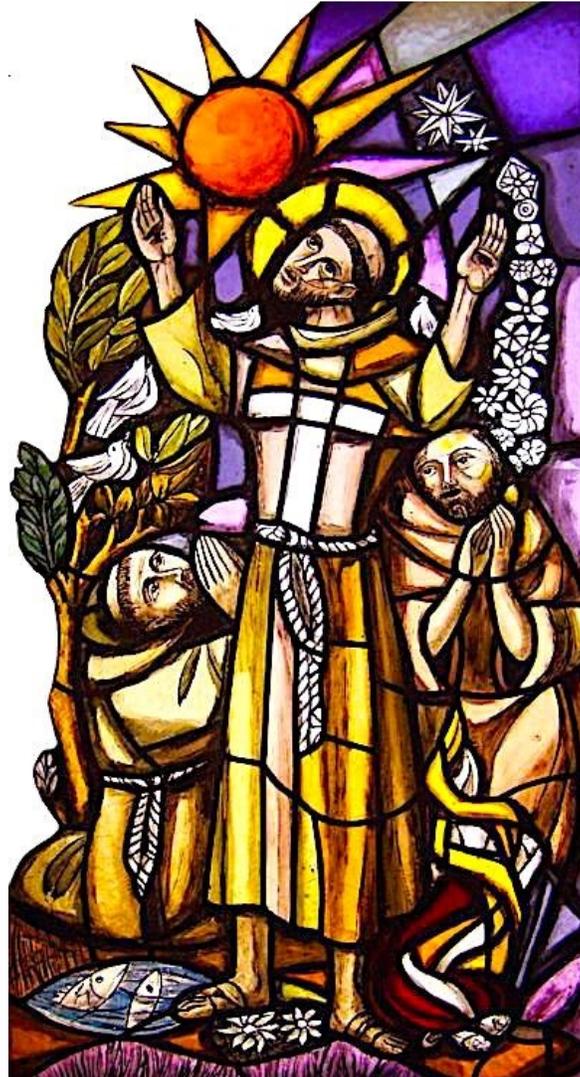


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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BECOMING INSTRUMENTS OF CHRIST

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A CALL TO PRAYER

The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
 grant that I may seek not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are called to eternal life.

Amen.

PASTOR'S NOTE ABOUT THE PEACE PRAYER

Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) lived more than eight centuries ago, but the prayer that carries his name is barely one century old. Its origins can be traced back no further than 1912 to a small spiritual newsletter that was published in France. Its real author is known only to God. Nevertheless, the so-called "Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi" has had a lasting international impact and influence that should not be underestimated. It is a prayer that calls to all people, of all backgrounds, of all faiths, at all times. In its universality, it has become one of the best loved and most prayed of all Christian prayers.

The Peace Prayer also contains all of the beauty, fullness, and simplicity of Franciscan spirituality, with its enduring emphasis on acceptance, discipleship, faith, forgiveness, friendship, love, mercy, peace, and service. Now more than ever, it seems, we need Saint Francis and we need the Peace Prayer that bears his sacred name! Let us pray together with open hearts and joyful voices: "Lord, make us instruments of your peace!" Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Throughout this year, in commemoration of the Assisi Project's Tenth Anniversary (2007-2017), Cliff Garvey and I are offering a series of adult faith formation programs designed to help us better understand the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi, his influence on Pope Francis and the Catholic Church, and the timeless traditions of Franciscan prayer and spirituality. This series began last winter with a book study of Donald Spoto's compelling biography, "Reluctant Saint: The Life of Francis of Assisi"; and it continued last month with a book study of Father Albert Haase's "Instruments of Christ: Reflections on the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi." If you were unable to join us and would like to read Father Haase's book on your own, please see me or contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Becoming Instruments of Christ

By Cliff Garvey

For the past three weeks, approximately fifty fellow parishioners, along with Father Jim and myself, read, reflected, and discussed Father Albert Haase's book, "Instruments of Christ: Reflections on the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi." This little book packs a challenging and powerful message about our shared vocation as disciples to be "instruments of Christ" or "little Christs" in our families, in our workplaces, in our parishes, in our communities, in our country, and in our world. Father Haase makes two bold suggestions about how we can truly become "instruments of Christ."

