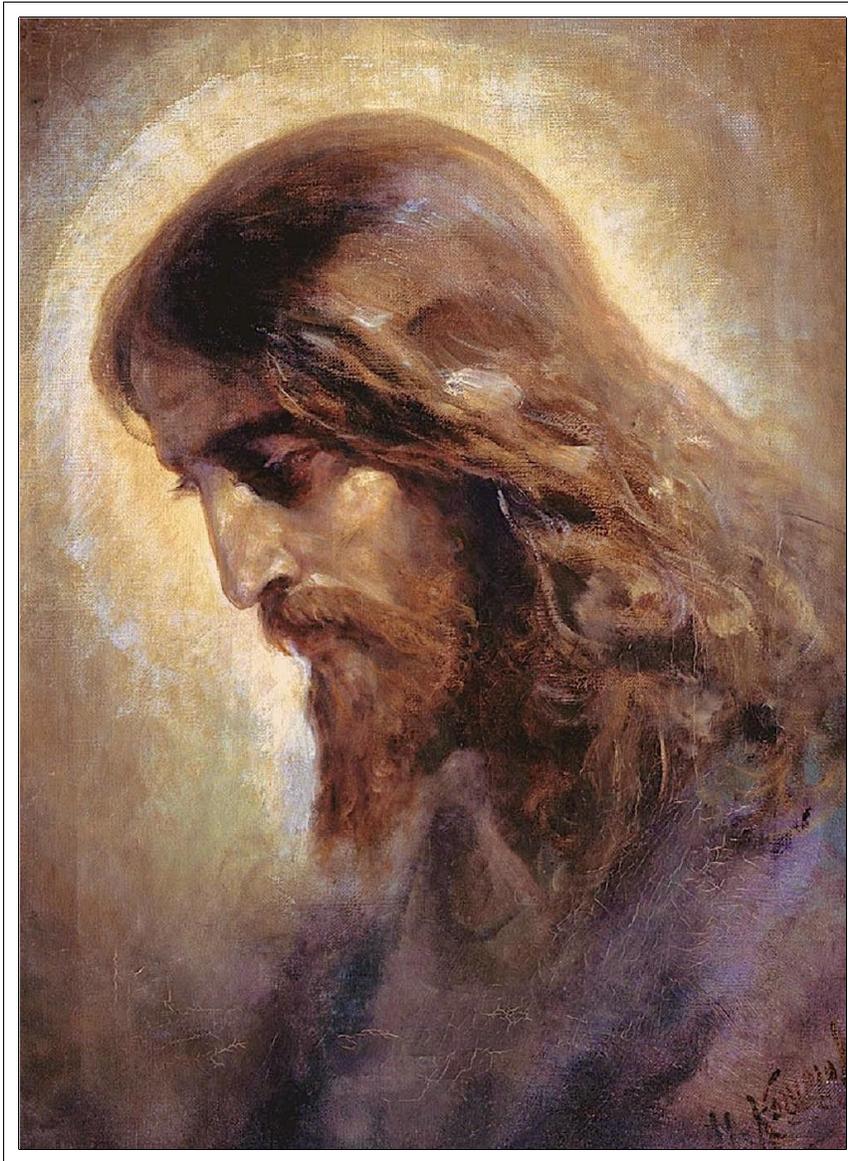


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

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HOLY SEASON OF LENT



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 31st

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 Available Through Easter Sunday!

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, 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; 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 30th 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

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 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.

HOLY SEASON OF LENT

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME A PRAYER FOR LENT

During this Fourth Week of Lent, we pray with the text of an ancient hymn of the early Church by Synesius of Cyrene (370-430). Synesius was a philosopher and man of the world who was only a marginal Christian when he was appointed Bishop of Cyrene and Ptolemais (cities in modern day Libya) in 410. Although Synesius is not venerated as a saint or remembered by history as a particularly holy man, his writings reveal that his faith deepened during his two decades as a bishop. Indeed, during an era when bishops were often political leaders just as much as religious leaders, Bishop Synesius focused on strengthening his faith and the faith of others.

During the last decades of his life, Bishop Synesius composed eighteen hymn-prayers that are still sung and prayed throughout the world. More than 1,500 years after his death, the following hymn-prayer, entitled "Lord Jesus, Think On Me", is still included in modern English editions of the Liturgy of the Hours and is suggested for use during the Holy Season of Lent. As our Lenten journey continues, let us raise our hearts and voices in prayer to our most merciful Lord who loves us, forgives us, lifts us up when we stumble, points out the better way, and leads us to eternal life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sins.
From earth-born passions, set me free
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe oppressed.
Let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the battle's strife.
In all my pain and misery,
be my health and my life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
don't let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity,
point me toward your heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
so that when this life is past,
I may eternal brightness see,
and share your joy at last.

Saint Ann & Saint Joachim, pray for us!
Saint Anthony & Saint Francis, pray for us!
Saint Peter & Saint Paul, pray for us!
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP JESUS IS RISEN!

Begins Tuesday, April 18th at 8:00am

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport invites all children (ages 5 through 11) to participate in our next "Catholic Kids Camp: Jesus Is Risen!" from Tuesday, April 18th through Friday, April 21st from 8:00am until 12:00pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, our young fellow parishioners will learn about the Lord's Resurrection and the Holy Season of Easter through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, April 18th
The Easter Story

Day II: Wednesday, April 19th
Merciful as the Father

Day III: Thursday, April 20th
Saint Faustina

Day IV: April 21st
Divine Mercy Prayers

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 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 experience that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during school vacation week is just \$25 for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families that cannot afford tuition. 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: Jesus Is Risen!", please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or visit our website: ccgronline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

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. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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 basketweaver, 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!

NEED PRAYERS?

The Assisi Project pray for those who need prayers. If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. May the Lord give you peace!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**MARCH 25 – April 2, 2017**

Saturday, March 25	Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Joseph Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Serafino & Mary Pallazola
Sunday, March 26	Fourth Sunday of Lent
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
	Fourth Week of Lent
Monday, March 27 8:00am · OLGV	Giuseppe & Marianna Giordano
Tuesday, March 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Rudy Macchi
Wednesday, March 29 8:00am · OLGV	Michael Tucci
Thursday, March 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Martin Dillon
Friday, March 31 8:00am · OLGV	Jeannette Joseph
Saturday, April 1 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
Saturday, April 1	Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Salvatore & Josephine Santucci and Family
6:00pm · OLGV	The Medeiros Family
Sunday, April 2	Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Linda Joyce
8:15am · Saint Ann	Vito & Benjamin Asaro and Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	The Aiello & Lupo Families
11:45am · OLGV	José & Julia Gioulart and Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of March 18th – March 19th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,625.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,503.00
Second Collection	N/A
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 18th – March 19th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,278.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$3,308.00
Second Collection	N/A
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 Michael J. Fraser
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Catherine Struzziero
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Salvatore Albano
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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