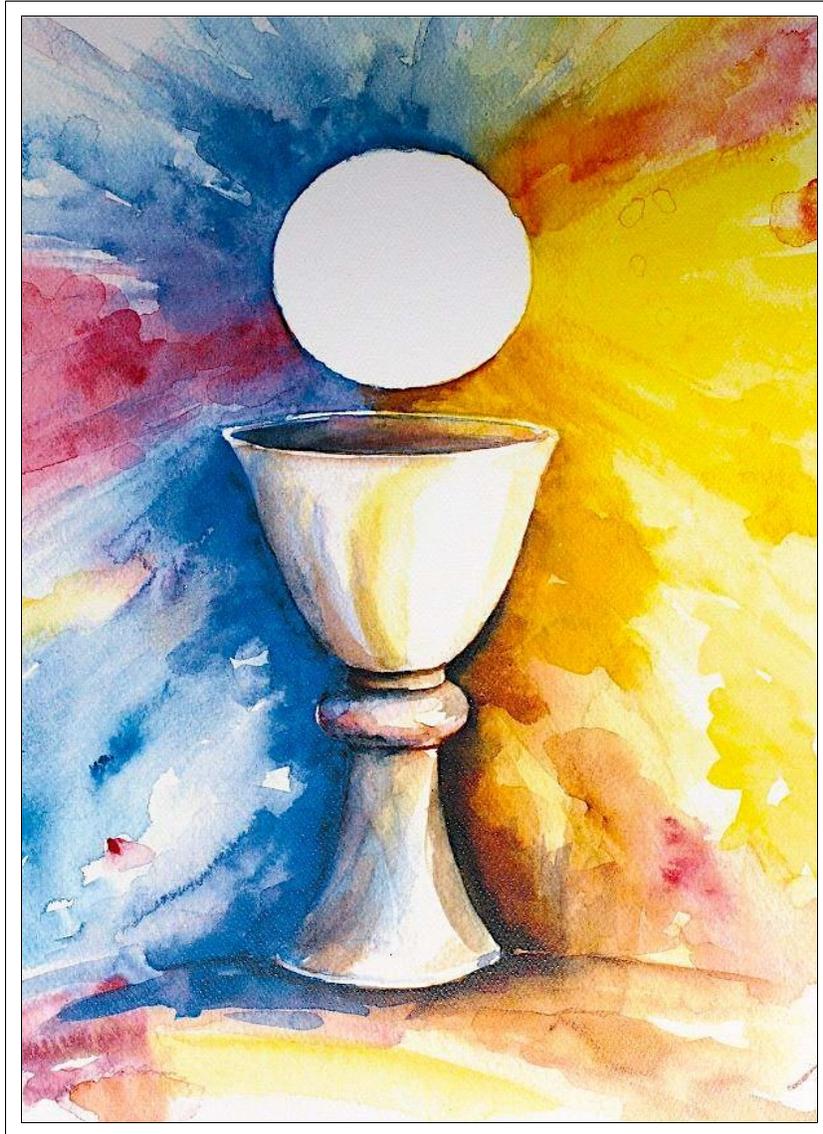


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS!

On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, Father Jim wishes to congratulate the following children from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish who have successfully completed our program of preparation and who will receive their First Holy Communion this month:

Anthony Aiello	Cade Francis	Anthony Murawski
Nico Alves	Logan Frontiero	Jaylyn Novello
Timothy Arnold	Maddison Goodhue	Mia O'Leary
Hannah Aspesi	Beckett Guest	Connor Oliveira
Emily Bean	Angelina Guyotte	Michael Quinn
Flynn Blanchard	Logan Hannah	Drew Rodolosi
Giacomo Bologna	Maliyah Harnish	John Russo
Joseph Brousseau	Jillian Hayes	Benjamin Scola
Chase Brown	Andrew Johnson	Giovanni Silva Mehciz
Ryan Connelly	Teagan Kelliher-Pate	Andrew Smith
Patrick Conners	Connor Lambert	Destiny Smith
Serafin Costa	Jocelyn Maddalena	Jude Szuter
Kiara Curcuru	Landon Madruga	Jaelyn Taorima
Natalie Curley	Olivia Madruga	Isabella Tarantino
Isabella DaCruz	Connor Mahoney	Emma Teixeira
Judah Day-Laporte	Trey Marrone	Olivia Vargus
Donovan deBrigard	Gabriella Martell	Kathryn Wall
Matthew deBrigard	Eliza Mazzeo	Lilly Wall
Gerardo DiStefano	Tyler Moran	Michael White
Giacamo Ferrara	Nathan Morin	

During these past seven months, these fifty-nine young fellow parishioners and their parents have prayed, studied, and grown together in prayer, fellowship, and service. They have learned together that disciples of all ages are called to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church. They are all well-prepared to receive the Body & Blood of the Risen Lord and to become faithful and faith-filled disciples!

