

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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MAKING THE GROUND GREEN

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Way

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS BEGINNING THIS FALL!

I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

“The Way” was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way appears as a scriptural reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. In addition, both before and after his conversion, tradition holds that Saint Paul referred to the disciples of Christ as part of The Way. More than two thousand years later, Catholic Christians are still part of the Way of Christ. But as we all know, a life of discipleship is not a hobby or pastime. It is a vocation, a way of life that lays claims to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, who is our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. And as disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need our help in growing closer to Christ and the Church.

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), then please consider joining “The Way”, a new adult faith formation program which will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on October 8th in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (typically called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of this same program, we will prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation (to be received at either the Easter Vigil Mass or at a regional archdiocesan celebration).

Our group will meet bi-weekly for fellowship, formation, and faith sharing. As a community of disciples, we will learn together about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Church; and we will explore the methods of prayer and spirituality that have brought centuries of believers closer to Christ Jesus and to the Church. In addition, we will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of living an authentic life of faith, hope, and love in the modern world. If you would like to learn more about this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God’s Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. Registration forms are available on our website: ccgrounline.com/formation. Please join us! All are welcome!



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Making the Ground Green

By Cliff Garvey

Millard Solomon was born in Alabama and raised on a farm in Tennessee. He served in the United States Navy during the Second World War; and after the war, he married a young immigrant who had fled the Nazis. Together, they raised four children. Millard Solomon worked hard, played by the rules, served his country, and earned a share in the American Dream. He was also my grandfather. Like so many Americans, then and now, my grandfather's views on race were complicated. He came of age in the Jim Crow South; but raised his family "up north" during a time of dramatic social and political upheaval. He sometimes spoke his mind. He sometimes said things that his family wished he hadn't said. He was not always politically correct.

My grandfather died suddenly just months before a long-planned early retirement. As our family gathered for his funeral, our grief was deep and intense. No one could believe that a man who had seemed so strong could succumb so quickly. We were all in shock. But then something amazing happened. A long line of mourners formed at the entrance of the funeral home. Most of those mourners were African-American. They were my grandfather's co-workers from a nearby factory. Over years, these men and women had worked together; ate lunch together; drank coffee together; and played cards together. They were my grandfather's friends; and they came to pay their respects. Millard Solomon never gave a speech. He never delivered a sermon. He was neither partisan nor political. He never participated in a protest. He never marched for any side in our country's long, sad, and sometimes violent debate over civil rights. And yet, despite his sharp tongue, my grandfather made a real difference in the lives of many people. At some point and in some way, he had offered a helping hand or a kind word to these good people who turned out to pay their respects to a son of the south who had worked beside them for decades.

After more than thirty-five years, family memories are not always reliable. They are clouded by age and grief and long years. But I distinctly remember that conversations hushed, tears intensified, and members of our family stood when my grandfather's co-workers filed past his coffin. It was a remarkable moment for us. And it remains one of the proudest moments of my life. Even though we were young when he died, my cousins and I learned a great many life lessons from our grandfather. We learned about honesty and hard work. We learned about dedication to family and friends. We learned about the true meaning of patriotism and sacrifice for one's country. We learned about doing good through simple acts of generosity and kindness: actions that bring people together, keep them together, and lead them forth into the world as friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens regardless of race, color, or creed. And we learned these lessons not so much by his words, which were few, but by the witness of a life well lived.

Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881) was a nineteenth century historian, philosopher, and essayist. He is perhaps best remembered for once writing: "History is nothing but the biography of the Great Man." But Carlyle also considered those unsung heroes who have the power to change lives and change history. He wrote: "The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green." Needless to say, it is difficult to reconcile our nation's difficult history with what our church teaches us about the sin of racism. And it is difficult to reconcile what an unknown good man like my grandfather learned during his youth with what he practiced as an adult. But based on the respect that my grandfather earned from his co-workers, it is clear that at some point along the way he embraced the call to love others (John 13:34) and to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). It is also clear that simple acts of loving kindness can change the lives of the people around us and perhaps even change the course of history – for the better. May God bless us with the courage to make the ground green through humble acts of goodness, kindness, and love. May the Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS AN OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE TRADITION Saturday Afternoons at 5:15pm

Our Summer Carillon Recitals, an annual tradition at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, continue this Saturday, August 26th 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. Our final Summer Carillon Recital for this season is scheduled for Saturday, September 2nd at 5:15pm. All recitals are free and open to the public! So, please join us for wonderful summer tradition at Our Lady of Good Voyage! In addition, all are invited to join us for Mass at 6:00pm! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at lpallazola@gmail.com or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome!

