLY FATHER'S NEW BEATITUDES

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE — PAGE 3

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport
Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!

74 Pleasant Street · Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930
Phone: 978-281-4820 · Fax: 978-281-4964 · Email: office@ccgrounline.com · Website: ccgrounline.com
Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00am-4:00pm
Cover Image: "Pope Francis" by Rica Espiritu

MONTH OF ALL SOULS

MONTH OF ALL SOULS Masses of Remembrance

During November, which is also known as 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. Our first Mass of Remembrance was celebrated on Saturday, October 29th in Saint Ann Church. Two additional Masses of Remembrance will be celebrated according to the following schedule:

Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 13th at 10:00am
Saint Joachim Church

Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 20th at 11:45am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

At each Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and fellow parishioners will be read aloud. During this upcoming Month of All Souls, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for those we have lost. For more information about the Month of All Souls, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or see a member of our pastoral team. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MONTH OF ALL SOULS

A Prayer for Our Departed Loved Ones

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Just as our Lord Jesus Christ died and rose again,
so with our Father in Heaven bring with him
all who have died in Jesus.

Just as in Adam, all die, so in Christ Jesus,
we believe that all will be made alive.

Almighty God and Father,
we ask that you hear our prayers
and bring us some consolation in our lives.

As we remember in our prayers
all of our loved ones who have died,
we pray that they are with you
in experiencing the joys of heaven.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Ann & Saint Joachim, pray for us!
Saint Anthony & Saint Francis, pray for us!
Saint Peter & Saint Paul, pray for us!
Our Lady of Angels, pray for us!
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!
All Saints, pray for us!

NEWS & NOTES

THANK YOU, FATHER PATRICK! MISSIONARY VISIT TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH Second Collection This Weekend!

Last weekend, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish was blessed to welcome Father Patrick Universal of the Saint James Society, who celebrated Masses and preached about his missionary work in South America. In support of the Saint James Society, a second collection will be taken at all Masses in Holy Family Parish this weekend: November 12th and November 13th. Your generous support will be much appreciated by all who are served by Father Patrick and the Saint James Society. Thank you, Father Patrick! May God bless you and your ministry!

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE November 23rd – November 24th

All parishioners, friends, and guests are welcome to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we gather for Holy Mass in celebration of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. All are welcome to join us for Mass on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th at 8:00am in Saint Joachim Church. Please join us as we gather to give praise and thanks for God's abundant blessings! Peace and blessings to all for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS · COUNCIL 215 Special Message of Thanks

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) wishes to thank everyone who helped us raise more than \$2,000 for children and young adults with intellectual disabilities during our recent Tootsie Roll Drive. In addition, thanks to the generous support of 24 sponsors and 48 golfers, our recent Golf Tournament raised more than \$4,000 for Council 215's charitable and operational work in our parishes communities. All donations help us sponsor events like our upcoming "Coats for Kids" program that provides new winter coats for children in need.

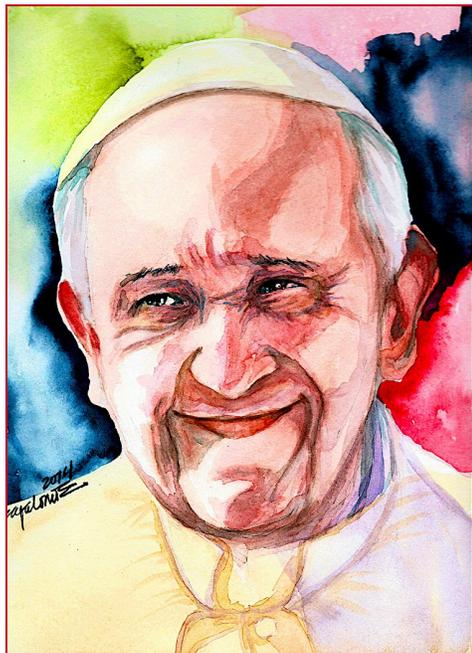
Are you able and interested in doing good work for our community? Please join us! For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please visit our website at kofc215.com; or contact Mark Natti at 978-281-4820 or at grandknight@kofc215.com. The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the parish offices. New members are always welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com!
Follow us on Twitter: @ccgronline

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

THE NEW BEATITUDES



Earlier this month, Pope Francis visited Sweden as part of his ongoing outreach to Christians from other denominations and traditions. Although the number of Roman Catholics in Sweden is small (approximately 115,000 people or 1 percent of the country's total population), local bishops believe that number is now much higher due to recent immigration by Chaldean Catholics from Iraq and other parts of Asia and the Middle East.

