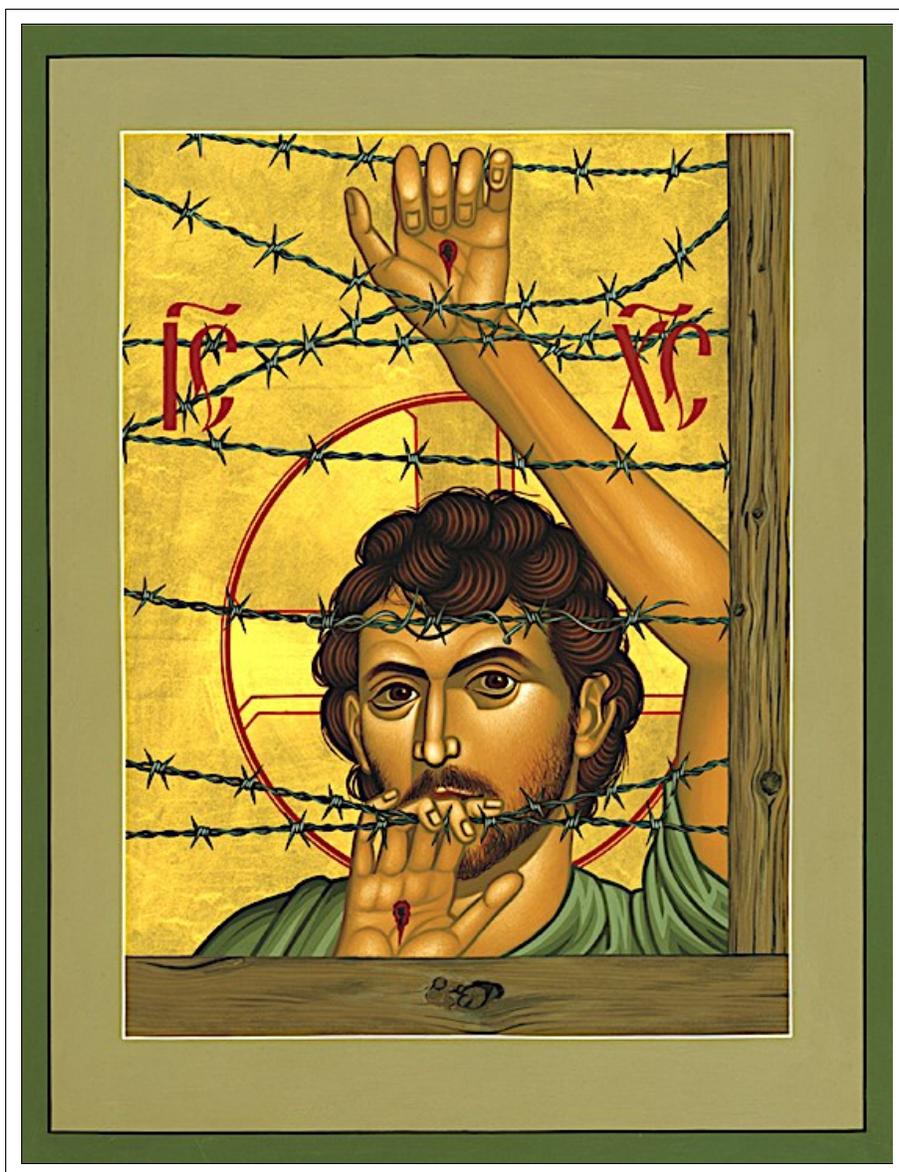


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PASTOR'S NOTE

STATEMENT OF THE CAPE ANN CLERGY IN RESPONSE TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ON IMMIGRATION

You are not to wrong or oppress an alien, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt (Exodus 22:21).

With sadness and resolve, we add our names to the thousands of clergy and people of faith who have spoken out against the recent executive order temporarily suspending immigration and refugee resettlement from seven Muslim majority nations. We believe this action is discriminatory and shows hostility toward our nation's founding principles. Rather than protect us, we believe it will weaken us and lead us toward increased conflict and violence. All of our faith traditions teach us that we must stand against oppression and protect the most vulnerable and despised in our society. Our identity as citizens of the United States includes a pride that our nation can be a refuge of hope and freedom for those in need. We reject any effort to shut our nation's doors on the most vulnerable. We recommit ourselves to the work of protecting and advancing the dignity of all human beings and fulfilling the vision of the prophet Isaiah: "If you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness and your gloom will become like midday (Isaiah 58:10)."

