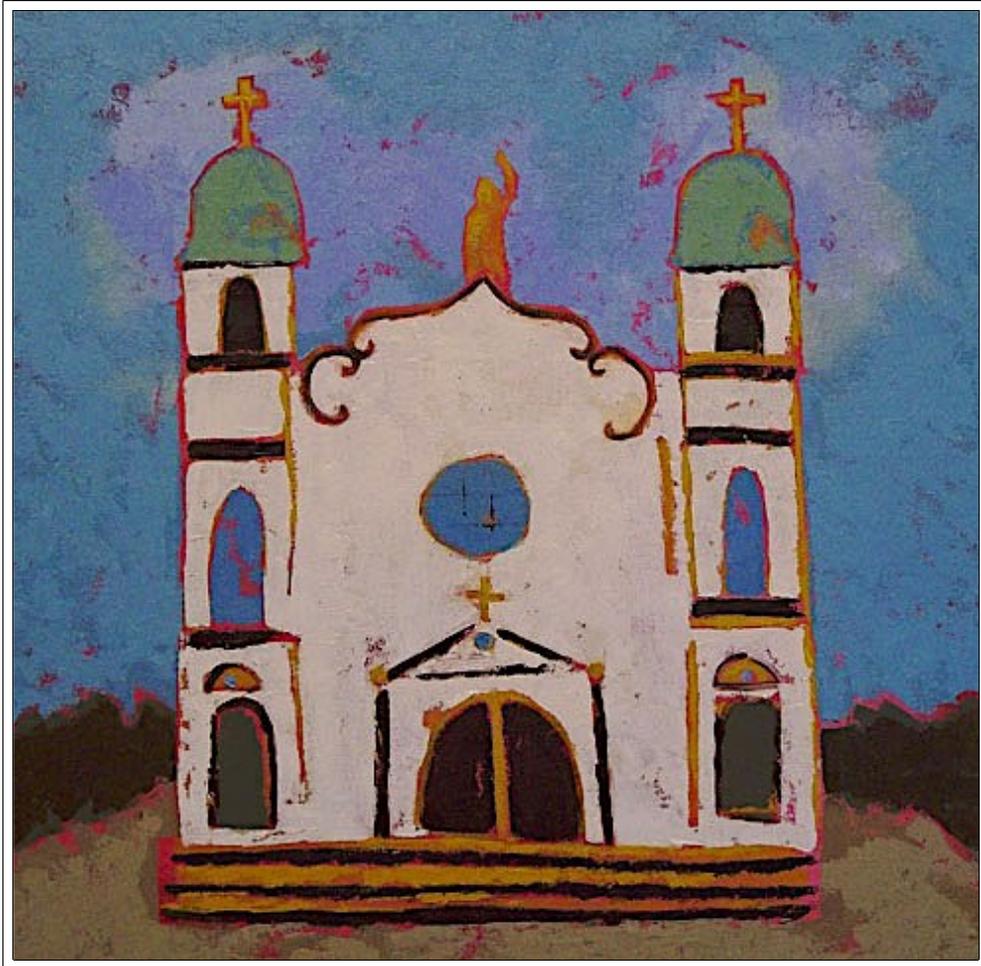


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Be Not Afraid: A Vigil for Life

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION · ROSARY FOR LIFE · BENEDICTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH · BEGINS AT 12:00PM

The Roman Catholic Church professes what is called a “consistent ethic of life” because we believe that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God; and that Jesus Christ suffered, died, and is risen for all of us. In this way, every person, without exception, is sacred and loved unconditionally by our God who is Master of the Universe and Creator of Heaven and Earth. In 1971, Eileen Eagan (1912-2000), founder of the organization that would become known as Pax Christi USA, first likened this consistent ethic of life to the “seamless garment” that Jesus wore but was not torn by his executioners (John 19:23). And in 1984, Cardinal Joseph Bernadin (1928-1996), Archbishop of Chicago, delivered a series of compelling lectures that gave full voice to the Church’s belief in the sanctity of every human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Cardinal Bernadin, a soft-spoken and deeply prayerful priest, spoke initially against the legalization of abortion and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. But he soon expanded the scope of the “seamless garment of life” to include assisted suicide, capital punishment, education, euthanasia, health care, poverty, violence, and war. Cardinal Bernadin argued that although each of these issues is complex and different, they are also linked because the intrinsic value of human life is at the center of each one. He said: “When human life is considered cheap or easily expendable in one area, eventually nothing is held as sacred and all lives are in jeopardy.” In light of this week’s horrific tragedy in Las Vegas, these words are especially true.

