

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
Divine Mercy Sunday · April 23, 2017



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

*The Divine Mercy Chaplet can be prayed alone or in community
by using the five decades of a traditional rosary in the following way:*

Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

Repeat Three Times

O Blood and Water, which gushed from the Heart of Jesus
as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day, He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

On the Lord's Prayer Bead: The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After Praying All Five Decades

Pray three times: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly on us and increase your mercy in us,

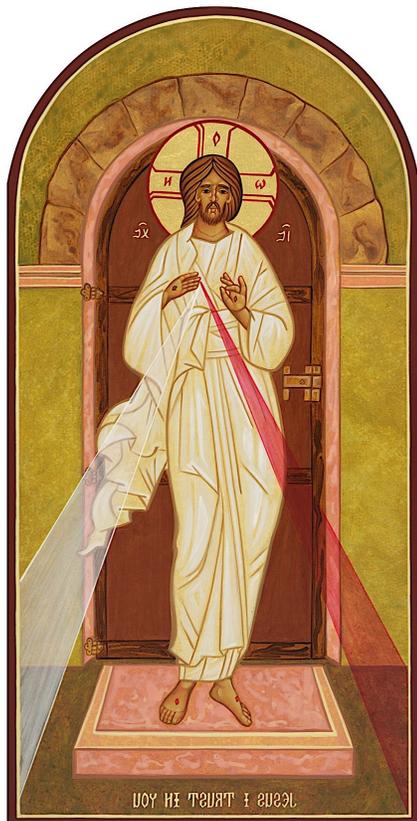
so that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent,

but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will,

which is love and mercy itself. Amen.

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S ENDLESS LOVE



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Amen!*

*"Divine Mercy"
By Jody Cole · jcoleicons.com*

This weekend throughout the world, the Catholic Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. This weekend, we rejoice again over the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as he appears to his astonished disciples. And we reflect again on the Lord's boundless love for us: that he lived, suffered, died, and rose for our sake and for our eternal salvation. This is God's mercy made flesh and recognizable in the world for us, for all people, and for all time.

This Sunday, April 23rd, all parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for "Divine Mercy Sunday: A Celebration of God's Endless Love" from 2:00pm until 3:30pm in Saint Ann Church. Our celebration will include ninety minutes of Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, and finally, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or part of this beautiful afternoon of prayer and devotion.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is based on the visions of Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a member of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy who was canonized as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy" by Pope John Paul II in 2000. During a mystical vision, Jesus asked Sister Faustina to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and to encourage others to do so as well. According to Sister Faustina, the chaplet has three purposes: to ask for God's mercy, to trust in that mercy, and to show mercy toward others.

Whether or not we choose to cultivate a devotion to the Divine Mercy Chaplet is a matter of conscience and discernment. But Sister Faustina's life and writings are instructive for all of us as we strive to both individually and as a community to grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; and to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church. In her diary, still widely published and read throughout the world, Sister Faustina emphasizes "acta non verba" or "actions not words." She calls us to practice our faith, not just preach it. She asks us to pray for God's mercy and to put it into practice in our lives.

Part of Saint Faustina's diary takes the form of a mystical encounter with Christ Jesus. When she writes, she is transcribing messages that came to her from the Lord. In one such vision, Jesus says: "I demand from you deeds of mercy, you must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I give you three ways of exercising mercy: the first by deed, the second by word, and the third by prayer. In these three degrees are contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By these means, a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy (Diary of Sister Faustina, 742)."

In this way, the purpose of one's devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is threefold: to obtain God's mercy; to trust in God's mercy; and to show God's mercy to others. It is for us, then, to prayerfully consider how we are asked by the Lord to practice His kindness, love, and mercy to all people — those we love and those we find it difficult to love. As we strive to do so, let us remind ourselves again and again of Sister Faustina's simple words: "Lord Jesus, I place my trust in you." Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

An Afternoon of Prayer & Devotion Sunday, April 23rd · Saint Ann Church

On April 23rd, all are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for Divine Mercy Sunday from 2:00pm until 3:30pm in Saint Ann Church. This special afternoon of prayer and devotion will proceed according to the following schedule:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00pm

The Holy Rosary at 2:30pm

The Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

Benediction at 3:30pm

Please join us for all or part of this special celebration of God's love and mercy! For more information, please contact Jane Russo at jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-430-7196. All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