The children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this year wish to thank their parents, families, and friends for their love, prayers, and support. In particular, they wish to express their appreciation to those who helped them prepare for their First Holy Communion: Father Jim Achadinha, Olga Alves, Rizza Anderson, Fernanda Brown, Angelica Duran, Mary Duran, Jennifer Dort, Jean Madruga, Mary Ellen McLeod, Marie Orlando, and especially Betsy Works.

Finally, please pray for all of our young fellow parishioners, their parents, and families so that they will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love; and that they will continue to join us for Mass on a regular basis. Please also pray in thanksgiving for our pastoral team and our dedicated volunteers who made these celebrations possible. Thank you! May God bless you and your family!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

CREATING OUR FIRST PASTORAL COUNCIL

It's hard to believe that it has been nearly three years since Cardinal Séan 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 past six weeks, I asked that you pray about a fellow parishioner whom you believe could make a constructive contribution to our pastoral council and to the 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.

By this point, all registered parish families should have received a nomination form by mail. These forms are also available on our website at ccgronline.com/news, in our churches, and in our parish offices. Because this process marks the creation of our first official pastoral council, we should not think of this as an election or popularity contest. Rather, it should be a process of prayer and discernment. In accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, nominations will be reviewed by me and a 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 Wednesday, May 3rd by 4:00pm. 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

OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, May 1st 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. The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1st at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. During our business meeting, we will elect new officers for the coming year. Cecelia Doucette, Anna Loiacano, and Phyllis Pascucci are co-chairwomen for our meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Linda Galvin at lingalv2010@gmail.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Special Message of Thanks

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 countless works of charity on Cape Ann, including annual events like our blood drive (see page 6), 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.

The Knights of Council 215 wish to thank our fellow parishioners for their generosity. Along with the Rockport Boy & Girl Scouts, we raised 1,500 pounds of food and \$500 for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry. In addition, proceeds from our annual golf tournament and raffle allowed us to buy new wheelchairs for our churches to assist our disabled or elderly parishioners. Finally, thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase new SmartTV's and DVD systems for our youth faith formation classrooms.

This year, Council 215 is celebrating its 120th anniversary of serving our community, our families, and our parishes. We are actively seeking new members! All Catholic men (age 18 and above) are invited to join us! If you have 24 hours to volunteer for charity this year, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results! The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). For more information, please contact Mark Natti at mnatti@comcast.net or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HELP US HELP OTHERS!

Learn more about the Knights of Columbus!
Join us: kofc215.com

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THE JOY & POWER OF THE ROSARY A Morning of Prayer & Reflection Saturday, May 6th · Begins 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@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820 (so that we can adequately plan for food and drinks). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE CONGRATULATIONS FERNANDA BROWN! Spring Icon Raffle Winner

Since the First Sunday of Lent in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, the Assisi Project has been selling raffle tickets for a beautiful hand painted icon of the "Pietà" which beautifully depicts Our Blessed Mother embracing the Crucified Christ. This particular icon was blessed in Greece 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 Icon Raffle have been donated to Our Lady's Grand Annual Collection. The raffle raised \$1,154! On behalf of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, Father Jim wishes to sincerely thank the Assisi Project for its good work and to congratulate Fernanda Brown of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish who purchased the winning ticket! Peace and blessings to all!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



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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, fifty-nine 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@ccgronline.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@ccgronline.com. Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD KENTUCKY DERBY NIGHT Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00pm

On Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall, all are welcome to join us for Kentucky Derby Night! Come to the races by wearing your best spring hat and attire! We'll have our own "horse race" with \$1 chances! In addition, we'll also elect officers for the coming year. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us! Refreshments will be served.

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and our community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild sponsors various fundraising events and social gatherings, including the upcoming Strawberry Festival (see below). For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! New members are always 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, 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!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 29 – MAY 7, 2017

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
	Third Week of Easter
Monday, May 1st 8:00am · OLGV	Eugene & Manny Naves
Tuesday, May 2nd 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend John F.X. Fallon
Wednesday, May 3rd 8:00am · OLGV	Jeffrey DeLorenzo
Thursday, May 4 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Elizabeth Murphy
Friday, May 5 8:00am · OLGV	José Agostinho Alves
Saturday, May 6 8:00am · Saint Ann	Arthur & Leona Marshall
Saturday, May 6	Vigil · Third Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Madonna del Rosario Society
6:00pm · OLGV	Francis, Elizabeth & Peter Bruni
Sunday, May 7	Third Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	John Orlando
8:15am · Saint Ann	Captain Gus, Frances & Nicholas Demetri
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Stephen Russo
11:45am · OLGV	First Holy Communion
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of April 22nd – April 23rd

Weekly Offerings	\$5,892.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,770.00
Second Collection (Missions)	\$1,841.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$220,287.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of April 22nd – April 23rd

Weekly Offerings	\$3,901.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$3,931.00
Second Collection (Missions)	\$477.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$24,829.00

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 Lois Ruta
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Kyle Joseph
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!