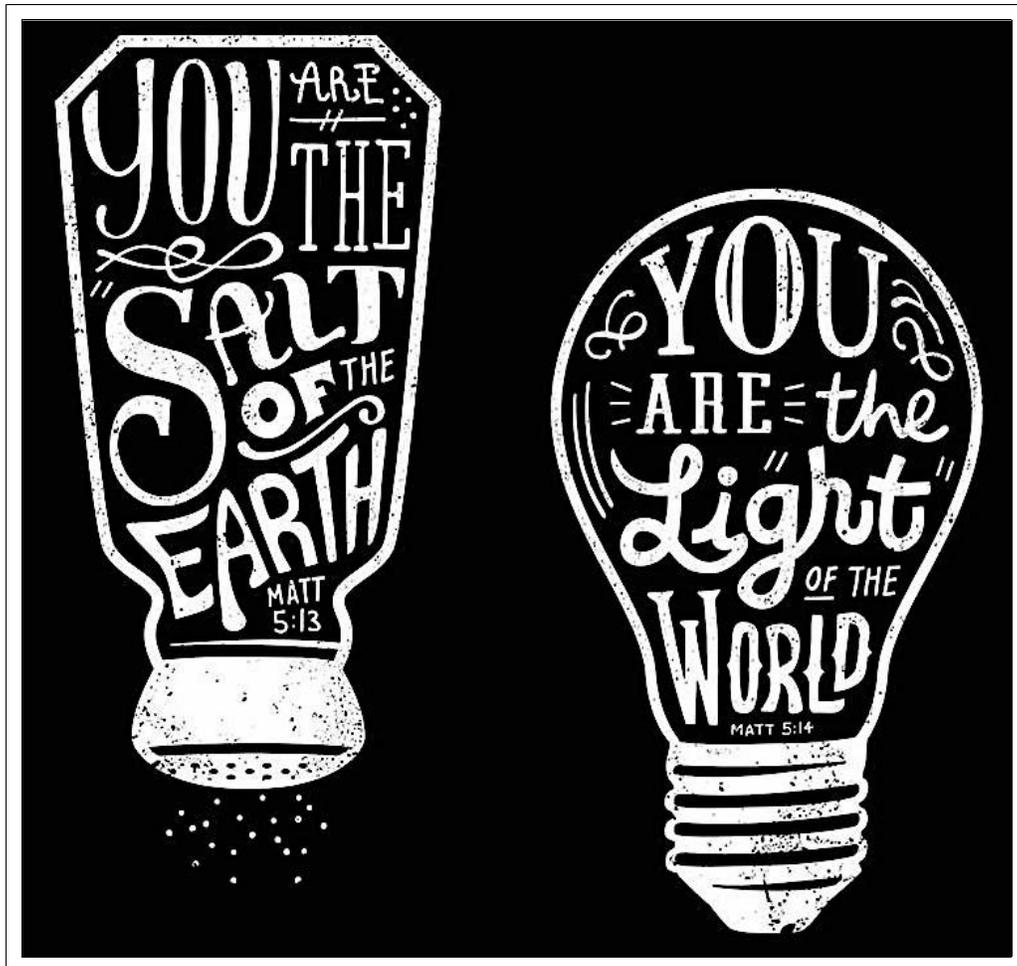


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time · February 5, 2017

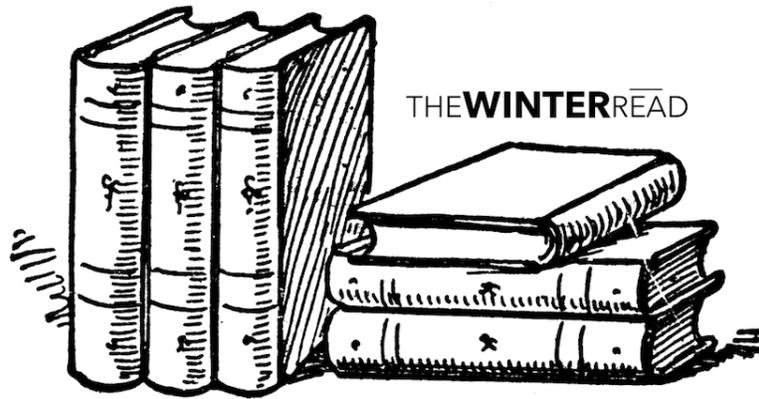


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RELUCTANT SAINT: THE LIFE OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**A Book Study & Faith Sharing Group for Adults
Begins Thursday, February 9th 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.

