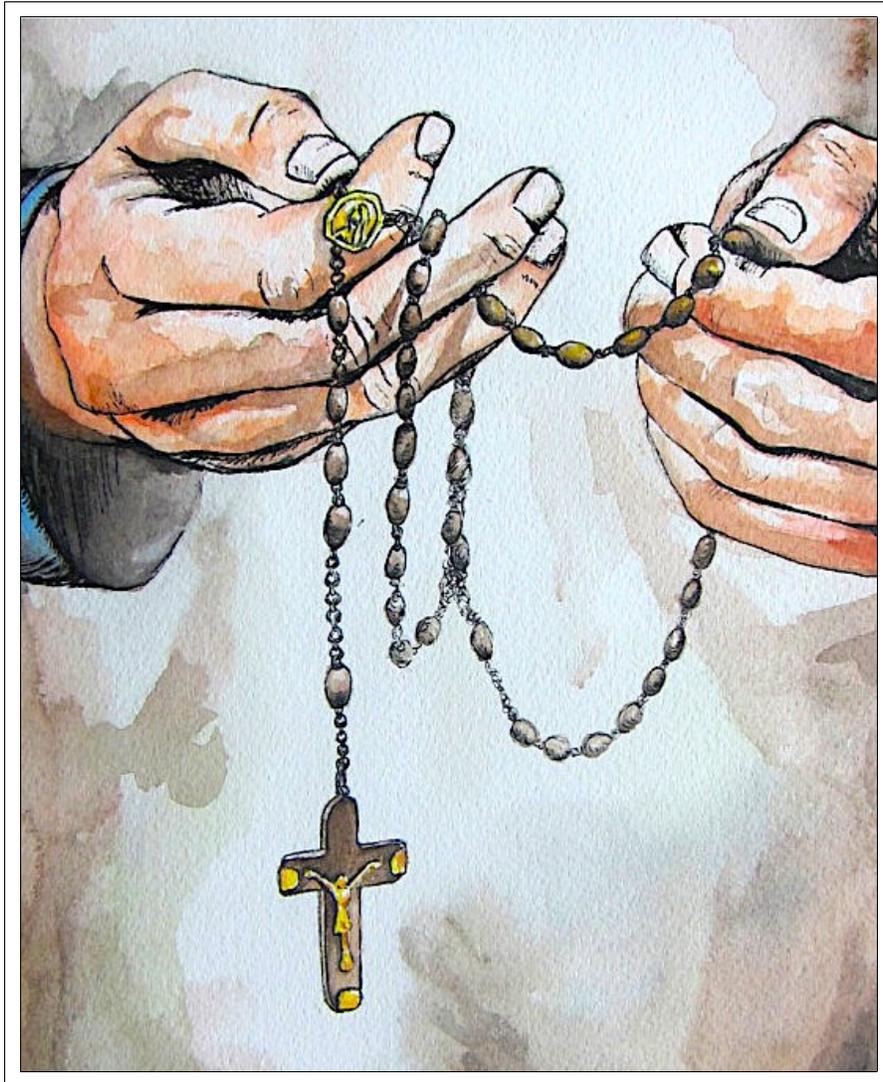


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
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## OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH



### **CROWNING FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** **Monday, May 29th through Sunday, June 4th**

All are invited to join Father Jim, Father Alves, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in celebrating our Annual Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit from Monday, May 29th through Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. Crowning Week will begin on Monday, May 29th in Our Lady's Church, when the Crown is entrusted to this year's Emperor, Jaime Faria, and his wife, Conceição, as part of the traditional ceremony that began many decades ago. The festivities will continue according to the following schedule of events throughout the week:

#### **Monday, May 29th**

Emperor Ceremony & Rosary  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:30pm  
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

#### **Tuesday, May 30th**

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm  
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

#### **Wednesday, May 31st**

Rosary & Mass in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm  
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:30pm

#### **Thursday, June 1st**

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm  
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

#### **Friday, June 2nd**

Sung Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm  
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

#### **Saturday, June 3rd**

Rosary in Our Lady's Church at 5:30pm  
Mass in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:00pm

#### **Pentecost Sunday, June 4th**

Mass & Crowning Ceremony in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 11:45am  
Luncheon in Our Lady's Hall at 1:00pm

Tickets for Sunday's Luncheon are available in our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) during regular business hours. Tickets are also available before and after the Rosary each evening during Crowning Week. Donations for our Annual Auction & Grand Raffle, which will take place right after the luncheon, will be much appreciated! For more information about tickets and donations to the auction, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to participate in this beautiful annual celebration of the coming of God's Holy Spirit! Please join us! All are welcome! Come Holy Spirit!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### THE JOY & POWER OF THE ROSARY, PART II