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Reverend Anne Deneen, Pastor
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Temple Ahavat Achim

Reverend Art McDonald
Universalist Church of Essex

Reverend Susan Moran
Unitarian Universalist Society of Rockport

Reverend David C. Myers, Pastor
United Methodist Church of Gloucester & Rockport

Reverend Janet D. Parsons
Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church

Reverend John R. Sachs, SJ
Eastern Point Retreat House

Reverend Rona Tyndall
United Church of Christ

Reverend Karin E. Wade, Rector
Saint Mary Episcopal Church

Reverend Dierdre Greenwood White
Annisquam Village Church

Reverend Richard H. White
Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Reverend Dr. Timothy M. Ziegenhals
First Congregational Church of Essex



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

THE QUESTION OF AMERICA

By Cliff Garvey

For the past twelve years, I taught undergraduate courses in American government at a local university. Most of my students were freshmen. And most of them were not very interested in politics and public policy. So, my challenge was to connect our academic work with how politics and politicians work in the real world. Each semester began with a discussion about how the United States is unique among the nations of the world. Not necessarily better, but different. Unlike other countries, whose identity is rooted in a common culture, language, religion, race, or ethnicity, our national identity is based on our commitment to five core values and beliefs. Scholars identify these as freedom, democracy, equality, capitalism, and a delicate balance between individual interests and the common good. By this standard, whether we are born in Massachusetts or Mozambique, one becomes an American by believing in certain basic principles.

Three months ago, millions of Americans voted in our national elections. A new president was chosen according to the terms of our constitutional tradition. And last month, we commemorated the peaceful transfer of power from one presidential administration to the next. But during the past two weeks, hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens have taken to the streets or to social media platforms in order to protest a presidential order that bans travel from seven predominantly Muslim nations to the United States. The order also suspends our country's entire refugee admissions program for three months; suspends indefinitely our resettlement program for Syrian refugees fleeing that country's civil war; and reduces by half the total number of refugees that will be allowed into our country this year. At this point, a federal judge has blocked implementation of this order and the issue is being contested in the federal courts.

People of faith and goodwill can respectfully disagree over our country's immigration and refugee resettlement policies. That is the nature of our democratic republic. As Catholics, however, our opinions about these and other difficult issues should be shaped by our understanding of the scriptures, the teachings and traditions of the Church, the guidance offered by our bishops and pastors, and our own individual consciences. Throughout the New Testament, we find a preference for the poor and the weak, and a call to welcome the stranger as if he were Christ himself (See Matthew 25). In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we learn that while government has a duty to defend national borders, it also has an equally compelling responsibility to welcome and care for immigrants and refugees (CCC 2241). And in recent days, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has strongly objected to the president's executive order and renewed its call for comprehensive and compassionate immigration reform.

In addition, Pope Francis has consistently urged the world's wealthiest nations to welcome immigrants and refugees with generosity and love. For example, during his speech last year to a Joint Session of the United States Congress, the Holy Father said: "Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities that we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, then let us give security. If we want life, then let us give life. If we want opportunities, then let us offer opportunities." Pope Francis pleaded with our elected representatives to be guided in their decisions by the Golden Rule and by our best instincts, not by bigotry or fear.

Likewise, Cardinal Sean wrote last week in the Boston Globe (2-2-17) that our leaders should make important decisions about immigrants and refugees based on our shared religious beliefs and core values as a people. These are the same core values and beliefs that I shared with my students for more than a decade. These are the principles that created our country's astonishing power and wealth. These are the principles that shine so brightly throughout the world and beckon people of all colors and creeds to our shores. And these are the principles that prompt us to balance our individual interests with what is best for all people, especially our brothers and sisters who may have never enjoyed what we sometimes take for granted: the natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In his book, "The American Soul", Jacob Needleman writes: "The deeper hope of America was its vision of what humanity is and can become, individually and in community. It was through that vision that all the material and social promise of America took its fire and light and its voice that called to men and women within its own borders and throughout the world. America was once a great idea, and it is such ideas that move the world, that open the possibility of meaning in human life...The question of America is there: if America loses the meaning of its existence and if, in fact, America is now the dominant cultural influence in the world, then what will become of the world?" Let us pray that our answer to this challenging question will be inspired by the basic principles of our democracy, the Judeo-Christian traditions of charity, goodwill, and love of neighbor, and the opening of our hearts, minds, and arms to embrace the stranger as we would wish to embrace Christ himself. May the Lord give you peace, now and always!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK Saturday, February 11th

This weekend, the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the 25th Annual World Day of the Sick. In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, this is a unique opportunity for our community to pray for those who suffer with chronic or terminal illnesses and to celebrate God's healing, love, and mercy for all who suffer and for all who care for them.

In his message for the World Day of the Sick 2017, Pope Francis writes: "This day is an opportunity to reflect on the needs of the sick and of all who suffer. It is also an occasion for those who generously assist the sick, beginning with family members, health workers, and volunteers to give thanks for their God-given vocations to accompany our brothers and sisters who suffer. Likewise, this celebration gives the whole Church renewed spiritual energy to carry out more fully the fundamental part of her mission to serve the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the marginalized in our societies."

As we commemorate the World Day of the Sick, let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord on behalf of those who are sick, those who are suffering, and those who are dying. May God bless them, comfort them, and strengthen them with the balm of his healing love and mercy.

A Prayer for the Sick

Almighty God and Father,
all praise and glory is yours
for you have called us to serve you in love.
Bless you servant, N.,
so that he/she may bear their illness
in union with your Son's obedient suffering.
Restore him/her to health, and lead him/her to glory.
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.