All adult parishioners are invited to join us for this special program which will run on four consecutive Thursday evenings: February 9th; February 16th; February 23rd, and March 2nd 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, Cliff will briefly introduce the readings for the week. This will leave our group plenty of time for discussion, questions, and faith sharing. Our gatherings will conclude with Night Prayer and a Final Blessing.

A donation of \$20.00 is requested from those who can afford it, along with a sincere commitment to read the book and come prepared to ask questions and offer your impressions and 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. In order to ensure that we have an adequate number of books on hand, please register by Monday, February 6th. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM Begins This Weekend!

All high school students (beginning in ninth grade) are invited to enroll in our two-year Confirmation Preparation Program which begins this weekend on Sunday, February 5th. During the first year, students will participate in a series of interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. During the second year, students will participate in four additional workshops (and a four hour mini-retreat) designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; to prepare them to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and to jumpstart their lives as faith-filled young adult disciples. If your child is currently in high school and wishes to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

BECOMING SALT & LIGHT

Along with Baptism and Eucharist, Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism through an outpouring of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Right Judgment, Understanding, Wisdom, and Wonder & Awe. These gifts seal or “confirm” the mystical union between the Candidates for Confirmation and Jesus Christ. These gifts also offer the courage, grace, and strength to actively participate in the prayer, worship, and ministry of the Church. This year, fifty-seven high school students from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish have successfully completed the requirements of our Confirmation Preparation Program. During the past two years, they attended Mass and formation gatherings. They participated in the New Spirit Evening of Reflection. They completed service projects and essays that connected their good works with their faith. And they prayed as a community of young disciples, just as generations of young men and women have done for centuries. These students are now prepared to renew their Baptismal promises, profess their faith, and live as faithful and faith-filled Roman Catholics.

Living as a Christian disciple is not easy in today's world. Indeed, choosing to live as a follower of Christ may be the most radical choice that these young men and women may ever make. They are not alone. Discipleship has never been easy. For centuries, Christians have been mocked and martyred for choosing to live according to the gospel. Even now, Christians tread a difficult path. Our world has become a dangerous place. The threat of terrorism, violence, and war looms over every corner of the globe. In our own country, fear and prejudice prompt our leaders to make choices that conflict with the teachings and traditions of the Church. Despite these developments, Jesus does not tell us to pursue power, prestige or wealth. Instead, in this weekend's reading from the Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16), Jesus calls us to be “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world.” He calls us to be pure and virtuous and full of enthusiasm for all that is good, true, and beautiful in our world. He calls us to be beacons of light during dark times and to give luminous witness to faith, hope, and love among our friends, families, and neighbors. As our young fellow parishioners receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, let us offer this prayer to guide them on life's journey of faith and discipleship:

Almighty God and Father,
 Jesus calls us to be salt and light for the world.
 He calls us to live in ways that reveal your glory and love.
 He calls us to be workers in your vineyard on earth.
 Sometimes our task seems overwhelming and more than we can handle.
 And all too often, fear keeps us from being faithful.
 We stay silent when we need to speak.
 We practice our faith only when it is comfortable or convenient.
 Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the courage and wisdom
 to seek justice, to speak for justice, and to work for justice
 in our hometown, in our country, and in our world.
 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.

