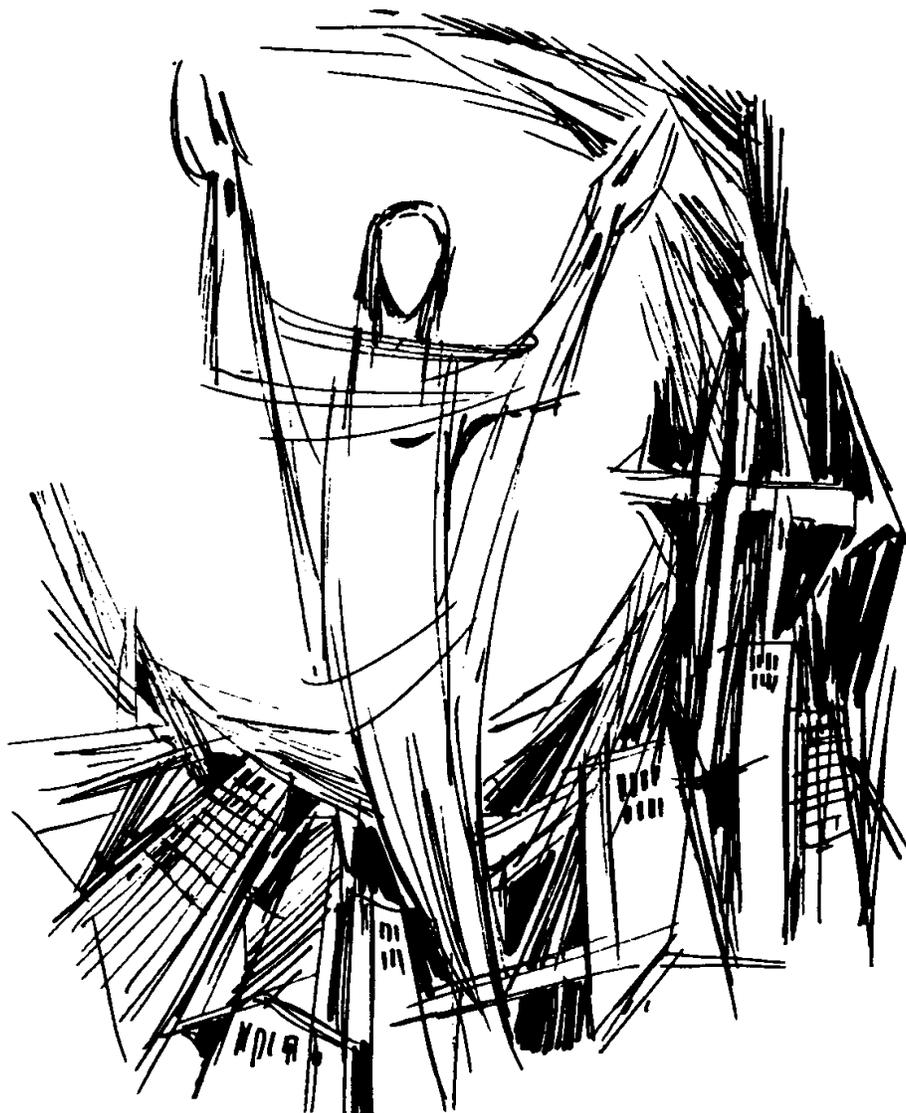


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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HOLY SEASON OF LENT



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 17th

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 (through April 7th) according to the following schedule: Fridays at 3:00pm in Saint Ann Church; and Fridays at 6:30pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. 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; see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

ASSISI PROJECT LENT RAFFLE

PIETA HAND PAINTED ICON

Tickets Now Available!

Now through Easter Sunday, the Assisi Project is sponsoring a Lent Raffle for the beautiful hand painted icon of the "Pieta" which beautifully depicts Our Sorrowful Mother embracing the Crucified Christ. Throughout the Christian world, icons are venerated as windows into heaven and are known to be powerful instruments of divine grace and miracles. This particular icon was handcrafted in Greece using traditional tempera paint and gold leaf, and is covered with a protective varnish. It was blessed on the relics of Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker, a third century saint whose incorrupt relics are believed to be the source of many miracles.

All proceeds from the Assisi Project's Lent Raffle will be donated to Our Lady's Grand Annual Collection. A donation of \$1.00 per ticket is requested. Tickets can be purchased after various daily and weekend Masses in Our Lady's Church; at our parish offices; and by contacting Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. The icon is on display in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church and can also be seen on our website: ccgronline.com/lent. The winner of the Assisi Project's Lent Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday, April 16th. Thank you for your generous support!

