

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
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**The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport**  
**Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!**

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## HOLY SEASON OF LENT



### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### March 1st · Holy Day of Prayer & Fasting

The Holy Season of Lent is a time of prayer, penance, and almsgiving during which all Catholics are called to renew their faith in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1st, a holy day of abstinence and fasting. Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes according to the following schedule:

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Mass at 8:00am

Saint Ann Church  
Mass at 12:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Mass at 7:00pm

In addition, we will celebrate a Service of the Word (with the distribution of ashes) at 5:00pm in Saint Joachim Church. For more information about the Holy Season of Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website: [ccgronline.com](http://ccgronline.com); or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com). As our Lenten journey begins, please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### STATION OF THE CROSS

#### Fridays During Lent

The Stations of the Cross are one of the most enduring and moving devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with the suffering of Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with our Lord on his way to the Holy Cross. During Lent, all are invited to join in praying the Stations of the Cross on six consecutive Fridays (March 3rd through April 7th) according to the following schedule:

Saint Ann Church  
Fridays at 3:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Fridays at 6:30pm (with Mass)

Please note that Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm before we pray the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. For more information about the Holy Season of Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website: [ccgronline.com](http://ccgronline.com); or contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

#### Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday Evenings During Lent

During the Holy Season of Lent, all Catholics are invited to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession). On Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 8th through April 12th), all are invited to join us for "The Light Is On For You!" from 6:00pm until 8:00pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. These special evenings of prayer will include Evening Prayer and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours; Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and two full hours of confessions for those who feel called to participate.

For some, this may be a time for sacramental reconciliation. For some, it may be a time for silent prayer and reflection. And for some, it may be a time to begin or renew a life of faith. Wherever you are on your faith journey, please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information about the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation, please visit our website: [ccgronline.com](http://ccgronline.com); or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com). Please note that this program will be preempted on Wednesday, March 22nd for our Lent Mission & Retreat.

### PASTOR'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

#### JESUS' LIFE-GIVING DEATH

#### Begins on Thursday, March 9th at Noon

During the Holy Season of Lent, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim for a weekly lunchtime scripture study based on the book, "Matthew 26-28: Jesus' Life-Giving Death" by Amy Wellborn. Every Thursday during Lent (March 9th through April 6th) in Our Lady's Hall, Father Jim will lead a one hour discussion and reflection on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus that focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. Each weekly session will begin at noon.

All interested friends and fellow parishioners are welcome to bring their own lunch and join us for as many sessions as possible during the Holy Season of Lent. A donation of \$20.00 is requested from those who can afford it. Participants will be provided with a copy of the book, along with coffee, hot tea, or bottled water. If you would like to join us for this special scripture study series, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### EATING THE SHARK

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Throughout the day, ashes in the form of a cross will be applied to the foreheads of parishioners in our churches, patients in our nursing homes and hospitals, and friends and neighbors in their homes and workplaces. As the sign of the cross is traced upon each forehead with these blessed ashes, the priest, deacon, or lay minister will say: "Repent and believe in the Gospel!" This ancient tradition reminds us that Lent is a period of prayer, penance, and almsgiving; a season to renew our relationship with the Lord and his Church; and a time to ask God again and again for his love and mercy.

During Lent, we are not just called to fast on Fridays, make a good confession, or give up some particular pleasure or vice (like caffeine, sweets, or television). We are called to conversion: a true and lasting conversion of heart and mind. We are called to discipleship: a true and lasting resolution to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever he leads. We are called to evangelization: a true and lasting commitment to love God and love others in every thought, word, and action. And we are called again to be true Christians: ready, willing, and able to live our faith each day, every day, our whole life long.

If Lent is a time for confessions, then you should know that I truly love being a priest. The hardest part of my ministry is not celebrating Masses each weekend, hearing confessions, celebrating baptisms, weddings or funerals, sitting at the bedside of a homebound parishioner, counseling a troubled person, or being called to the hospital during the dark hours of night to anoint a dying accident victim. God called me to priesthood to serve God's people during times of both celebration and sadness. He called me to priesthood to help you carry the crosses of joy and suffering through prayer, fellowship, service, and sacrament. It is the joy of my life.

For the past three years, I have been blessed to work with Denise Ehlen of Catholic Leadership Institute regarding what it means to be both a priest and pastor during a time of change and transition in the Archdiocese of Boston. Denise is a person of uncommon ability and skills, who knows the Church through and through, understands what must be done to make the best use of limited resources, and possesses keen insights into the hearts and minds of those with whom she works. Needless to say, Denise knows me well. She knows my strengths and my weaknesses. She reads me like a book. She understands that for me, the hardest part of being a pastor is finding some balance between being a priest and being an administrator of a large budget and organization.