THE JOY & POWER OF THE ROSARY

A Morning of Prayer & Reflection Saturday, May 6th · Begins with Mass at 8:00am

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Legion of Mary, the Assisi Project, and their spiritual director, Cliff Garvey, for "The Joy & Power of the Rosary" on Saturday, May 6th at Saint Anthony Chapel. During this four-hour mini-retreat, we will explore the spiritual significance of the Holy Rosary, with particular emphasis on the Franciscan "Crown Rosary" which focuses on seven joyful events in the life of Our Blessed Mother. This special morning of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule:

Holy Mass at 8:00am

Morning Prayer & Reflection at 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am

Daytime Prayer & Reflection at 11:00am

Angelus & Closing Prayer at 12:00pm

Throughout the morning, there will be scheduled breaks and time for faith sharing, fellowship, and refreshments. Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be available throughout the morning. And after our closing prayers, all are invited to remain for a picnic lunch. During Mass, a free-will donation will be taken in support of our adult faith formation ministry. If you would like to join us for this special day of prayer and reflection, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820 (so that we can adequately plan for food and drinks). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith community's joy and the center of our life of prayer, fellowship, and service. This spring season, after a year of prayer, preparation, and study, sixty children in our youth faith formation program will receive the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord for the first time. As our annual celebrations of First Holy Communion approach, all are encouraged to be mindful of our upcoming schedule:

Saint Ann Church
Saturday, April 29th at 4:00pm Mass

Saint Joachim Church
Sunday, April 30th at 10:00am Mass

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Sunday, May 7th at 11:45am Mass

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Sunday, May 14th at 11:45am Mass

For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. As we make final preparations for First Holy Communion, please pray for all of our young disciples, their parents, families, and catechists. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support!

MOTHER'S DAY MASS FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, May 13th at 4:00pm

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 of all ages are invited to join Father Jim for our Mother's Day Mass for Families on Saturday, May 13th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will preach about Mother's Day and Our Blessed Mother; and also offer a special blessing for all mothers, families, and children. In addition, those who gather for this Mass will join the Legion of Mary in the Annual Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As our Mother's Day Mass for Families draws near, let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! And every family that joins us is a gift from God! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE OUR LADY'S GUILD SPRING FAIR Saturday, April 29th · Begins at 9:00am

All are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Highlights include our famous fried dough breakfast and our equally famous linguica and hot dog lunch! Sale tables will include jewelry, religious items, and the general store. We'll have homemade sweet bread, baked goods, and fudge for sale! And we'll also have raffles and prizes throughout the day! Donations and volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Joyce Lacerda at 978-283-3465 or Jean Madruga at 978-281-4820. Happy Easter!

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, homemade 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! Happy Easter!

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Our Pastoral Office
Hours: Monday – Friday · 10:00am-4:00pm
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Phone: 978-281-4820 · Fax: 978-281-4964
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Website: ccgrronline.com

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**APRIL 22 – APRIL 30, 2017**

Saturday, April 22	Vigil · Divine Mercy Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Fontana
6:00pm · OLGV	Agnes Sliwa
Sunday, April 23	Divine Mercy Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Herman J. Surette
8:15am · Saint Ann	Ralph Martin, Sr.
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Elvino Gaspar da Silveira
11:45am · OLGV	Louis F. Linquata
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Second Week of Easter
Monday, April 24 8:00am · OLGV	Catherine Cusumano
Tuesday, April 25 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend Myron Bullock
Wednesday, April 26 8:00am · OLGV	Monica Silva
Thursday, April 27 8:00am · OLGV	Domenico Viviano
Friday, April 28 8:00am · OLGV	Jeffrey G. DeLorenzo
Saturday, April 29 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, April 29	Vigil · Third Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	First Holy Communion
6:00pm · OLGV	Captain Rosario Grillo
Sunday, April 30	Third Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	The Sutherland Brothers
8:15am · Saint Ann	Vincenzo & Nunzia Russo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	First Holy Communion
11:45am · OLGV	Theresa Wilkins
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of April 8th – April 9th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,808.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,886.00
Second Collection	\$2,388.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$215,242.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of April 8th – April 9th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,409.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$3,439.00
Second Collection	\$1,391.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$23,625.00

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 the Duchane & Swinson Families
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Herman J. Surette
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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Friday, May 5th · 1:00pm-6:00pm · Our Lady's Hall
Register: redcross.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS
Learn more about the Knights at kofc215.com
Thank you for your support!