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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Little Flowers

On Retreat with Saint Francis & Pope Francis

**FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT
BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 7:00PM**

The summer season is a great time of year for stepping back from the business and busy-ness of daily life in order to focus on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave work, family, and friends behind for a real retreat from the world. For this reason, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce our Fourth Annual Summer Retreat!

From Monday, August 7th through Friday, August 11th, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a unique opportunity to experience the spiritual peace and renewal of a week-long retreat without leaving home! Each evening of our summer retreat will begin at 7:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After our shared prayer, Father Jim and Cliff will lead our community in a period of reflection, discussion, and faith sharing. Each evening will conclude at 8:30pm with Night Prayer. During each day of the retreat, the chapel will open at 12:00pm for silent personal prayer and reflection.

This year, we will explore “The Little Flowers” of Saint Francis and Pope Francis. After his death in 1226, nearly eight centuries ago, the early followers of Saint Francis of Assisi wrote a series of little stories about his life and the miracles that he performed. These “Little Flowers” serve now as the foundation of our knowledge and understanding of Saint Francis and his lasting impact on the Church. In our own time, Andrea Torielli, a journalist who covers the papacy, has assembled the so-called “Fioretti” or Little Flowers of Pope Francis, a heartwarming collection of stories about how the Holy Father lives the Gospel each and every day.

Between each night of the summer retreat, participants will be asked to read brief selections from both the “Little Flowers of Saint Francis” and the “Little Flowers of Pope Francis.” In this way, we will gain a better appreciation of these two holy men and their impact on the Church; and we will grow closer to Christ by learning from their good deeds and good works among God’s people. If you would like to join us for our Fourth Annual Summer Retreat, please be sure to contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com by Sunday, August 6th. A donation of \$30 is requested from those who can afford it. Copies of both books, along with cold drinks, will be provided. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!



OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Salus Populi Romani

In the early hours of the morning of August 5, 358, snow fell upon the Esquiline, one of the seven hills of Rome. During that same miraculous summer night, Pope Liberius and a prominent local family were asked by God in their dreams to build a church on that hill in honor of Our Lady. More than eighteen centuries later, the Basilica of Saint Mary Major remains very dear to the hearts of Catholics in Rome. On Saturday, August 5th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The Eternal City has four great basilicas: Saint Peter, Saint John Lateran, Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls, and Saint Mary Major. In this way, the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored with the Rock, the Beloved Disciple, and the Apostle of the Gentiles as an essential figure in the founding of God's Holy Church.

Inside the Basilica of Saint Mary Major is an ancient icon of Our Lady through which she is venerated as "Salus Populi Romani" or "Protector and Health of the Roman People." Tradition holds that this icon was copied from an original painted by Saint Luke; and that it appeared miraculously in a church built by Saint Peter and Saint John. In the late sixth century, the icon was brought to Rome and placed in the church by Saint Gregory the Great. Although created many centuries ago, the Catholic Church's devotion to this icon has intensified in recent years because of reverence shown by a succession of modern popes: Pius XII, Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI. Most recently, Pope Francis has shown a deep devotion to this icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Indeed, on the day after his election as pope, he made a pilgrimage to the basilica and prayed before the icon. And during the first year of his pontificate, he visited the icon at least on six occasions.

Over the years, Pope Francis has returned many times: sometimes with great fanfare and sometimes more quietly as a simple pilgrim who carries with him a small bouquet of flowers for Our Lady's icon. After almost every visit, the pope has offered words of wisdom about Mary's powerful prayers for us and for the whole world. In July 2013, for example, after a long journey home from World Youth Day in Brazil, the Holy Father went directly from the airport to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major where he offered prayers for young people and for peace. During that same year, Pope Francis led the Rosary before the icon and offered a brief reflection about the Blessed Mother's role in our lives. He said: "Mary is a mother who always worries about the health of her children. She knows how to care for us with great and tender love. She guards our health. What does it mean that Our Lady guards our health? Above all, it means three things: she helps us to grow, to face life, and to be free." In short, the pope reminds us that Mary loves us, protects us, strengthens us, and helps us to be better people.

The Holy Father also reminds us that Mary's prayers are so powerful because she stands alone as a perfect and true disciple. She raised the Lord with a mother's unfailing love. She walked with the Lord as he preached to the people of Galilee. She suffered with him at the foot of the cross. She rejoiced with him when he rose from the dead. Most importantly, she listened intently to the Lord's every word and then she acted. And according to Pope Francis, action is the key to discipleship. He said: "The disciple truly puts his (or her) entire life at the service of the Gospel." In order to do so, we again need the Blessed Mother as our example, our intercessor, and our protector. We need her love and her prayers and her witness to make the most of the one life that God has given to us.

The Holy Father once said that "Mary's whole life is a hymn to life, a hymn to love for life." As we commemorate the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, let us remember the ancient image that evokes Our Lady as the disciple who devotes her life to the Gospel and who loves and protects all of God's children. And let us pray with the words of Pope Francis: "Holy Mother of God, we fly to your protection. Scorn not our petitions in our hour of need. O Glorious and Blessed Virgin, deliver us from every peril." Our Lady, Protector and Health of the Roman People, pray for us! Our Lady, Protector and Health of All People Everywhere, pray for us and for our troubled world!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00pm**

On Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Hall, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a "Make Your Own Sundae!" ice cream social. We will also welcome back our members and we will hopefully welcome some new members, too!