First, Father Haase writes that "peace" is about more than just an absence of war or the cessation of conflict. "Peace" is about pursuing peace, making peace, and becoming peacemakers. It's about sharing the six basic seeds of peace with our family, friends, and neighbors: love, faith, forgiveness, hope, light, and joy. And it's about sowing these seeds of peace now, today, tomorrow, and always in all that we think, say, and do. Second, Father Haase advises us that to be true disciples, we must become "instruments of Christ" or "little Christs" to those we meet, those we love, and those we find it hard to love. To become a "little Christ" is to truly live the Great Commandment to love God and to love others. To become a "little Christ" is to pursue the common good over individual interests; to live for God and for others; to live for "us" rather than just for "me" in every aspect of our lives.

To live this way is not easy; to pursue peace in our world is not easy. Father Haase writes that "peace is the product of priorities and preferences arranged in consideration of 'thee' not 'me'... It's about giving, not receiving; it's about pardoning, not being pardoned." Indeed, the so-called "Peace Prayer of Saint Francis" is a plea to God for the courage to put others before ourselves. It is a plea to God for the grace to love amidst hate, to hope amidst despair, to find joy amidst sadness, and to bring light to those in darkness. The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis is a plea to God for the energy to console the sick, to welcome the outcast, and to give until it hurts. Most of all, the Peace Prayer is a plea to God for the strength to love and to forgive over and over and over again. Needless to say, because we are all broken and wounded in some way, becoming and persevering as true disciples can seem impossible. After three weeks together, those who participated in our book group had no easy answers. And yet, there are three simple spiritual exercises that can help us make progress in becoming "little Christs" in our world: a daily examination of conscience, intercessory prayer, and some form of service.

A daily examination of conscience is about taking a personal inventory of our thoughts, words, and actions. What did I do well today? How did I stumble today? How can I do better tomorrow? It's not about seeking perfection; it's about making progress. It's about turning away from the mirror of self and turning toward the window that looks out at the world and praying about how we might make it better. Likewise, intercessory prayer is about transforming our prayers from a litany of requests for our own needs into a litany of requests for the good of others. After all, if I'm praying more for others, then I'm praying less for myself, for what I desire, or for what I want. Lastly, everyone (young or old, rich or poor, healthy or living with a serious illness or disability) can contribute something to building up God's kingdom. Some are able to volunteer their time, talent, and treasure with great generosity. Others are able only to offer a prayer, smile, or kind word to those we meet along the way. However God calls us to serve, that service can bend our lives toward seeking what is good for others, rather than just what might be good for ourselves.

Finally, in a beautiful chapter entitled "Sowing Light Amid Darkness," Father Haase writes: "Godly deeds such as love, forgiveness, consolation, understanding, and charity... illumine a world often darkened by the ego's hatred, revenge, callousness, apathy, and greed." Amen to that! Let us pray together then, now and always, for the determination and discernment to find our own individual ways of becoming instruments of Christ's peace in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces, and in our increasingly troubled world. May the Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: [ccgronline.com/prayer!](http://ccgronline.com/prayer/)

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgronline.com/prayer. 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 features an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online.

In addition, please join us every week for a new edition of Bringing Home the Word, a lectionary-based newsletter for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each issue includes words of wisdom from Pope Francis, along with prayerful reflections about the scriptures, prayer and spirituality, and the lives of saints. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word is posted on our website: [ccgronline.com/news!](http://ccgronline.com/news/) Please join us!

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 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 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:00am; in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturdays at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray!

In an interview, Pope Francis was asked about his favorite way of praying. In response, the Holy Father said: "What I truly prefer is Eucharistic Adoration...In the evening between seven and eight o'clock, I pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharistic Adoration is a prayerful devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers four opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm-8:00pm); Thursdays at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm-7:30pm); and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Saint Joachim Church (8:30am-10:00am). For more information, please contact Jane Russo at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

FEAST OF SAINTS ANN & JOACHIM

Annual Crowning Ceremony · Sunday, July 23rd

In anticipation of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, all parishioners, friends, and guests of Holy Family Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for the Annual Crowning of Saint Ann and the Blessed Virgin Mary after our 8:15am Mass on Sunday, July 23rd. As a community of faith, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for the intercession of our patrons: Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! For more information about this special annual event, please contact Mary Rubino at 978-281-0009. Please join us! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Saturday, July 29th at 3:00pm

