

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
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**The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport**  
**Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!**

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Learning to Love with Saint Francis of Assisi

A FALL DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH · BEGINS AT 8:00AM

Nights are growing cooler. Gardens are fading. Leaves are beginning to show a hint of fall color. One season ends, another begins. Fall is a great time to refresh and renew our spiritual lives. This year, in celebration of the Assisi Project's 10th Anniversary (2007-2017), Father Jim and Cliff Garvey 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.

In this spirit, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim, Cliff, and the Assisi Project for a Fall Day of Prayer & Reflection: "Learning to Love with Saint Francis of Assisi" on Saturday, September 30th in Saint Anthony Chapel. During this four-hour mini-retreat, we will explore what Saint Francis of Assisi, who lived eight centuries ago, can teach contemporary Christians like us how to love God and love others in an increasingly troubled world.

This special morning of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule: Celebration of Holy Mass at 8:00am; Morning Prayer & Reflection at 9:00am; Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am; Daytime Prayer & Reflection at 11:00am; and Angelus, Closing Prayers & Final Blessing at 12:00pm. Throughout the morning, there will be breaks, times for silent prayer, and periods for faith sharing and fellowship. Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be served. After our closing prayers, all are invited to remain for a picnic lunch.

Please note that during Mass, a free-will donation will be taken in support of our adult faith formation ministry. If you would like to join us for this special faith formation program for adults, please contact Cliff Garvey at [cgarvey@ccgrronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrronline.com) or 978-281-4820. It is important to register for this program in advance so that we can plan adequately for food and drink. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### 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.

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 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.

Books will be provided. 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 come prepared to ask questions and offer personal impressions and insights about the life and times of Saint Clare. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Cliff at [cgarvey@ccgrronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrronline.com) or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome!

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### Praying for Our Parishes

Since 1844, the Apostleship of Prayer has encouraged Roman Catholics around the world to pray each day for their own intentions and to offer prayers for the intentions of our Holy Father. Every month, Pope Francis asks us to pray for a different special intention. This month, the pope asks us to pray for our parishes and fellow parishioners. He asks us to pray for the grace to grow in prayer, fellowship, and service. And he asks us to pray for the courage to live the Gospel, to share God's love, and to build and strengthen the Church in our own corner of the world. Pope Francis does not necessarily ask us to preach or proselytize on street corners. Rather, he challenges us to give witness to our faith in all that we think, say, and do each and every day. In his introduction to this month's prayer request, Pope Francis said:

Parishes must be in contact  
with homes,  
with people's lives,  
with the life of society.  
They must be houses  
where the door is always open,  
so as to go forth toward others.  
And it is important that this going forth  
follows a clear proposal of faith.  
The doors must be opened  
so that Jesus can go out  
with all of the joy of his message.  
Let us pray for our parishes,  
that they not be simple offices,  
but that animated by a missionary spirit,  
they may be places where  
faith is communicated  
and charity is seen.

Amen! These beautiful words are indeed a call to prayer and a summons to live our shared vocation as disciples today, tomorrow, and always. In our hearts, we know well that a life of discipleship is not easy. The world offers comfort, ease, and a seemingly never-ending array of sensual and technological distractions. But with God, all things are possible. We find the strength to love God and to love others through prayer. We find God and we grow closer to God by praying together, by working together, and by serving others as a family of fellow disciples. And we find ways to express our love through the ministries and good works of the Church, through our parish ministries and service organizations.

In union with Pope Francis and the Apostleship of Prayer, let us join together in prayer for the Holy Father and his monthly intention. Let us pray for the pope, for his good health and safety, and for his global ministry of love, mercy, and peace. Let us pray for parishes all around the world: large and small, rich and poor, in our country, and across vast oceans and continents. Let us pray for open doors, joyful hearts, a clear-eyed faith, and a missionary spirit that will inspire others to join us. In addition to his monthly prayer intention, Pope Francis produces a so-called "Pope Video" which introduces his prayer request. I encourage everyone to watch the "Pope Video" every month by visiting our website: [ccgrounline.com/prayer](http://ccgrounline.com/prayer); and I invite you again to pray for our Holy Father, who loves us, prays for us, and leads us ever closer to our Risen Lord. Thank you for your prayers, your good works, and your ongoing generous support of our parishes! May God bless you and your family!

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00pm

Although it may seem early, the Holy Family Christmas Fair is coming soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 18th! The Christmas Fair is Holy Family Parish's biggest fundraiser of the year! And there's much work ahead to ensure its continued success! The Holy Family Women's Guild is holding its next Christmas Fair Planning Meeting on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall.