*By Cliff Garvey*

Last week, I wrote that my personal journey with the Blessed Mother and the Rosary has been the proverbial long and winding road, full of bumps and ruts, full of fits and starts. These days, however, I turn to the Rosary more and more often. First, I began turning to the Rosary during long drives back and forth to Cambridge and to Maine. This is a practice that I am convinced has saved many lives on Route 128! Second, the work here is difficult. And it's not just the hard work of helping to bring two parishes closer together. It's about need: the sometimes desperate and heartbreaking needs of the good people who ask for help — including spiritual help. At least four times each weekend, I am privileged to welcome people to Mass at the doors of our churches. And at least as many times each weekend, one of our fellow parishioners asks me to pray for a particular intention: an ailing spouse, an autistic child, an addicted grandchild, a faltering marriage, or a lost job. Each week, the list of prayer requests grows longer. In the beginning, some of these requests were lost in the shuffle of a busy week. But over time, I realized that an important part of my ministry is to pray for the people that I am called to serve. I began to take very seriously that part of my vocation that calls me to pray for people in need. This led me to the Rosary; and in my mind, at least, to a series of small miracles. More and more, I am convinced that miracles happen when we ask the Lord to make them happen. And more and more, I am convinced that miracles happen more often when we ask the Blessed Mother to ask the Lord to make them happen!

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death!” Each time we pray for Our Lady's intercession during the Rosary, we pray for miracles. We pray that she will pray for us: you and me, no matter who we are, no matter where we are, no matter what we have done, no matter what we might do, now and forever. Each time we pray for Our Lady's intercession, we pray for miracles: for the audacity to hope, for the courage to change, for the strength to carry on in the face of addiction, divorce, illness, infidelity, or unemployment; for the strength to persevere in our family situations, our jobs, and our vocations; for the grace to love our neighbor even when we don't like our neighbor and even when they don't like us; for the grit to face every challenge head-on (with love) in our homes, parishes, and workplaces. “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death!” Each time we pray for Our Lady's intercession, we pray for miracles. We pray for the joy of knowing that we are not alone, that we are never alone, that our Blessed Mother is as near as the rosary we keep in our pocket or purse; for the joy of knowing that we are loved beyond measure; for the joy of knowing that prayer can change a life; for the joy of knowing that prayer can change many lives; for the joy of knowing that prayer (especially Mary's prayers) can change the world!

Miracles happen every day. On the internet (while not always a reliable source for news and information), there are blogs and websites that offer space for people to share their experiences with the joy and power of the rosary. I recently read a series of blog posts with titles like these: Car accident survived! Better grades! Husband's conversion! Mother's recovery! Delivered from temptation! Healed from an eating disorder! Saved from migraine headaches! Engaged to the love of my life! Going back to church after years away! And here's my favorite: Prayers answered! School canceled today! Each of these bloggers credits their personal miracle, however small or outlandish, to the Rosary. Why do we believe in the power of the Rosary? We believe because of testimonies like these. We believe because of our own experiences as believers and disciples. We believe because the power of the Rosary has been proven over long years. We believe because it works! But how?

Archbishop Fulton Sheen once wrote: “The Rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the high education of others; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next.” And then Archbishop Sheen says what we know to be truest of all: “The power of the Rosary is beyond description.” True enough. But again, how does it work? Pope Francis suggests an answer to this difficult question. He said recently: “You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works.” Therefore, when we pray for the Blessed Mother's intercession, we are hungry, she prays for us, and we are fed. We are thirsty, she prays for us, and our thirst is quenched. We are sick, she prays for us, and we are comforted. We are sinful, she prays for us, and we are led to penance and reconciliation. We are divided, she prays for us, and we are then united in prayer, fellowship, and service. This is how prayer works! This is the joy and power of the Rosary! Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CROWNING PENNY SALE Monday, May 22nd at 7:00pm

All parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for our next "Penny Sale" on Monday, May 22nd at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, we'll have great prizes, delicious home-made sweet bread, delicious food and snacks, and a 50-50 raffle. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Donations are being accepted at our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) during regular business hours. For more information, please contact Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or [lingalv2020@gmail.com](mailto:lingalv2020@gmail.com). All are welcome!

### SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of the LORD Holy Day of Obligation · Thursday, May 25th

On Thursday, May 25th, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which commemorates Christ's elevation into heaven in the presence of the disciples on the fortieth day after his resurrection. On this holy day of obligation, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Saint Ann Church  
Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00pm

Saint Joachim Church  
Thursday, May 25th at 8:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Thursday, May 25th at 12:00pm

For more information on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com). Please join us! All are welcome!

### THE HOLY ROSARY Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass!

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary every morning immediately after our 8:00am Daily Mass. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Risen Lord by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by asking for her powerful intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world. Daily Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00am; in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturday at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BANKING FOR THE COMMUNITY Cast Your Vote: [BankGloucester.com](http://BankGloucester.com)!

For the tenth consecutive year, BankGloucester is sponsoring its "Banking for the Community" campaign, which could potentially provide much needed funds to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Since 2007, BankGloucester has donated more than \$160,000 to community organizations through its "Banking for the Community" program. This year, they will donate \$20,000 to nineteen local charities and community service organizations, including our Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

All parishioners, friends, and visitors of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are encouraged to cast your vote for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! Just visit [BankGloucester.com.com/ballot](http://BankGloucester.com.com/ballot) and vote for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! It's easy, free, takes less than a minute, and supports a very good cause! Voting ends at 5:00pm on May 31st! Thank you in advance for your assistance and support! For more information, please contact Annette Kennedy at 978-283-1268 or Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. For assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you! Don't forget to vote at [BankGloucester.com](http://BankGloucester.com)!