A Prayer for the Dying

Lord Jesus Christ,
as you stood by the bed of Saint Joseph
and gently led him home to heaven,
so shepherd every soul about to die
to a paradise of perfect peace.
Let the tears we shed upon their passing
stand witness to our love for them
and the depth of our thanksgiving
for the gift of their lives
and the grace of a good death.
For you are our Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of the Sick, pray for us!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP PARADE AROUND THE OUR FATHER Begins Tuesday, February 21st 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: Parade Around the Our Father from Tuesday, February 21st through Friday, February 24th 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 Lord's Prayer through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's the schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 21st
God Listens

Day II: Wednesday, February 22nd
God Provides

Day III: Thursday, February 23rd
God Forgives

Day IV: Friday, February 24th
God Guides

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp 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 old and new. Catholic Kids Camp is a fun, exciting, and educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during the winter school vacation is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families 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! For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp: Parade Around the Our Father, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com. Registration forms are available at ccgonline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS Join us: ccgonline.com!

In case of inclement weather, all weather related cancellations of programs and events in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will be announced on our website: ccgonline.com; via Twitter: [@ccgonline](https://twitter.com/ccgonline); and on all major television stations and their websites. Thank you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



RELUCTANT SAINT: THE LIFE OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI Book Study & Faith Sharing for Adults Begins Thursday, February 16th at 7:00pm

The winter season is a great time to curl up with a hot cup of tea and a good book. It's also a great time to refresh and renew our spiritual lives. This year, in celebration of the Assisi Project's 10th Anniversary (2007-2017), Father Jim and Cliff will offer a series of adult faith formation programs designed to help us better understand the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi, his influence on Pope Francis and the Roman Catholic Church, and the timeless traditions of Franciscan prayer and spirituality.

We will begin with "The Winter Read", a four-week book study and faith sharing program during which participants will read together and share their reactions to "Reluctant Saint: The Life of Francis of Assisi" by Donald Spoto. This contemporary and best-selling biography of Saint Francis chronicles the life of the "Poor Man of Assisi" in a straightforward and sometimes painfully honest way. By reading this book, we will learn about life in the Middle Ages and we will come to know Francis of Assisi as a man, as a sinner, and ultimately as a saint.

Due to last week's snow storm, this special program will begin now on Thursday, February 16th, and continue on February 23rd, March 2nd, and March 9th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each week, participants will be asked to read approximately 70 pages from the book so that we can complete it by our final session. Each evening will begin promptly at 7:00pm with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After our time of prayer, we will briefly introduce the readings for the week. We will then have plenty of time for discussion, questions, and faith sharing.

A donation of \$20.00 is requested from those who can afford it, along with a sincere interest in learning and sharing insights about the life and times of Saint Francis of Assisi. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com by Monday, February 13th so that we can ensure that we have enough copies of the book. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE Weekend of February 11th – February 12th

During the weekend of February 11th – February 12th, the Holy Family Women's Guild will host a Bake Sale after the 4:00pm Mass in Saint Ann Church, 8:15am Mass in Saint Ann Church, and 10:00am Mass in Saint Joachim Church. As always, we will have homemade cakes and cookies, brownies and other baked goods for sale. Here's your chance to buy something sweet for someone you love and to support Holy Family Parish at the same time! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or lbertolino4@msn.com; or Janet Lucido at jml3485@aol.com. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Please join us! All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tuesday, February 14th 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 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 throughout the year.

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, February 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus). For more information about the Knights of Columbus and its good work in our parishes, please visit our website at kofc215.com or contact Mark Natti at 978-281-4820 or mnatti@comcast.net. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

THE ASSISI PROJECT TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR · 2007-2017 Saturday, February 25th at 8:00am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is a fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" with friends and followers around the world. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. The Assisi Project now meets on the last Saturday of each month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, formation, and fellowship. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th at 8:00am. If you are interested in growing closer to Christ through the guidance and intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, please prayerfully consider joining us! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. May the Lord give you peace, now and always!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Saturday, February 11	Vigil · Sixth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Zachary Marr
6:00pm · OLGV	John “Toot” Madruga
Sunday, February 12	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mario Peritore
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Aaron Christopher Hart
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, February 13 8:00am · OLGV	Fred White
Tuesday, February 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Daniel Lane
Wednesday, February 15 8:00am · OLGV	Lois M. Hildonen
Thursday, February 16 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John F. Walsh, Jr.
Friday, February 17 8:00am · OLGV	Carlos Matos
Saturday, February 18 8:00am · Saint Ann	Mary Ciaramitaro
Saturday, February 18	Vigil · Seventh Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Adam McCalla
6:00pm · OLGV	Thomas & Rose Lupo
Sunday, February 19	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
8:15am · Saint Ann	Alison Saren
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rita & Enrico Betti
11:45am · OLGV	Andrew & Teresa Murphy
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Salvatore Cannavo

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of February 4th – February 5th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,144.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,022.00
Second Collection	N/A
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$200,936.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of February 4th – February 5th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,620.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$2,650.00
Second Collection (Utilities)	\$1,551.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$21,240.00

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 candles, 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 Matteo Cusumano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Katherine McGlaufflin
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of John Carrancho
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 candles, flowers, or gifts for a special intention or in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@cccgronline.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! May God bless you and your family – now and always!