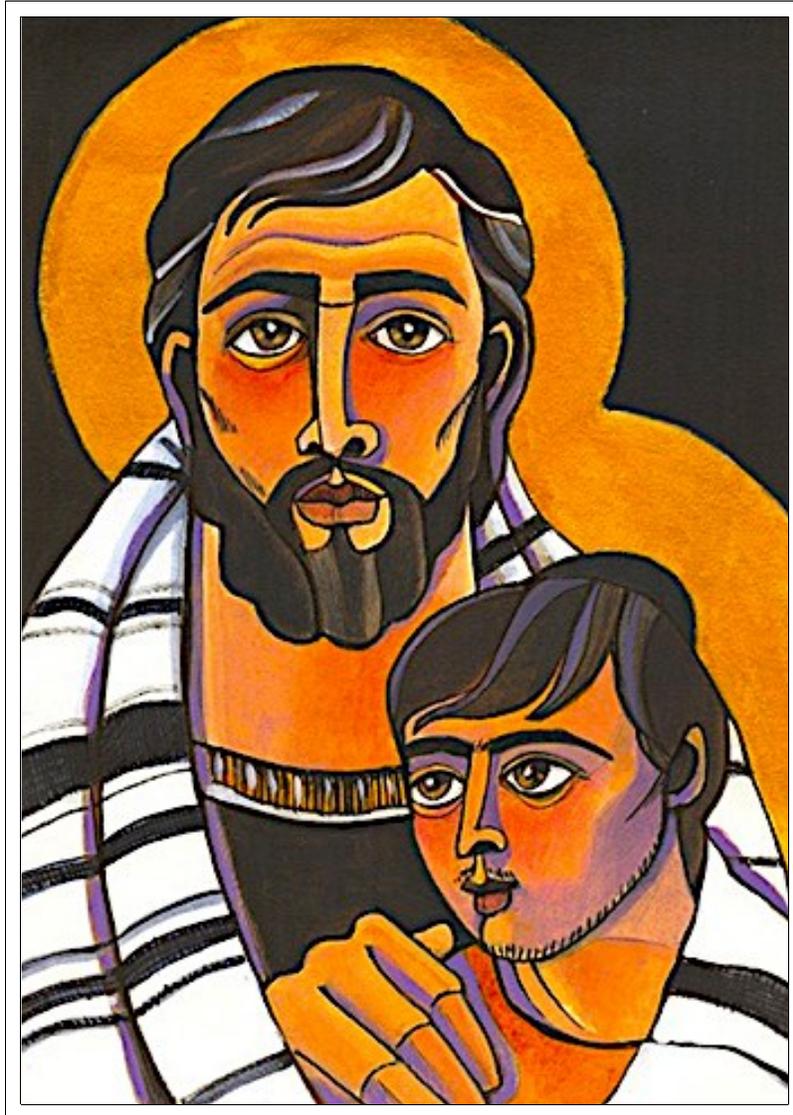


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
The Third Sunday of Lent · March 19, 2017



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## HOLY SEASON OF LENT



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, March 24th**

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](http://ccgronline.com); 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!

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://ccgronline.com/lent)

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

#### Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday, March 29th at 6:00pm**

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](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

**Thursday, March 23rd 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](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### CREATING OUR FIRST PASTORAL COUNCIL

It's hard to believe that it has been nearly three years since Cardinal Sean asked me to serve as pastor of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, the newly-created collaborative between Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. As you know, the collaborative model of parish life is the product of an archdiocesan pastoral plan called "Disciples in Mission." This innovative plan called for multiple parishes to remain canonically and financially independent, but served by one pastor, one pastoral team, and one pastoral council.

When I became your pastor in June 2014, the success of our collaboration was uncertain. Almost immediately, it became clear that because of the priest shortage, only one priest would be assigned to our parishes on a full-time basis for the foreseeable future. Soon after, it became necessary to evaluate our buildings, finances, programs, worship schedule, and the work of our pastoral team. Some changes went unnoticed. Other changes were more difficult to accept. And although our first months together were sometimes challenging, we have made steady progress toward truly becoming a faith community united in prayer, fellowship, and service.