LEARN MORE ABOUT LENT!

Join us: ccgronline.com/lent

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 (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; or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or 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

Thursday, March 16th 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 (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 or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

TRANSFIGURED FOR LOVE & SERVICE

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Catholic Church joyfully proclaims the gospel reading of the Transfiguration of Jesus. In this year's reading from the Gospel of Matthew (17:1-9), God reveals the true glory and divine nature of Jesus to Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor. From the brightest of clouds, God speaks to the disciples: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him (Matthew 17:5)." By doing so, God gives these three disciples a glimpse into heaven; he strengthens their faith for the challenges to come; and he foretells the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Peter desires to remain on the mountain, to remain in the comfort and peace of the Lord's presence. But Jesus tells the disciples to rise, to descend from the mountain, to resume their labors, and to be not afraid.

More than two thousand years later, this passage offers us these same gifts: a glimpse into heaven; strength for the journey; and knowledge of the Lord's ultimate triumph over sin and death. And more than two thousand years later, this passage calls us to go into the world, to love God, to keep his commandments, and to love others without reservation and without counting the cost. Just as God calls the disciples to see Jesus as his Beloved Son and to listen to him, God calls us to love and serve the Lord and each other. He calls us to do the Lord's work in the world, in the vineyard of souls; and to do this work without fear, and with all our heart, and with all our strength.

But how? Where do we start? How do we "listen to him?" How do we do the Lord's work in a world that seems so cold, so cruel, and so closed to the Good News of Christ? Of course, we already know the basics. As disciples, each of us is called to love God and to love neighbor. We are called to support our parishes with generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We are called to live the Gospel, to share God's love, and to rebuild the Church right here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. And we are called to embrace the teachings and traditions of the Church with regard to human life, human rights, and the common good. For more than a century, the Church has offered the world wise counsel about how to love and serve. This wisdom is embodied by these seven basic principles of Catholic social teaching:

A Respect for the Life & Dignity of Every Human Person

A Call to Participate Fully in Family & Community Life

A Call to Promote & Protect Basic Human Rights

A Commitment or Preferential Option for the Poor & Vulnerable

A Commitment to Safeguard the Dignity & Rights of Workers

A Commitment to Global Solidarity and the Common Good

A Commitment to Care for God's Creation

Whether we work for the Church, volunteer for a parish ministry or community service organization, or humbly offer prayers for peace and justice in our troubled world, we can take guidance, inspiration, and strength from this sevenfold commitment to doing God's will in our homes, neighborhoods, parishes, and workplaces. As our Lenten journey continues, let us join the disciples in being awestruck by the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us worship him as God's Beloved Son. Let us go forth without fear into the world. And let us listen for and answer his call to love God and each other in a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service.

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE LEGION OF MARY

New Members Always Welcome!

Each week, members of the Legion of Mary from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish reach out to our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. They visit people in their homes and apartments, hospitals, and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship, and share God's love and mercy with those who are so often lonely and forgotten. Last week, the Legion of Mary visited and prayed with sixty-nine fellow parishioners!

Each Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experience, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual director. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in our parish communities, please leave a message for Sue Demetri at 978-281-4820 or contact her at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com. The Legion of Mary warmly welcomes new members! All are invited! Please join us!

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 also 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 our Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Find out! Join us: ccgrounline.com/fellowship/
Live the Gospel. Share God's love. Rebuild the Church.

LENT MISSION & RETREAT



SEASONS OF THE HEART with SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER

OUR LENT MISSION & RETREAT

March 22nd through March 24th at 7:00pm

All are invited to join us for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Lent Mission & Retreat from Wednesday, March 22nd through Friday, March 24th at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer & Mass at 7:00pm. In addition, we will be blessed to welcome Sister Elizabeth Wagner as our special guest and spiritual director, who will lead us in prayer and reflection each evening after Mass.

Sister Elizabeth lives a contemplative life at Transfiguration Hermitage, which she founded in Windsor, Maine, as a semi-eremical community devoted to prayer and solitude according to the Rule of Saint Benedict. She is a hermit, award-winning writer, spiritual director, and retreat leader. Sister Elizabeth is also the formation director, gardener, and groundskeeper of the hermitage.

In addition to Sister Elizabeth's nightly reflections during the mission and retreat, she will sign copies of her book, "Seasons in My Garden." This captivating book intricately weaves insights from her own spiritual growth with the passing of the seasons. It offers readers spiritual guidance and an understanding that the patient tending of the soul will help us grow into a tranquil garden that God can use to reflect his glory. Copies of the book will be available for sale at \$16.95 per copy.