During a recent conversation over lunch, Denise told me to practice "eating the shark." Denise was referring to an incident several years ago during a family vacation in Iceland when I was barely able to swallow and keep down a local delicacy: putrefied shark! Don't even ask! Suffice it to say that I ate the shark because it was expected of me. After all, true freedom is not necessarily doing what we want to do, but doing what we should do. As a guest in someone's home, it was my obligation to eat the shark. As a pastor, it is sometimes my obligation to do things that I would prefer not to do. Truth be told, then, the hardest part of my ministry is to ask you for money. As the son of immigrants who worked long hours, counted every dollar, and saved every penny, I know how hard it is to make ends meet in today's world. And throughout my pastorate here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, I have worked hard, along with our finance councils and pastoral team, to economize whenever possible and to make the best use of the gifts that you give so faithfully each and every week.

As Lent begins, I am compelled to ask you again to pray about your contributions to two ongoing collections. At Holy Family Parish, we need your help to raise the funds necessary to repair and restore Saint Ann Church. So far, we have raised more than \$202,000 for this project, but we still need at least \$108,000 more to complete the job. And at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, we need your help to raise the funds necessary to balance our annual budget. So far, we have raised more than \$22,000 for the Grand Annual Collection, but we still need approximately \$28,000 to reach our goal of \$50,000. As always, every contribution, large or small, will be much appreciated and will go a long way toward reaching our goals. If you have questions about either of these fundraising campaigns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please pray for me, for our pastoral team, and for all of our fellow parishioners. Please pray, too, for the success of these two vitally important fundraising efforts. And as always, be assured of my prayers for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport: that the Lord will help us to "repent and believe in the Gospel" and to grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service. Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS · COUNCIL 215 New Member Initiation · Sunday, February 26th

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Since 1897, our award winning council has sponsored many works of charity on Cape Ann, including annual events like our blood drive, food drive, golf tournament, and Coats for Kids; along with ongoing support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Holy Family Women's Guild.

On Sunday, February 26th at 5:00pm in Our Lady's Hall, all are invited to join us for an initiation meeting for new members. All Catholic men over age 18 are invited to join us. If you have twenty-four hours to volunteer for charity, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our community. For more information, contact Mark Natti at [mnatti@comcast.net](mailto:mnatti@comcast.net); leave a message at 978-281-4820; or visit our website: [kofc215.com](http://kofc215.com). Please join us! All are welcome!

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY New Members Always 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 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!

### MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

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Follow us on Twitter: [@ccgronline](https://twitter.com/ccgronline)!

## THE ASSISI PROJECT

### THE ASSISI PROJECT TENTH ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE November 3rd-November 11th

For the tenth consecutive year, Father Jim, Cliff Garvey, and the Assisi Project are sponsoring a week-long, small-group pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy. Each year, our pilgrims have literally walked in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. This year, from November 3rd through November 11th, we will journey again to Assisi and to the Franciscan Sanctuary at La Verna.

Each morning, we will begin with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Mass. Father Jim celebrates Masses at the Basilica of Saint Francis, the Basilica of Our Lady of Angels, the Carceri Hermitage, and the Sanctuary at La Verna. Each afternoon, our pilgrims will have the free time and guidance to explore Assisi at their own pace and to visit its many churches, cafes, museums, and shops. Each evening, we will gather for supper, followed by Evening Prayer, a reflection, and faith sharing.

As a fellowship of pilgrims, we will explore the historic Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Each of these great basilicas contains the tombs of the saints, holy relics, priceless frescoes and other works of art, along with quiet chapels for personal prayer and worship. We will also visit the Basilica of Saint Rufino, where Francis and Clare were baptized; the Church of Saint Damian where Christ spoke to Francis and hastened his conversion; the Carceri Hermitage where Francis and his first followers retreated for prayer and contemplation; and the chapel known as the Porziuncola, which is considered the home church of the worldwide Franciscan community.

In addition, we will spend leisurely afternoons in and around the Piazza del Commune, Assisi's city center, with its ancient Roman temple (now a Catholic Church), sidewalk cafes, restaurants, and shops. Our more adventurous pilgrims will also have a chance to visit the Rocca Maggiore, the great medieval fortress with its stunning views of Assisi, the Spoleto Valley, and Mount Subasio. And finally, we will travel to La Verna, the mountain sanctuary in Tuscany, where Saint Francis received the stigmata (the five wounds of the Crucified Christ). At La Verna, we will celebrate Mass, have lunch, and participate in the daily procession that commemorates how Saint Francis received the stigmata.

The cost of this extraordinary pilgrimage is \$3,399 per person and includes roundtrip airfare & fees; ground transportation (except personal taxis); guest house accommodations (single room & bathroom); and all meals. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com). Only four spaces are remaining for this pilgrimage! Join us!