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and the community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts various fundraising events and social gatherings. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Dues are \$15.00 per year. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD
SALTY FRANK'S FUNDRAISER
Thursday, August 3rd · 2:00pm-8:00pm**

On Thursday, August 3rd, all are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a fundraising afternoon at Salty Frank's (located at 6 Rogers Street in Gloucester). From 2:00pm until 8:00pm, Salty Frank's will donate 10% of all proceeds to Holy Family Parish! Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers for this fundraiser and enjoy together an ice cream, hot dog or ¼lb lobster roll. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msnc.om. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

**SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS
AN OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE TRADITION
Saturday, August 5th at 5:15pm**

Our Summer Carillon Recitals, an annual tradition at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, will begin next Saturday, August 5th at 5:15pm (rain or shine)! LuAnn Pallazola, our own very talented organist-keyboardist will perform programs that include classical works, sacred hymns, patriotic melodies, and even children's tunes! Installed in 1922, the bells at Our Lady's Church were the first set of toned carillon bells in the United States.

Summer Carillon Recitals are also scheduled for August 12th, August 19th, August 26th & September 2nd at 5:15pm. All recitals are free and open to the public! So, please join us for wonderful summer tradition! All are invited to join us for Mass at 6:00pm! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com. All are invited! All are welcome!

MAKING YOUNG DISCIPLES**CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP
MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS
Begins Tuesday, August 22nd at 8:00am**

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our next Catholic Kids Camp: Mary, the Mother of Jesus, from Tuesday, August 22nd through Friday, August 25th from 8:00am until 12:00pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, children will learn about Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary through active and engaged participation in games, music, videos, hands-on learning, and craft projects. Here's the schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, August 22nd
The Annunciation

Day II: Wednesday, August 23rd
The Visitation

Day III: Thursday, August 24th
The Nativity

Day IV: Friday, August 25th
The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

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 our team of dedicated catechists will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a 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 program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are generously available for those families who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 through 17) are welcome to join us as volunteers and are much appreciated! For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrronline.com. Registration forms are available at ccgrronline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MAKING YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Our Schedule for August 2017

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During the month of August, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Baptism Preparation Workshop
Sunday, August 6th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, August 13th at 1:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, August 20th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, August 27th at 11:00am
Saint Joachim Church

Last month, the following children were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Alex Capone · Aidan Cottle
Austin Cottle · Tenley Cusumano
Isla Davis · Natalie Doane
Graham Doherty · Bryan Hare
Marina Latraverse · Naomi Mahatoo
Stella Malgeri · Hunter Robertson
Jameson Sugrue · Ashlan Stanley
Rianne Stanley · Matthew Wilson

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult and have not received the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please pray for our newly baptized young disciples and their families! Congratulations to all!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS!

Join us: ccgronline.com/sacraments/

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION This Weekend: July 29th & July 30th

In the tradition of its founder and patron, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a Roman Catholic lay fraternity that leads women and men to work together and to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Here are four important ways that you can help us help others:

First, please give generously to our special second collection this weekend, July 29th and July 30th, during all Masses at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. All donations (100%) will support the good work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and help our brothers and sisters in need!

Second, all are encouraged to donate to our Food Pantry. Baskets can be found at the entrances of all churches in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Donations can also be brought to our pastoral offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester).

Third, all are invited to give generously to the Clothes Closet. A drop-off bin is conveniently located in the parking lot in front of the school building. The Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. Even though it's summer, it's never too early to consider how your support might keep a child warm this winter!

Fourth, your financial contributions are always welcome and appreciated! Donation envelopes are located at all church entrances in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. They can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. All checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. All donations, large or small, go directly to those we serve.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets 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 about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Annette Kennedy at 978-283-1268 or Harry Miller at 978-281-8672. If you need assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support! May God bless you and your family!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 29 – AUGUST 6, 2017**

Saturday, July 29	Vigil · 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Earl & Sally Unis
6:00pm · OLGV	William D. Buckley
Sunday, July 30	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Walter & Madeline O'Donnell
8:15am · Saint Ann	Andrew & Margaret Orlando
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Oswald Ajavon
11:45am · OLGV	Vito Gilardi
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	17th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 31 8:00am · OLGV	David Slaney
Tuesday, August 1 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John Walsh
Wednesday, August 2 8:00am · OLGV	Richard Devlin
Thursday, August 3 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Robert Cusick, Jr.
Friday, August 4 8:00am · OLGV	The Brosnan Family
Saturday, August 5 8:00am · Saint Ann	Christopher Wheeler
Saturday, August 5	Vigil · Feast of the Transfiguration
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Giuseppe Zizzo
6:00pm · OLGV	August Cusenza
Sunday, August 6	Feast of the Transfiguration
7:00am · OLGV	Captain Joseph Parco
8:15am · Saint Ann	Salvatore, Grace & Pearl Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Alphonse Ajavon
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel & Maria N. Bagaço
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of July 22nd – July 23rd

Weekly Offerings	\$7,782.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,660.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$79,149.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$222,877.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of July 22nd – July 23rd

Weekly Offerings	\$3,536.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,596.00
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 Robert J. Swinson, Jr.
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Pomerleau Family
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@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!

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