

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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CHOOSING TO LOVE

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

A Vigil for Peace · Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION · ROSARY FOR PEACE · BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH · BEGINS AT 12:00PM

In recent months, it has become clear that the need for prayer is more important than ever. The threats of war, natural disaster, domestic & international terrorism, and violence in our own country have prompted many people to reconsider basic assumptions and opinions about the long-term health and stability of our nation's political culture and its institutions. These concerns inspire us to pray and to ask the Risen Lord to bless our community, our country, and our world with peace, hope, 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 Vigil for Peace on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Wednesday, October 4th, in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our vigil will begin at 12:00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. At 3:00pm, we will pray a Rosary for Peace. Our Vigil for Peace will conclude at 6:45pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Because we will gather for this Vigil for Peace on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will also pray for his guidance to become "instruments of peace" in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, communities, and country. So, please join us for all or part of this special afternoon of prayer and devotion during which we will ask for the grace, courage, and strength to be instruments of peace in our daily lives. For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at frjim@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us and for our troubled world!

Saint Clare of Assisi: Light from the Cloister

A BOOK STUDY & FAITH SHARING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:00PM

Our year-long focus on the Franciscan spiritual tradition concludes with "The Fall Read", a four week book study and faith sharing program during which participants will read together and share their reactions to Bret Thoman's new book: "Saint Clare of Assisi: Light from the Cloister." This intimate but easy-to-read biography of Saint Clare will lead us closer to Christ by introducing us to the best friend and perhaps most devoted follower of Saint Francis. Clare's life is a story about deep faith, devoted prayer, and profound persistence; a story about the virtues of poverty, chastity, and obedience; and a story of a unique person who paved the way for all who seek to fulfill their unique vocation to follow Christ.

All adult parishioners are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for this special program which will run on four consecutive Wednesday evenings: October 4th through October 25th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each session will begin promptly at 7:00pm with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After this period of prayer, Cliff will briefly introduce the readings for the week. This format will provide us with plenty of time for discussion, questions, and faith sharing. Our gatherings will conclude at 8:30pm with Night Prayer.

Copies of the book will be provided to all participants in our program. A donation of \$25.00 per person is requested from those who can afford it, along with a sincere commitment to read the book and to come prepared to ask questions and offer personal impressions and insights about the life and times of Saint Clare of Assisi. If you plan on joining us, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Choosing to Love

By Cliff Garvey

Francesco Bernadone was the medieval equivalent of the stereotypical college “fratboy.” He was obsessed with nice clothes, popular music, and pretty girls. He was rich. He was popular. He had many friends and he kept those friends happy by using his father’s influence to evade serious trouble, paying the tab, and being the life of the party. But by the time Francesco reached his early twenties, he had become disillusioned with his life. Like many members of today’s so-called “millennial” generation, Francesco longed for meaning and purpose and peace in a world that seemed fraught with superficiality, temptation, and violence. After stumbling into a church and finding himself face-to-face with the Crucified Christ, he heard and embraced a call to love that changed his life and the lives of countless others. Francesco Bernadone was just like us. He was broken. He was wounded. He was a sinner. But because he chose love above all else, he became a saint. He became Saint Francis of Assisi.

Just like Saint Francis, each time we enter a church, we are confronted by the Risen Lord who lived for us, suffered for us, died for us, and rose from death for us. We are confronted with Christ’s Great Commandment to love God and to love others — regardless of who they are, where they’re from, what they’ve done, or where they stand on the issues of the day. We are called to choose love in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our parishes, and in our workplaces. We are called to love without counting the cost and without expecting anything in return. We are called to choose love over hate, mercy over judgment, and inclusion over exclusion whenever we can and however we can. In the gospels, Jesus showed us the way by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, befriending the outcast, and welcoming the stranger. In his life, Saint Francis showed us the way by caring for lepers, mending broken friendships, building bridges between different cultures, and rebuilding the church — brick by brick, person by person, soul by soul. Sometimes called a “Second Christ”, Francis teaches us to live the Gospel, share God’s love, and strengthen the Church in all that we think, say, and do.

But first, Saint Francis chose love. And choosing love is hard. Shortly after his conversion, Francis was called before a public assembly to answer for his decision to leave his friends and his family’s business. He was called to answer for the crimes of disrespecting his father and using his family’s financial resources to repair an almost forgotten local church. He was called to face criticism and ridicule from everyone he had ever known. Faced with this enormous pressure from his friends, family, and fellow citizens, Francis could have apologized for his recklessness, returned to the fold, and lived as a prince among men. He could have been a knight, a successful business man, or even a powerful politician. Instead, Francis answered Christ’s call. He turned away from privilege, prestige, and riches. He turned away from the way of the world and he turned toward the way of the gospel. He took the hard road of discipleship. He chose to love. He chose to love God and to love others.