At the close of this latest ecumenical journey, Pope Francis celebrated Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints and he preached about Saint Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) and Saint Elizabeth Hesselblad (1870-1957), who worked tirelessly for Christian unity during their lifetimes. In addition, the pope proclaimed that the Beatitudes from Christ's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) serve as an "identity card" for anyone who professes the Christian faith. Pope Francis also said that these unsettled times require a new energy and a new commitment among Christians around the world; and he humbly offered a list of new Beatitudes for today's believers:

Blessed are those who remain faithful
while enduring evils inflicted on them by others
and forgive them from the heart.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes
of the abandoned and the marginalized and show them friendship.

Blessed are those who see God in every person
and strive to help others discover Him.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort
in order to serve others.

Blessed are those who pray and work
for full communion among Christians around the world.

The pope said that modern disciples who practice these new beatitudes are truly "messengers of God's mercy and tenderness" in a world torn apart by bigotry, climate change, inequality, terrorism, violence, and war. Needless to say, it is not easy to remain faithful, to forgive, to sacrifice, to welcome the stranger, or to work for unity during a time of such deep divisions both at home and abroad. And yet, as disciples, this is our vocation: to grow in prayer, fellowship, and service with both friends and adversaries; to live the Gospel and share it with love in our homes, neighborhoods, and workplaces; and to work for peace and justice in our hometowns, parish communities, and throughout the world.

In communion with our Holy Father and with our brothers and sisters in faith in every nation and culture, let us spend some time praying with these "new beatitudes." Let us pray for the courage to integrate them into our lives of faith and discipleship through our every thought, word, and action. Let us pray for those we love and for those whom we find so challenging to accept. And as the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to a close at the end of this week, let us pray always for Pope Francis, who leads us forth with profound dedication, humility, and grace.

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR: DECK THE HALL!
Saturday, November 19th · 9:00am-2:00pm**

All are invited to join Holy Family Parish for its Annual Christmas Fair next Saturday, November 19th from 9:00am until 2:00pm in the newly renovated Saint Ann Church Hall. This year's fair will feature various sales tables, including homemade baked goods and cookies, Christmas decorations, Santa's Corner, Chinese Raffle, White Elephant Table, and our famous Basket Wheel! In addition, raffle tickets are now available for cash prizes, an I-Pad, and a Red Sox Game Package.

We are very grateful for all donations! We are especially grateful to Greely Funeral Home and Pike-Newhall Funeral Home for their donation of our raffle prizes. The Christmas Fair Committee and the Women's Guild are working overtime to make this year's fair another great success! So, please support this important parish fundraising event by joining us next Saturday, November 19th! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or lbertolino4@msn.com. 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!

**SAVE THE DATES
ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT**

December 6th through December 8th
Begins with Evening Prayer & Mass at 6:30pm
Special Guest: Sister Ellen Dabrieo, SND
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Please join us! All are welcome!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**THE MEANING OF MERCY
WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS**

Jesus has awakened great hopes,
especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble,
the poor, the forgotten,
and those who do not matter in the eyes of the world.
He understands human suffering;
he has shown the face of God's mercy;
and he has bent down to heal body and soul.
This is Jesus. This is his heart which looks to all of us,
to our sickness, to our sins.

Pope Francis
Homily at Mass – March 24, 2013

**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 Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to a close on Sunday, November 20th, the Solemnity of Christ the King. All are encouraged to join us online for our easy-to-use guides to the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Join us: ccgrounline.com/mercy! All are invited! 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.