The measure of our progress is a tribute to the deep faith, dedication, and resilience of our parishioners. Your ongoing prayers, kindness, and generous spirit mean the world to me. In addition, we should thank our pastoral team which has weathered some difficult storms with grace and resolve. We should also thank our parish finance councils for their good advice and ongoing commitment to the long-term financial stability of our parishes. And we should thank our individual parish councils who continued to serve during these early years of our collaborative. Perhaps my deepest regret during these first years as your pastor was not meeting as often as I would have liked with our parish councils. But now, with your advice, counsel, and support, I hope to change that by creating the first pastoral council for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

Unlike a traditional parish council, whose members focus on the needs of one particular parish, our pastoral council will be called to think beyond the boundaries of "my parish" toward a broader appreciation for what is best for "our parishes." In accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, our pastoral council will meet approximately five times each year; will be comprised of an equal number of members from both parishes; and will also include the pastor, pastoral associates, and permanently assigned deacons. As such, our council will include two members from Holy Family Parish, two members of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, two members of our pastoral team, and myself.

During the next six weeks, I ask you to pray about a fellow parishioner whom you believe could make a constructive contribution to our pastoral council and to strengthening the collaboration between our two historic parishes. Your nominee to serve on the pastoral council must be an adult (age 18 and over); a registered parishioner in one of our parishes; a weekly participant in the sacramental life of our parishes; and a person who is committed to the success of our collaborative. In addition, all members of our pastoral council must be able to work in a positive and productive way with me, our fellow parishioners, finance councils, pastoral team, and other members of the council.

In the coming weeks, all registered parish families will receive a nomination form by mail. These forms will also be available online, in church, and at our parish offices. Because this process marks the creation of our first official pastoral council, we should not think of this as an election. Rather, it is a process of prayer and discernment. In accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, nominations will be reviewed by me and a small committee comprised of members of our finance councils and pastoral team. The strongest nominees will be asked to participate in a brief conversation with me to ensure that they are able to commit themselves to the mission of our council and the work of our parishes.

Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, April 30th. With your help and support, my hope is that our council will meet for the first time in June. If you have any questions after receiving your nomination form, please remember that you are always welcome to contact me. Until then, I beg your prayers for me, for our finance councils and pastoral team, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. May the Holy Spirit unite us in prayer, fellowship, and service; and help us to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church.

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### THE ASSISI PROJECT

**Our Tenth Anniversary Year · 2007-2017**

**Next Meeting: Saturday, March 25th at 8:00am**

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit who seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the inspiration of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. Our mission is to serve the Church and to give witness to the Good News of Christ through prayer and formation, pilgrimage and retreat, and educating others about our way of life.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of each month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, formation, and fellowship. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th. If you are interested in growing closer to the Lord and learning more about Saint Francis of Assisi, please prayerfully consider joining us! You do not need to travel with us to Assisi to be part of the Assisi Project! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at [cgarvey@ccgonline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820. May the Lord give you peace!

### OUR LADY'S GUILD SPRING FAIR PLANNING MEETING Monday, March 27th at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked tirelessly to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. On Monday, March 27th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall, the Guild invites all members and fellow parishioners to join us for a Spring Fair Planning Meeting. Our Spring Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed and welcome! For more information about how you can help us make this our most successful spring fair ever, please contact Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or [lingalv2010@gmail.com](mailto:lingalv2010@gmail.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### LENT RESOURCES ONLINE Join us: [ccgonline.com/lent!](http://ccgonline.com/lent!)

Each day during Lent, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at [ccgonline.com/lent](http://ccgonline.com/lent). Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are 90 second reflections based on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also includes an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online. In addition, please join us every Saturday for a new edition of Bringing Home the Word, a lectionary-based newsletter for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection at home. Join us at [ccgonline.com/news!](http://ccgonline.com/news!) All are invited! All are welcome!