VIGIL FOR PEACE Saturday, September 9th · Begins at 8:00am

In recent weeks, it has become clear that the call to prayer is more important than ever. The specter of nuclear war, domestic and international terrorism, and violence in our own country has prompted many among us to reconsider long-held assumptions and opinions about the health and stability of our nation's political culture and its institutions. Additionally, these threats inspire many among us to turn to prayer: to ask the Lord to bless our community, our country, and our troubled world with peace and love.

In this spirit, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim for a four-hour "Vigil for Peace" on Saturday, September 9th beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Saint Ann Church. After Mass at 8:45am, all are encouraged to remain in the church for Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 10:00am, we will pray a Rosary for Peace; and at 11:00am, we will pray Daytime Prayer. Our Vigil for Peace will conclude at noon with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

We will gather for this Vigil for Peace on the Feast of Saint Peter Claver (1580-1654), patron of race relations and pastoral ministry to our African-American brothers and sisters. So, please join us for all or part of this special morning of prayer, fellowship, and devotion during which we will ask the Lord for the courage, grace, and strength to become instruments of peace. For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Peter Claver, pray for us and for our troubled world!

MAKING YOUNG DISCIPLES



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Our Schedule for September 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 September, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Baptism Preparation Workshop
Sunday, September 3rd at 11:00am
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 10th at 1:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 17th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 24th at 11:00am
Saint Joachim Church

This past 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:

Marcella Josephine Ferrara
Luke Edward Lansdon
Vander Yorke Lewis
Luca Philip Pagliazzo
Jayce Anibal Simoes
Cameron Andrew Stone

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please pray for our newly baptized young disciples and their families! Congratulations to all! Learn more about the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church by visiting our website: ccgonline.com/sacraments/

MAKING YOUNG DISCIPLES

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@ccgronline.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@ccgronline.com. Calling young disciples! All are invited! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Beginning Tuesday, September 12th!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry will resume their weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, September 12th at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Each weekend, the youth choir sings at one of our three churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, or Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

The Youth Choir & Music Ministry welcomes new members, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school. Young musicians are also welcome to join us! Being a part of this ministry is a great way to make new friends and participate more fully in the life of our parishes! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER Join us: 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 at [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!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Saturday, August 26	Vigil · 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mildred Donaldson
6:00pm · OLGV	Bessie Tortorici
Sunday, August 27	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
8:15am · Saint Ann	Madeline & Michael Fontana
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Francis, Antonia & Frank Kaminsky
11:45am · OLGV	Alison Saren
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Special Intention
	21st Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 28 8:00am · OLGV	Veronica Naves
Tuesday, August 29 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Peter Coley
Wednesday, August 30 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Thursday, August 31 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, September 1 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Saturday, September 2 8:00am · Saint Ann	Rosemarie & Salvatore “Sam” Lupo
Saturday, September 2	Vigil · 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Anthony “Tony” Testaverde
6:00pm · OLGV	Mary L. Wilkins
Sunday, September 3	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
8:15am · Saint Ann	Kathleen Harrigan Palmer
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Joseph & Julia Cappabianca
11:45am · OLGV	Ralph Pescatore
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of August 19th – August 20th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,175.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,053.00
Second Collection	N/A
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,158.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of August 19th – August 20th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,714.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,774.00
Second Collection	N/A

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 Pat Jenkins
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of James & Rosanna Mooney
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John S. Testaverde
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!

OUR VISION

Live the Gospel. Share God’s Love. Rebuild the Church
Learn how you can help us help others!
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