As we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation again this weekend, all are reminded that the success of our youth faith formation program depends on volunteers. So, on behalf of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, let us give God great thanks and praise for this year's dedicated team of catechists: Michael Cimoszko, Jennifer Dort, Mary Duran, Doug Greenfield, Michael LaPenna, and Kathy Roberts. Let us also thank Betsy Works for her commitment to reimagining and rebuilding our youth faith formation programs. Betsy's creativity, energy, and vision are an inspiration to me and our pastoral team. In addition, let us welcome the Very Reverend Mark O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop for the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston, for joining us as Principal Celebrant & Homilist of our annual celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Last but not least, let us pray for our Candidates for Confirmation, along with their parents, sponsors, and families. May God bless you! May the Holy Spirit guide you now and always!

Peace and blessings to all,
 Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**OUR LADY'S GUILD
Monday, February 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. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After our business meeting, the Guild will hold a silent auction. Beth Fosberry and Andrea Bouchie will serve as co-chairwomen; and Guild members are reminded to bring their food and auction donations.

Members are also reminded that February is "Cakeless Cake Sale Month." Donations can be brought to our February meeting or mailed to Jean Madruga. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Linda Galvin at 978-281-4820 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

**CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY
Saturday, February 11th at 5:00pm**

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will host its next Ultreya-Potluck Supper on Saturday, February 11th in Saint John the Baptist Church Hall (52 Main Street) in Essex. All are invited to join us for great food, good cheer, prayer, and fellowship! Additional Ultreya events are scheduled for March 4th, April 8th, May 6th, and June 3rd. For more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us and bring a friend! 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 remains 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!

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Schedule for the Month of February 2016**

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During the month of February, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Baptism Preparation Workshop
Sunday, February 5th at 11:00am
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 12th at 11:00am
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 19th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 26th at 11:00am
Saint Joachim Church

During the month of January, the following children received the Sacrament of Baptism here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Vito Delisi
Gaetano Peritore
Emelia Souza
Braelyn Blood
Lillian Wood
Joshua Babine
Mary Kathryn Bolcome
Lilliana Beaulieu

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult who has not been baptized or received any one of the other Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation), please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. Peace, blessings, and congratulations to all! Please pray for these recently baptized young disciples, their parents, grandparents, and godparents! Thank you!

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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 Comune, 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 cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or join us online at assisiproject.com. Only four spaces are remaining for this pilgrimage! Don't miss out! Join us!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Parish Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts many fundraising events and social gatherings, including seasonal bake sales (see below), the Strawberry Festival, and the Christmas Fair.

The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our special guest will be Jean Dugan. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this event. Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are welcome!

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!

MADONNA DEL ROSARIO SOCIETY VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION Saturday, February 11th · Begins at 1:00pm

The Madonna Del Rosario Society will host its Annual Saint Valentine's Day Celebration on Saturday, February 11th in Our Lady's Parish Hall. After a brief business meeting, we will enjoy some delicious desserts and a friendly game of bingo! Members are reminded that annual dues will be collected at this meeting. For more information about the Madonna Del Rosario Society and its good work in our parishes, please contact Grace at 978-281-1907 or Marie at 978-283-7820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

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OUR MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Saturday, February 4	Vigil · Fifth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joyce Melanson
6:00pm · OLGV	Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday, February 5	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Analia Vadala
8:15am · Saint Ann	Eileen Donovan
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William J. Vaughan
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, February 6 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Pallazola
Tuesday, February 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Raffaella (Santorelli) Barbieri
Wednesday, February 8 8:00am · OLGV	Grace (Brancaleone) McGrath Allen
Thursday, February 9 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Paul Mitchell
Friday, February 10 8:00am · OLGV	George Medeiros
Saturday, February 11 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
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

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of January 28th – January 29th

Weekly Offerings	\$7,556.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,434.00
Second Collection (Latin America)	\$1,264.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$197,686.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of January 28th – January 29th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,000.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$3,030.00
Second Collection (Latin America)	\$660.00
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 Mama LaRosa
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John “Toot” Madruga
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating a 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@ccgrounline.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!

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
SAINT ANN CHURCH RESTORATION**

Our Goal: \$310,000 · Donations: \$197,686
Please help! Thank you for your generous support!