November 2016

Universal Prayer: Countries Welcoming Refugees

We pray that countries welcoming refugees and displaced persons may find support for these efforts which are signs of fraternity and solidarity.

And that we become informed about public policies related to refugees and immigration;
and urge elected officials to support policies that help those displaced by war, famine, and natural disaster.

Corporal Work of Mercy: Welcome the Stranger

Keep a spare change jar in your home and donate what you collect each month to Catholic Relief Services or another organization that supports refugees.

November 2016

Evangelization Prayer: Collaboration of Priests & Laity

We pray that priests and lay people in all parishes may work together without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Spiritual Work of Mercy: Forgive Others

We pray that the Holy Spirit may lead us toward forgiveness and healing;
pray for someone who has hurt or offended you and entrust them to God’s grace;
do a good deed for someone who has hurt you.

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!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH ANNUAL TURKEY GIVEAWAY Monday, November 21st at 7:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway on Monday, November 21st at 7:00pm in Our Lady’s Hall. Once again, there will be turkeys for raffle, along with our famous homemade sweetbread, cider, vegetables, and all the trimmings for a delicious Thanksgiving Feast! In addition, we’ll have a 50-50 raffle. Pizza and soft drinks will be available, too! So, please join us for this fun and exciting holiday tradition! For more information, please see Father Jim or contact him at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES Help Us Share the Blessings of Christmas!

This year, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will once again sponsor the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport’s Annual Christmas Giving Trees which help share the blessings of Christmas with local families in need. The Giving Trees will be placed at the entrances of Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church during the weekend of November 26–November 27th. Each tree will be decorated with colored stars that indicate a particular Christmas wish. If you can help fulfill this wish, please take a star!

Each donated gift should be new, unused, and unwrapped; and placed under the tree with the original star or delivered to our parish offices. The Christmas Giving Trees will remain at our church entrances through Sunday, December 11th. All gifts should be returned to our parish offices by Tuesday, December 13th at noon. Gifts will be wrapped and delivered to families in need on Thursday, December 15th. For more information about the Giving Tree Program, please contact Barbara Frontiero at 978-281-4820 or barbara.frontiero@gortons.com. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Christmas Giving Trees! May God bless us, everyone!

THE ASSISI PROJECT Need Prayers?

Founded by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey in 2007, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with active members, friends, and followers on four continents: North America, South America, Europe, and Africa. Members of the Assisi Project around the world pray for those who ask for prayers. If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. May the Lord give you peace, now and always!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**NOVEMBER 12 – NOVEMBER 20, 2016**

Saturday, November 12	Vigil · 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Eleanor Salah
6:00pm · OLGV	Margaret Myrvold
Sunday, November 13	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Arlene Muise
8:15am · Saint Ann	Anthony Piraino
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass of Remembrance
11:45am · OLGV	Florence & Gerald French and Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, November 14 8:00am · OLGV	Grace Budrow
Tuesday, November 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Josephine O'Brien
Wednesday, November 16 8:00am · OLGV	Angelina Matos
Thursday, November 17 8:00am · OLGV	John Joseph
Friday, November 18 8:00am · OLGV	Carlos Antonio Rosa
Saturday, November 19 8:00am · Saint Ann	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Saturday, November 19	Vigil · Solemnity of Christ the King
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Mortillaro
6:00pm · OLGV	Humberto Mota
Sunday, November 20	Solemnity of Christ the King
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Charles J. Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Phyllis Toppan and Angelina & Salvatore Loiacano
11:45am · OLGV	Joseph & Connie Zappa
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of November 5th – November 6th**

Weekly Offerings	\$8,101.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,979.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$148,893.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of November 5th – November 6th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,903.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$16,769.00

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

PARISH PAY ELECTRONIC GIVING**Easy, Safe, and Secure!**

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For more information about setting up an account to support your home parish, please visit parishpay.com or contact Claire Murphy at 978-281-4820 or cmurphy@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support!

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 Vincenza Cusumano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Francis J. Sullivan
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of John Orlando & Kyle Joseph Orlando
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