Each October, the Roman Catholic Church prays in a special way for the respect of all human life. This year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has chosen “Be Not Afraid!” as the theme of a month of prayer for all human life. Through this program, Church seeks to remind parishioners, political leaders, and policymakers about our obligation to respect every human life. Throughout October, all are encouraged to join in prayer for the protection of all human life:

Father and Maker of All,
 you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty,
 and you fashion human lives in your image and likeness.
 Awaken in every heart a reverence
 for the work of your hands,
 and renew in your people a readiness
 to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 your Son, who lives and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In solidarity with Pope Francis, Cardinal Sean, and the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, all are invited to join us for “Be Not Afraid: A Vigil for Life” on Friday, October 27th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. We will begin at 12:00pm with Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Throughout the afternoon, all are welcome to join us in silent prayer and adoration of the Real Presence of Christ Jesus. At 3:00pm, we will pray a Rosary for Life in answer to the Holy Father’s call to reach out and respect our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Our Vigil for Life will conclude at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information about the Vigil for Life, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. For more information about the USCCB’s Respect Life Program, please visit: usccb.org. Please join us for all or part of this special afternoon of prayer. All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish Annual Financial Report & Grand Annual Collection

Just over three years ago, Cardinal Sean O'Malley created the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as a collaborative of two historic parishes: Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Although our parishes share one pastor and one pastoral team, each parish remains canonically independent; has its own finance council; and maintains its own bills, building maintenance, and pastoral programs. Although collaboration between parishes is sometimes challenging, parishioners from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are now praying together, working together, and helping each other live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church here in Gloucester & Rockport.

During the past three years, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish has been blessed in many ways. Attendance at Mass is good. Parishioners are offering very positive feedback about our adult and youth faith formation programs. More young adults and young families are joining us for Mass. Special events like the penny sales, seasonal fairs, and the Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit are successful both by raising funds and by building and strengthening our parish as a vibrant community of prayer, fellowship, and service. And although we missed the goal for our Grand Annual Collection, contributions increased by 25% over the previous year! Thanks be to you and thanks be to God! As we count our blessings, however, we must also confront our challenges. Included in this week's newsletter (and posted on our website at ccgronline.com) is a financial summary for the fiscal year that ended on June 30th. For the third consecutive year, we did not balance our budget. As you know, we have worked hard during the past three years to significantly reduce our operating expenses across the board without weakening the pastoral ministries of our parish. Despite these efficiencies, we could not balance our annual budget. This means that we were forced again to use funds from our savings account to make ends meet.

But in every challenge, we find an opportunity! If we had reached last year's goal for the Grand Annual Collection, our budget would now be balanced! For this reason, I am writing to ask you to help me raise \$45,000 for this year's Grand Annual Collection. This fundraising campaign is vitally important to our annual parish budget and our long-term financial stability. It bridges the gap between our weekly offerings and our financial obligations: salaries and benefits, insurance premiums, utilities and snow plowing, essential parish programs, and stipends for our senior priest. Every contribution, whether it's for \$10 or \$100 will help us achieve our goal of a balanced budget; and every penny raised goes directly to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! During the coming weeks, every registered parish family will receive an offertory envelope for the Grand Annual Collection. Please place your offering in the second collection basket during the weekend of October 21st and October 22nd; or mail it to me as soon as possible. Additional envelopes are available from the office or at the doors of the church. As our Grand Annual Collection begins, please join me in praying that each of us, according to our means, will give generously to this all-important fundraising effort.

Finally, please join me in thanking the members of the Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish Finance Council for their dedicated service, good advice, and wise counsel: Patricia Bertero, Jean Madruga, and Ann Marie Noble. Special thanks also to two members of our pastoral team, Claire Murphy and Cliff Garvey, for their hard work and for keeping us focused on making the best use of the financial resources made available to us by our parishioners. Last but not least, my deepest thanks belong to our parishioners for their ongoing prayers and support. Your kindness and encouragement humbles me and sustains me in my ministry. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. And as always, thank you for your generous support of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday Mornings at 6:30am

The Men's Fellowship of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport meets every Saturday from 6:30am until 8:00am in the Parish Center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). New members are always welcome to join us for prayer, fellowship, and faith sharing, as we work on deepening our faith and our personal relationships with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. For more information about the Men's Fellowship, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal and charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Since 1897, our award-winning council has sponsored many works of charity on Cape Ann, including annual events like our blood drive, food drive, golf tournament (see below), and Coats for Kids, along with our ongoing support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Holy Family Women's Guild.

If you have twenty-four hours to volunteer for charity this year, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our communities. The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). For more information, please contact Mark Natti at 978-281-4820 or grandnight@kofc215.com; or visit our website: kofc215.com. Please join us! New members are always warmly welcomed!