Everyone has a special gift or talent! Let yours shine at the Christmas Fair! All parishioners are invited to help us make this year's fair our best ever! We are seeking donations for our basket wheel and raffles; and volunteers to help with various sale tables: arts & crafts, jewelry, books, cookies, food, set-up, and clean-up. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-421-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE Monday, September 25th at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, September 25th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, the Penny Sale will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, delicious homemade sweet bread, along with other homemade food and snacks. Donations will be accepted at our pastoral office (located at 74 Pleasant Street) until the day of the Penny Sale. For more information, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com; Julia Garcia at 978-281-2678; or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### ONLINE PRAYER RESOURCES 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/](http://ccgronline.com/prayer/). Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are short reflections on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also features an easy-to-use links for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online and Seven Easy Tips for Personal Prayer. In addition, please join us every week for a new edition of Bringing Home the Word, a lectionary-based e-newsletter for families that offers great suggestions for prayer and reflection at home. A new edition is posted every Saturday at [ccgronline.com/news/](http://ccgronline.com/news/). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Registration Now Underway!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers a creative and innovative way for children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for these sacraments; to encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church; and to help families grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service.

Our program is simple and family-friendly! First, our top priority is to invite all families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses. Second, all second grade children and their parents, grandparents, or guardians are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season and three 90 minute workshops during the winter-spring season. Each of these "Faith & Family Workshops" is offered at three different times so that each family can choose which option works best for them.

Our program begins during the weekend of October 13th—October 14th! Calendars and registration materials are posted on our website: [ccgronline.com/formation](http://ccgronline.com/formation). Registration forms can be returned by mail; hand-delivered to our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester); or completed at our walk-in registration day on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00am until 11:00am in Our Lady's Hall. If you have questions or need assistance with youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesday Afternoons at 5:00pm

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry holds its next weekly rehearsal on Tuesday, September 19th 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 learn about the musical traditions of the Catholic Church, make new friends, and participate more fully in the life of our parishes! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at [pnatti@comcast.net](mailto:pnatti@comcast.net) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## MAKING YOUNG DISCIPLES

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION HOLY ANGELS FAITH & FAMILY MASS Sunday, October 1st at 11:45am

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all parents and guardians, grandparents, godparents, and children of all ages are invited to join Father Jim for our "Holy Angels Faith & Family Mass" on Sunday, October 1st at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about the Holy Angels and a special blessing for all families and their children. In addition, all children (under age 18) will receive a special gift from our pastor. During the coming school year, we will celebrate four more "Faith & Family Masses" on Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Saturday, January 6th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday, February 18th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and Saturday, May 12th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

So, mark your calendars! Invite your family! Invite your neighbors! For more information about this special event, please see Father Jim or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). Let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! Every child in our pews is a gift from God! Every family in our pews is a gift from God! Please join us! All families are invited! All families are welcome! Always!

### 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! He is still hoping to create a team of youth altar servers to help him at Mass. All young disciples, age 8 through 17, are invited to participate on a weekly or monthly basis. Parents and adult parishioners are welcome to serve, too! Training is available! Being an altar server is a great way to grow in discipleship and to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church! For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com). All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Year II Registration Now Underway! Learn more: [ccgronline.com/formation/](http://ccgronline.com/formation/)

## 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 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](mailto: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  
Canned Fruits & Vegetables · Apple Sauce  
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. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! 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 for your generous support!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Find out! Join us: [ccgronline.com/fellowship/](http://ccgronline.com/fellowship/)  
Live the Gospel. Share God's love. Rebuild the Church.

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****SEPTEMBER 16 – SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

<b>Saturday, September 16</b>	<b>Vigil · 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Antonino Romeo
6:00pm · OLGV	Stefano Adelfio
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Lorenzo, Jenny Lee & Jenny Grace Scola
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Angelina Loiacano Strescino & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Joan Vidal
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Mass Scheduled
	<b>24th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, September 18 8:00am · OLGV	Richard Hurst
Tuesday, September 19 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Cynthia Loiacano
Wednesday, September 20 8:00am · OLGV	James Ball
Thursday, September 21 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Marjorie Taylor
Friday, September 22 8:00am · OLGV	Andy & Anna Smith
Saturday, September 23 8:00am · Saint Ann	William Edmonds
<b>Saturday, September 23</b>	<b>Vigil · 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Norman J. & Evelyn G. Authier
6:00pm · OLGV	Captain Rosario Grillo
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Cheryl Zarella
8:15am · Saint Ann	Giuseppe & Rosaria Cambria
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Catherine Cusumano
11:45am · OLGV	Richard J. Camille, Jr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 9th – September 10th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,098.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,786.00
Second Collection (Hurricane Relief)	\$5,075.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,206.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of September 9th – September 10th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,652.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,712.00
Second Collection (Hurricane Relief)	\$2,505.00

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 Erin & Megan Whittey  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Keva Marie (Sullivan) O'Neil  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Captain Francesco Ciaramitaro  
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](mailto: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!

**HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORT**

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Donate online: [catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org)  
Thank you for your generous support!