More than eight centuries later, we know that living as disciples in today’s world poses its own unique challenges and temptations. Each week, we must choose between going to church or going to the mall. We must choose between praying for guidance or texting the latest news to our family and friends. We must choose between giving ourselves in fellowship and service to our community or binge-watching the trendy new television show. We must choose between finding common ground or sitting in judgment against those who see things differently than we do. Above all else, we are called to choose love. Saint Francis once said: “This is our vocation: to heal wounds, to bind what is broken, to bring home those who are lost.” This is our vocation, too. This is the vocation to love. So, let us pray for whatever we might need to choose love — today, tomorrow, and always. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! May the Risen Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, October 1st at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society is a service organization of men which was founded to support our parish through volunteering and fundraising. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served. Annual dues of \$20 will be collected. For more information about the Holy Name Society, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, October 2nd 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 fundraising, good works, prayer, and social events. The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2nd at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. A delicious potluck dinner will be prepared by our members. For more information about Our Lady's Guild, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Parish Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and the wider community. Throughout the year, the Guild hosts fundraising events and social gatherings, including the Harvest Fair (October 14th), Christmas Fair (November 18th), Palm Sunday Bake Sale, and Strawberry Festival.

The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our special guest will be Phyllis Campbell, a fellow Guild member, who will share her experiences, using stories and pictures, about various missions to Cevicos in the Dominican Republic. In addition, we will play some games with all winnings being donated to the Cevicos Mission.

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us! Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

CALLING ADULT DISCIPLES

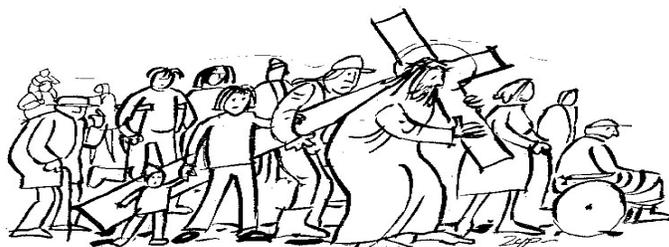
THE WAY SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS Begins Sunday, October 8th at 9:15am

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 Jesus. 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 on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on October 8th in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (often 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.

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. All are welcome!



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

Baptism Preparation Workshop
 Sunday, October 1st at 11:00am
 Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
 Sunday, October 8th at 1:00pm
 Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
 Sunday, October 15th at 11:45am
 Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
 Sunday, October 22nd 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:

Lorenzo D'Amico
 Elliot Dale
 Lorenzo Gulino
 Jamieson Knight
 Carson Lewis
 Deklan Wall
 Luca Wilkins

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.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: ccgrounline.com/sacraments/

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE
THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
WITH FATHER JIM
Saturday, October 7th at 12:00pm

Saint Francis of Assisi is venerated throughout the world as the patron of animals and the environment. In belated celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport (whether your family owns a pet or not) are invited to join Father Jim for the traditional "Blessing of the Animals" on Saturday, October 7th at 12:00pm in Our Lady's Rectory Parking Lot. All friendly family pets are welcome (but must be leashed or secured in carriers). For more information about this special annual event, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at frjim@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

MADONNA DEL ROSARIO SOCIETY
OCTOBER GATHERING & ANNUAL MASS
Saturday, October 7th · Begins at 1:00pm

The Madonna Del Rosario Society will host its next meeting on Saturday, October 7th in Saint Ann Church. After a brief business meeting at 1:00pm, we will enjoy dessert and a friendly game of bingo! At 4:00pm, all members will process into the 4:00pm Vigil Mass at Saint Ann Church. For more information, please contact Marie at 978-283-7820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, October 13th · Begins at 1:00pm

All are invited to join the Knights of Columbus (Council 215) for its Third Annual Golf Tournament (best-ball) on Friday, October 13th at the Cape Ann Golf Course. The entrance fee is \$125 per person and tee off is 1:00pm. Registration forms are available at kofc215.com or at the doors of Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All proceeds will benefit the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. For more information about this special event, please contact Mark Natti at grandknight@kofc215.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATES!
ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT
 Special Guest: Sister Elizabeth Wagner
 December 6th through December 8th at 7:00pm
 Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
 Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 8, 2017

Saturday, September 30	Vigil · 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mary & Anthony Ciaramitaro
6:00pm · OLGV	Thomas Randazza & Family
Sunday, October 1	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
8:15am · Saint Ann	In Honor of La Madre de La Lume
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Bertha Maksimowicz
11:45am · OLGV	Allerio Brancaleone
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	26th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 2 8:00am · OLGV	Manuel I. Garcia
Tuesday, October 3 8:00am · Saint Joachim	The Deneen Family
Wednesday, October 4 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Thursday, October 5 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Marie McGarry
Friday, October 6 8:00am · OLGV	Dorothy & Alvin Williams
Saturday, October 7 8:00am · Saint Ann	Teresa Casimiro
Saturday, October 7	Vigil · 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Madonna del Rosario Society
6:00pm · OLGV	Paula Novello
Sunday, October 8	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Francis Lewis, Jr.
8:15am · Saint Ann	Maria Maggiore
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Jim Contri & Parents
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel F. Garcia
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Giuseppe Vitale

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 23rd – September 24th**

Weekly Offerings	\$7,856.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,734.00
Second Collection	N/A
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,239.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of September 23rd – September 24th**

Weekly Offerings	\$4,016.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$4,076.00
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 Brien Kennedy
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John & Mary Garvey
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Manuel I. Garcia
Sanctuary Flowers · 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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