### 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!

## THE ASSISI PROJECT

### THE ASSISI PROJECT TENTH ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE November 3rd-November 11th

For the tenth consecutive year, Father Jim, Cliff Garvey, and the Assisi Project are sponsoring a week-long, small-group pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy. Each year, our pilgrims have literally walked in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. This year, from November 3rd through November 11th, we will journey again to Assisi and to the Franciscan Sanctuary at La Verna.

Each morning, we will begin with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Mass. Father Jim celebrates Masses at the Basilica of Saint Francis, the Basilica of Our Lady of Angels, the Carceri Hermitage, and the Sanctuary at La Verna. Each afternoon, our pilgrims will have the free time and guidance to explore Assisi at their own pace and to visit its many churches, cafes, museums, and shops. Each evening, we will gather for supper, followed by Evening Prayer, a reflection, and faith sharing.

As a fellowship of pilgrims, we will explore the historic Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Each of these great basilicas contains the tombs of the saints, holy relics, priceless frescoes and other works of art, along with quiet chapels for personal prayer and worship. We will also visit the Basilica of Saint Rufino, where Francis and Clare were baptized; the Church of Saint Damian where Christ spoke to Francis and hastened his conversion; the Carceri Hermitage where Francis and his first followers retreated for prayer and contemplation; and the chapel known as the Porziuncola, which is considered the home church of the worldwide Franciscan community.

In addition, we will spend leisurely afternoons in and around the Piazza del Comune, Assisi's city center, with its ancient Roman temple (now a Catholic Church), sidewalk cafes, restaurants, and shops. Our more adventurous pilgrims will also have a chance to visit the Rocca Maggiore, the great medieval fortress with its stunning views of Assisi, the Spoleto Valley, and Mount Subasio. And finally, we will travel to La Verna, the mountain sanctuary in Tuscany, where Saint Francis received the stigmata. At La Verna, we will celebrate Mass, have lunch, and participate in the daily procession that commemorates how Saint Francis received the five wounds of the Crucified Christ.

The cost of this extraordinary pilgrimage is \$3,399 per person and includes roundtrip airfare & fees; ground transportation (except personal taxis); guest house accommodations (single room & bathroom); and all meals. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or join us online at assisiproject.com. Space is limited! Join us!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Saturday, June 3rd · 9:00am-2:00pm

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!

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" with hand-made ceramic mugs and a snack bar featuring pulled-pork sandwiches, Italian Cookies, Mickey's Muffins, Papa's Biscotti, Cindy's Scones, Jam from the Jam Ladies, and our famous strawberry shortcake. Mahroussie Jabba will also be serving middle eastern food. And as always, vintage treasures will be offered for sale in our "Granny's Attic!"

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! All proceeds from the Strawberry Festival benefit Holy Family Parish. For more information, please contact Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### ASSISI PROJECT SPRING RAFFLE SWEET KISSES HAND PAINTED ICON Tickets Available Through June 10th!

Now through June 10th, the Assisi Project is sponsoring a Spring Raffle for a beautiful hand painted icon called "Sweet Kisses" which beautifully depicts Our Blessed Mother holding her Son. 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. 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 Spring Raffle will be donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. A donation of \$1.00 per ticket is requested. We hope to raise \$2,000! Tickets can be purchased after various daily and weekend Masses in our churches; at our parish offices; and by contacting Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. The icon can be viewed online at assisiproject.com. Thank you for your generous support of the Assisi Project's Spring Raffle!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**MAY 20 – MAY 28, 2017**

<b>Saturday, May 20</b>	<b>Vigil · Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Tony & Rose Testaverde
6:00pm · OLGV	Michael Fontana
<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Norman J. Dulong, Jr.
8:15am · Saint Ann	Pietro Noto
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Thomas & Rose Lupo
11:45am · OLGV	William & Elizabeth Jugon
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>Sixth Week of Easter</b>
Monday, May 22 8:00am · OLGV	Kaci Keffer-Ahmuty
Tuesday, May 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Dr. Lina Bolanos
Wednesday, May 24 8:00am · OLGV	Frances DeCaro
Thursday, May 25 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Dr. Richard Field
Friday, May 26 8:00am · OLGV	Pearl Parisi
Saturday, May 27 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
<b>Saturday, May 27</b>	<b>Vigil · Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Al & Renee Sarofeen
6:00pm · OLGV	Herb Hultin
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Sandra Ann Colbert
8:15am · Saint Ann	Francesca Gianna Maggiore
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Captain Salvatore & Sarina Barbara
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima and Sons
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**Weekend of May 13th – May 14th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,749.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,627.00
Second Collection (Mother’s Day)	\$1,730.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$40,504.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$220,606.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**  
**Weekend of May 13th – May 14th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,833.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$2,893.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$30,408.00

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

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. McGillvary, Sr. & Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Salvatore & Sarina Barbara  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Annie Wojcicki  
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@cccgronline.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!