## 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@ccgonline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgonline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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## THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH



### SAINT JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

#### Patron of Fathers & Protector of Children

For more than 1,000 years, the Roman Catholic Church has venerated Saint Joseph as patron of fathers, protector of children (both born and unborn), and guardian of unwed mothers. He is also venerated as patron of carpenters, laborers, immigrants, and those who doubt their faith. This year, because the Feast of Saint Joseph (March 19th) falls on the Third Sunday of Lent, it will be celebrated liturgically on Monday, March 20th. Traditional devotions to Saint Joseph remain strong here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. In this spirit, let us raise our hearts and voices in prayer to Saint Joseph for the protection of our children:

O Saint Joseph,  
to you God committed the care of His Only Son  
amid the many dangers of this world.  
We come to you and ask you  
to take under your special protection all children  
in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.  
Through Holy Baptism, they became children of God  
and members of His Holy Church.  
We consecrate them to you,  
so that through our humble prayers,  
they become your foster children.  
Guard them, guide their steps in life,  
form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

O Saint Joseph,  
who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent,  
when the child Jesus was lost,  
protect our children for all time and eternity.  
May you be their father and counselor.  
Like Jesus, help them to grow  
in age and in wisdom and grace  
before God and all people.  
Preserve them from the corruption of this world,  
and give us the grace one day  
to be united with them forever in heaven.

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

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES! YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY

As parishes throughout the country reimagine their youth faith formation programs, it is important to remember that all children and teenagers are invited to participate in the life of our parishes as an altar server, greeter, choir member or instrumentalist. The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for prayer and rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

Our Youth Choir & Music Ministry (which includes an ensemble of talented young instrumentalists) performs every week in one of our three churches. Participating in this ministry is a great way for kids to make new friends and to practice their faith. For more information, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### PASTOR'S NOTE OF THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

Awesome, fantastic, and great were the most common responses from parents, students, and volunteers in response to how they liked our most recent Catholic Kids Camp: Parade Around the Our Father which was held last month. MaryEllen McLeod, one of our volunteers said: "Everything was hands-on activities and every activity meshed together, so that the children had a clear picture of what Lent was all about!" Without question, this new model of youth faith formation is bearing fruit in our parish communities!

The success of our youth faith formation program depends on a team of dedicated volunteers. Our young disciples sincerely thank the following parishioners who volunteered their time and talent to our most recent Catholic Kids Camp: Rizza Anderson (age 13), Fernanda Brown, Carol Conlon, Angelica Duran (age 14), Mary Duran, Rose Legendre (age 15), Michael LePenna, Sean Lilly, Jean Madruga, MaryEllen McLeod, Diane Story (age 15), and Deacon Ray Wellbank. Special thanks to Theresa Wonson for volunteering her oven so that we could bake our "prayer pretzels"!

Most of all, we thank Betsy Works for her creative, energetic, and innovative approach to sharing the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church with our youngest fellow parishioners. Registration is now underway for our next Catholic Kids Camp, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th through Friday, April 21st from 8:00am until 12:00pm. For more information, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com; or visit our website: ccgonline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**MARCH 18 – MARCH 26, 2017**

<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	<b>Vigil · Third Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Dennis, Margaret & Gerard Corkery
6:00pm · OLGV	Vito Giacalone
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
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
	<b>Third Week of Lent</b>
Monday, March 20 8:00am · OLGV	Antone & Matilde Santos
Tuesday, March 21 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Dr. Gerald Kochansky
Wednesday, March 22 8:00am · OLGV	Tiberio Carreiro
Thursday, March 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend Francis B. Leonard
Friday, March 24 8:00am · OLGV	William Tedesco
Saturday, March 25 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	<b>Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Joseph Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Serafino & Mary Pallazola
<b>Sunday, March 26</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	June Marie Geoffrey
8:15am · Saint Ann	Paul LeBlanc
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rita & Michael Chwalek
11:45am · OLGV	Salvatore Albano
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**Weekend of March 11th – March 12th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,747.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,625.00
Second Collection (Easter Flowers)	\$2,100.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$211,138.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**  
**Weekend of March 11th – March 12th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,045.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$3,075.00
Second Collection (Easter Flowers)	\$1,304.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$23,600.00

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 Tiberio Carreiro  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Diana M. Telis  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Corey McCollum  
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@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!

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