In commemoration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, all are welcome to join us on Saturday, July 29th for a period of prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Ann Church. This special holy hour will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 3:00pm. At 3:30pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners, friends, and guests of Holy Family Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this special time of prayer. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

ANNUAL SUMMER BARBECUE & PICNIC

Saturday, July 29th · Begins with Mass at 4:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Holy Family Parish for our Annual Summer Barbecue & Picnic in celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim on Saturday, July 29th beginning with Mass at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. After Mass, our barbecue and picnic will be held in the courtyard behind the Parish Center and on the lawn of the Saint Ann House of Prayer.

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) will cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Soft drinks will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring lawn chairs and a side dish to share with the community (chips, baked beans, summer salads, and desserts). We will also have fun activities for kids! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Bring your family! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CALL FOR YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS Help Father Jim Serve God's People!

Father Jim is full of energy and excitement, but as the only full-time priest assigned to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, he sometimes needs our help! This summer, he is hoping to form a corps of youth altar servers to help him at Mass! All young disciples, ages 8 through 17, are invited to participate on a weekly or monthly basis. Training is available! Being an altar server is a great way to continue learning about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. All are invited! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FATHER JIM'S SUMMER ART CONTEST Through Sunday, September 3rd!

All young disciples, ages 5 through 12, are invited to participate in Father Jim's Second Annual Summer Art Contest by creating an original work of art based on the theme of "Our Blessed Mother Mary." Submissions should be no smaller than 8 by 11 inches and no larger than 18 by 24 inches; created, colored, drawn, or painted by hand; and depicting an image of Our Blessed Mother.

All original art projects are due by Sunday, September 3rd and will be judged by Father Jim and a committee of judges! The winning submission will be professionally framed and displayed prominently in our parish offices. For more information about our Second Annual Summer Art Contest for Children, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Calling young disciples! All are invited! All are welcome!

CAMPS: CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR CHRISTIAN CAMP EXPERIENCE July 31st through August 5th

CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior) is a summer camp experience for high school students that seeks to bring participants closer to our Risen Lord; to teach them that the Christian community is both formed and lived; and to continue faith formation and spiritual growth beyond sacramental preparation.

From July 31st through August 5th, more than 300 campers will gather at Lakeside Campsite in Pittsfield for campfires, games and sports, music, spiritual conferences, and faith sharing. CAMPS is an amazing experience for high school students! For more information, please visit campsministry.com or contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Scholarships are available! All are invited! All are welcome!

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. Each week, the Legion of Mary visits and prays with literally dozens of our 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 located at the entrances of our churches and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. 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: ccgrronline.com/fellowship/
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OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 15 – JULY 23, 2017**

Saturday, July 15	Vigil · 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Antonio Vitale
6:00pm · OLGV	Rosalie Mocerì
Sunday, July 16	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Mary, Joseph & Densmore Flynn
8:15am · Saint Ann	Samuel Ventimiglia
10:00am · Saint Joachim	The Strescino Family
11:45am · OLGV	Humberto Mota
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Pamela Swartz
	15th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 17 8:00am · OLGV	Ann Trupiano
Tuesday, July 18 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Marcia & Carol Cantillon
Wednesday, July 19 8:00am · OLGV	Manuel & Maria Matos
Thursday, July 20 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Finella, Josephine & Pietro Taormina
Friday, July 21 8:00am · OLGV	Paul Malatesta
Saturday, July 22 8:00am · Saint Ann	William & Grace Budrow
Saturday, July 22	Vigil · 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Bob Cunningham
6:00pm · OLGV	Ignazio LoContro
Sunday, July 23	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
8:15am · Saint Ann	Barry J. Hallett
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rosa & Francesco Paolo Brancaleone
11:45am · OLGV	Zachary Marr
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

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

Weekly Offerings	\$6,747.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,625.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$79,149.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$222,642.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

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

Weekly Offerings	\$3,646.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,706.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$43,489.00

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 Doris McNamara
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Rioux Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim 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@ccgronline.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!

OUR VISION

Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.
All are invited! All are welcome! Always!
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