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### LENT MASS FOR FAMILIES Sunday, March 5th at 11:45am

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Mt 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all parents, grandparents, godparents, and children are invited to join Father Jim for a Lent Mass for Families on Sunday, March 5th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about the Holy Season of Lent and a special blessing for all families and children. In addition, because Lent is a season for prayer, penance, and almsgiving, every child and their family will be asked to help us raise \$1,000 during Lent for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a service organization in our parishes that provides food and financial assistance to local families in need. During the Family Mass, each child (and any interested adult parishioner) will be given a "campaign can" to collect coins for this most worthy cause.

As our Lent Mass for Families approaches, let us reaffirm these basic principles of our youth faith formation programs: Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! And every family in our pews is a gift from God! For more information about our Lent Mass for Families, please see Father Jim or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.com). Please spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

### NINETEENTH ANNUAL LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Next Rehearsal: Thursday, March 9th

All young disciples from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are invited to participate in our 19th Annual Live Stations of the Cross, which will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 9th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church. All of our young participants will be expected to memorize their lines and attend weekly rehearsals from 5:00pm until 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Additional rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday, March 16th; Thursday, March 23rd; Thursday, March 30th; and Thursday, April 6th.

The success of this program depends on a small legion of volunteers! Adult volunteers are also much needed and most welcome to participate! If you or your child would like to participate in our 19th Annual Live Stations of the Cross, a deeply moving parish tradition that helps bring us all closer to Christ as he carries the Holy Cross, please contact Sue Demetri at [sdemetri2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sdemetri2000@yahoo.com) or 978-239-5615; or Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome! Please join us for the Live Stations of the Cross!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY Saturday, March 4th at 5:00pm

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will host its next U-treya-Potluck Supper on Saturday, March 4th in Saint John the Baptist Church Hall (52 Main Street in Essex) beginning at 5:00pm. All are invited to join us for great food, good cheer, prayer, and fellowship! You need not have participated in a Cursillo Weekend to join us! Upcoming meetings are scheduled for April 8th, May 6th, and June 3rd. For more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at [albiemitchell@me.com](mailto:albiemitchell@me.com) or 978-879-3655. Please join us and bring a friend! All are welcome!

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, March 5th at 6:30pm · Our Lady's Hall

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is an organization of Catholic men which was founded to prayerfully support the parish through fundraising and volunteer service. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. For more information, please contact Mass Parisi at 978-281-4820 or [mparisi101@gmail.com](mailto:mparisi101@gmail.com). The Holy Name Society always welcomes new members! Please join us!

### OUR LADY'S GUILD Communion Mass: Saturday, March 4th at 6:00pm Meeting: Monday, March 6th at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. All members and their families are reminded that our Annual Communion Mass is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

In addition, the Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After regular business, nominations will be made for officers and board members. Pat Sholds and Pat McCarthy are co-chairwomen for the next meeting. Our Lady's Guild continues to accept donations for our "Cakeless Cake Sale." Donations can be mailed to Jean Madruga or brought to the next meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Linda Galvin at [lingalv2010@gmail.com](mailto:lingalv2010@gmail.com) or 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

### WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS Join us: [ccgrounline.com](http://ccgrounline.com)!

In case of inclement weather, all weather related cancellations will be announced on our website: [ccgrounline.com](http://ccgrounline.com); via Twitter: @ccgrounline; and on all major television stations and their websites. Thank you!

## OUR MASS INTENTIONS

**FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 5, 2017**

<b>Saturday, February 25</b>	<b>Vigil · Eighth Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	William & Grace Budrow
6:00pm · OLGV	Francesca (Ruggeri) Palazzolo
<b>Sunday, February 26</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Francisca Garcia
8:15am · Saint Ann	Paula Sydlowski
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Millie Hawkes
11:45am · OLGV	Oswald Ajavon
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>Eighth Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, February 27 8:00am · OLGV	Julia & Alcides Padre
Tuesday, February 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Cremilde L. Vinagre
Wednesday, March 1 8:00am · OLGV	Mass for the People
Thursday, March 2 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend Richard F. Ahearn
Friday, March 3 8:00am · OLGV	Angelina Matos
Saturday, March 4 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
<b>Saturday, March 4</b>	<b>Vigil · First Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Stephen & Catherine Demetri and Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Mario & Maria Peritore
<b>Sunday, March 5</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	John Batista Viviano
8:15am · Saint Ann	Giuseppe & Rosaria Cambria
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William A. Morrison, Sr. & Family
11:45am · OLGV	José & Julia Goulart and Sons
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**Weekend of February 18th – February 19th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,915.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,793.00
Second Collection	N/A
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$202,191.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

**Weekend of February 18th – February 19th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,854.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$2,884.00
Second Collection (Utilities)	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$22,345.00

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 Giuseppe Zizzo  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Julia & Alcides Padre  
Sanctuary Candle · 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@ccgonline.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!

### LENT PRAYERS & RESOURCES

Join us: [ccgonline.com/lent](http://ccgonline.com/lent)  
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Repent and believe in the Gospel!