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Lent Mission & Retreat is free but donations will be gratefully accepted during each evening's celebration of Mass. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

LEARN MORE ABOUT LENT!

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

HOLY FAMILY PARISH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 3rd · Volunteers Needed!

On Saturday, June 3rd, the Holy Family Women's Guild will host the Annual Strawberry Festival from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This year's theme is "Life on Cape Ann" because everyone who lives here knows that there isn't a better or more beautiful place on earth to live, work, worship, or raise a family! The success of this special event depends on volunteers! So, whether you're a crafter or a carpenter, a knitter, baker, or basket-weaver, we need your help! Whether you're an artist, gardener, or handyman, we need your help! And if someone is willing and able to volunteer with setting up or cleaning up, we need your help, too!

This year's Strawberry Festival will feature art, home-made baked goods and preserves, crafts of all kinds, and all things related to the garden (including annuals and perennials)! We'll have a mug-up and snack bar featuring our famous strawberry shortcake and mugs made here on Cape Ann by local potters! And as always, vintage treasures from your spring cleaning can be donated and sold at our "Granny's Attic" table! Each and every parishioner, young and old, has something to offer! Creativity doesn't stop with retirement! Let your imagination run wild! All proceeds from the Strawberry Festival benefit Holy Family Parish. For more information about the Strawberry Festival, please contact Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

All requested submissions to our weekly newsletter are due by 12:00pm on Fridays, one full week before the following Sunday's publication. Submissions that announce parish programs and events are given top priority and must include date, time, location, and contact information (name, phone, and preferably an e-mail address). All requested submissions to our weekly newsletter (from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish) may be edited for content and style; and should be sent directly to Father Jim (no exceptions). For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your cooperation and support! Peace and blessings to all!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Mark Your Calendar for Catholic Kids Camp!

Our next Catholic Kids Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th through Friday, April 21st. For more information, please visit ccgrounline.com/formation or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrounline.com!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday Mornings at 6:30am

The Men's Fellowship of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport meets every Saturday morning from 6:30am until 8:00am in the parish center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). New members are always welcome to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work to deepen our personal relationships with Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. For more information about the Men's Fellowship and its good work in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE Monday, March 13th at 7:00pm

All parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, March 13th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, the "Penny Sale" will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, delicious home-made sweet bread, along with other fresh food and snacks. Donations are being accepted at the our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). Co-chairpersons for this event are Julia Garcia and Mary Piscitello. For more information, please contact Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal and 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 our ongoing support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Holy Family Women's Guild.

If you have twenty-four hours to volunteer for charity this year, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our community. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00pm in the parish center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). For more information, please contact Mark Natti at info@kofc215.com; leave a message at 978-281-4820; or join us online at kofc215.com. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 11 – MARCH 19, 2017

Saturday, March 11	Vigil · Second Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Lillian Morendo
6:00pm · OLGV	Justin Quinn
Sunday, March 12	Second Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Colonel Donald J. McCarthy
8:15am · Saint Ann	Rosa Pereira
10:00am · Saint Joachim	James Contri and Jim & Mary Contri
11:45am · OLGV	Doris, Paul & Jeanette Murphy
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Second Week of Lent
Monday, March 13 8:00am · OLGV	Thomas Sarofeen
Tuesday, March 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Dr. Gerald Kochansky
Wednesday, March 15 8:00am · OLGV	George & Alfred Forrest
Thursday, March 16 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Elizabeth, Rammy & Neil Ramsden
Friday, March 17 8:00am · OLGV	Humberto Mota
Saturday, March 18 8:00am · Saint Ann	Captain Joseph Brancalone
Saturday, March 18	Vigil · Third Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Dennis, Margaret & Gerard Corkery
6:00pm · OLGV	Vito Giacalone
Sunday, March 19	Third Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Julia & Alcides Padre
8:15am · Saint Ann	Florinda & Maria Silva
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Maria, Sebastiano & Salvatore Ciolino
11:45am · OLGV	Captain Michael, Lena and Sebastian Lovasco
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of March 4th – March 5th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,768.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,646.00
Second Collection	\$2,003.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$207,803.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of March 4th – March 5th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,856.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$2,886.00
Second Collection (Church in Africa)	\$486.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$23,485.00

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 Dr. Gerald Kochansky
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of James Contri
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Georgia Forrest
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!

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