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 grandnight@kofc215.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

HEARTSAVERS CPR COURSE Saturday, October 21st at 9:00am

Irene Kerr, a certified CPR instructor, longtime friend of our pastor, and member of the Assisi Project, has generously offered to teach the American Heart Association's Heartsavers CPR Course to parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Upon completion of this three hour course, participants will receive a certification from the American Heart Association in CPR and other lifesaving techniques.

The course will be offered on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00am until 12:00pm in the parish center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). The Heartsavers CPR Course is free but limited to just six participants. Please note that you must register in advance. Please also be advised that the course is fast-paced and involves some strenuous physical activity. If you would like to enroll in this special course, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. Please join us!

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK GOD'S SACRAMENTS OF HEALING Available Upon Request

Is there anyone sick among you? This question, found in the New Testament's Letter of Saint James (James 5:14), serves as an invitation for the sick and their caregivers to call upon the priests of the Church to pray over them and to anoint them with oil in the Lord's name. All parishioners are welcome to ask for prayer and for the Sacrament of the Sick before surgery or when diagnosed with a serious illness. This sacrament should not be regarded as "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of the Lord's healing presence in our lives.

If you or someone you love would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Holy Communion because they are homebound, in the hospital, or in nursing care due to age, illness, or disability, please see Father Jim before or after any Mass; or contact Melissa Unis at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgrounline.com. Please pray for our aged, disabled, hospitalized, and homebound fellow parishioners. May God bless, comfort, and heal them, now and always. May God bless and strengthen all caregivers. And may God bless and console all among us who grieve the loss of a friend or family member.

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!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CLOTHES CLOSET COAT SALE Saturday, October 14th · 9:00am-1:00pm

On Saturday, October 14th from 9:00am until 1:00pm, all are welcome to browse the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's Clothes Closet for a selection of new and slightly used winter coats and jackets. The coats will be on display in the parking lot (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus and to all of our friends and fellow parishioners who have donated coats and jackets for this special sale.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society's Clothes Closet is located in the basement level of the Saint Ann School with an entrance from the school yard on Pleasant Street. The shop is open year round on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. For more information about the Clothes Closet or the Coat Sale, please contact Helen Downey at 978-495-0337 or helendowney@yahoo.com. Please join us! All are welcome! Thank you for your ongoing support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm 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 of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY'S GUILD Baked Bean Supper with North Shore Acapella Friday, October 13th · Begins at 5:30pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for its Annual Baked Bean Supper on Friday, October 13th from 5:30pm until 8:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. We are delighted to announce that the North Shore Acapella will provide entertainment throughout this special evening of good food, fellowship, and song.

A donation of \$10 is requested for each adult; and \$6 for each child (age 10 and under). Tickets will be available at the door. Our menu will include hot dogs, linguica, baked beans, coffee, soda, and a variety of delicious homemade desserts. For more information, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or 978-790-0196. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Harvest Pie, Bread & Craft Sale Weekend of October 14th-October 15th

Fall has arrived! In celebration of the new season, the Holy Family Women's Guild is sponsoring a Harvest Pie, Bread & Craft Sale on Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th before and after the following Masses: 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; 8:15am in Saint Ann Church; and 10:00am in Saint Joachim Church.

Offerings will include freshly baked pies, quick breads, and a variety of harvest crafts. All proceeds support Holy Family Parish. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE ASSISI PROJECT Need Prayers?

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is a fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" that seeks to live the Gospel of Christ through the inspiration of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our mission is to serve the Church and to give witness to the Good News through formation and prayer, pilgrimage and retreat, and educating others about the gospel way of life.

Members of the Assisi Project, ranging in age from 15 to 92 all around the world, also pray for those who ask for our prayers. For more information or if you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com; or join us online at assisiproject.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**OCTOBER 7 – OCTOBER 15, 2017**

Saturday, October 7	Vigil · 27th Sunday
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
	27th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 9 8:00am · OLGV	Phyllis Sudbay
Tuesday, October 10 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Joseph & Rose Rogers
Wednesday, October 11 8:00am · OLGV	Fitz Lufkin, Jr.
Thursday, October 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Roland & Martha Blanchet
Friday, October 13 8:00am · OLGV	James Arthur Densmore
Saturday, October 14 8:00am · OLGV	Paul Frontiero III
Saturday, October 14	Vigil · 28th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Orient Provost
6:00pm · OLGV	Capt. Salvatore & Josephine Santuccio
Sunday, October 15	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Rev. Msgr. Richard Cunningham
8:15am · Saint Ann	Deceased Knights of Columbus
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Cory Bullard
11:45am · OLGV	Corey McCollum
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 30th – October 1st**

Weekly Offerings	\$8,200.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$9,078.00
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 30th – October 1st**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,940.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,000.00
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 Reverend Myron Bullock
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

Members of the Madonna del Rosario Society
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Victims of the Las Vegas Shooting
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Fitz Lufkin, Jr.
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts (bread & wine) 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!