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ADULT FAITH FORMATION



A Simple Life-Changing Prayer

**A BOOK STUDY & FAITH SHARING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS
BEGINS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT 7:00PM**

The winter season is a great time to curl up with a warm drink and a good book. It is also a great time to refresh and renew our spiritual lives. This year, as part of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's "Year for Vocations", Father Jim and Cliff Garvey will offer a series of adult faith formation programs designed to help us pray about, discern, and respond to God's plan for our lives.

We will begin with "The Winter Read", a four-week book study and faith sharing program during which participants will read and share their reactions to Jim Manney's book: "A Simple Life-Changing Prayer: Discovering the Power of Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Examen." This compelling little book about a 500 year old way of prayer will introduce us to a time-tested method of discerning God's presence in our lives. In short, it will introduce us to a potentially life-changing process of recognizing and responding to our individual vocations, regardless of our age, gender, or life experience.

All adult parishioners are invited to join us for this special program which will run on four consecutive Thursdays: February 15th, February 22nd, March 1st, and March 8th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each week, participants will be asked to read approximately 35 pages from the book. Each session will begin at 7:00pm with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After this period of shared prayer, Cliff will briefly introduce the reading for the week, followed by open 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, share their faith, and offer insights about Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Examen Prayer. If you are interested in joining us for this special adult faith formation program, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. All are invited! All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATES!

LENT MISSION & RETREAT

Wednesday, March 21st – Friday, March 23rd at 7:00pm

More information coming soon!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Real Work Begins Now!

This year, forty-two high school students from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish successfully completed the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Confirmation Preparation Program. As we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important to remember that Confirmation is not a form of graduation. Rather, it is the beginning of a mature person's lifelong spiritual journey. It is the beginning of one's work as a faithful and faith-filled disciple of Christ. In short, the real work begins now!

As our young fellow parishioners receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, I am mindful of the life and example of Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1991). Dr. Thurman was an influential African-American educator, philosopher, and theologian who influenced Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders of the twentieth century. I first learned about Dr. Thurman during my undergraduate years at Boston University. What I remember most is this short poem that Dr. Thurman wrote about "The Work of Christmas."

Now the work of Christmas begins:
when the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks.
The work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

In this beautiful poem, Dr. Thurman reminds us that the real work of Christmas begins after the holiday celebrations are over and after all of the decorations have been packed away. Likewise, the real work of discipleship for our Confirmation students (and for all of us) begins anew every time we share the Sign of Peace; every time we receive the Eucharist; and every time we are called to welcome the stranger, forgive our neighbor, or share our time, talent, and treasure with God's family. The work of discipleship is lifelong and culminates when Christ himself asks us to account for our lives. Did we help the Lord find the lost sheep? Did we help him feed the hungry? Did we help him bring consolation to prisoners? Did we help him bring peace to our families, our neighborhoods, and our workplaces? Did we help him make beautiful music in a world so often filled with the chaotic voices of anger and prejudice? Let us remember that the work of Christ begins now!

Howard Thurman once wrote: "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." My prayer for our newly Confirmed fellow parishioners is that they will fully embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; continue to grow in faith, hope, and love; continue to join our community in prayer, fellowship, and service; and come alive to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church. Please join me in praying for our candidates, their parents, sponsors, and catechists. And throughout this new year, let us pray for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE HOLY NAME SOCIETY PENNY SALE

Monday, January 15th at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, January 15th 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 good food and snacks. Donations are being accepted at our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). For more information about this fun fundraising event, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

CEVICOS MISSION UPDATE Request for Prayers & Donations

Founded in 2001, the Cevicos Mission offers educational, financial, medical, and spiritual support to poor families in the village of Cevicos in the Dominican Republic. The Cevicos Mission offers its benefactors and volunteers an opportunity to participate in rewarding service work by answering Christ's call to love and serve the poor.

From January 20th until January 27th, sixteen missionaries from our community will journey again to Cevicos for a week of prayer and service. Please pray for these dedicated men and women as they continue to do the Lord's work in the Dominican Republic. In addition to our prayers, the missionaries appreciate our donations. For more information about how you can help the Cevicos Mission, please contact William Dugan at wjdugan@verizon.net or visit holyfamilycevicos.org. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support of the Cevicos Mission!

PASTOR'S NOTE WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

For the latest information about weather related cancellations during the winter months in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website at ccgrronline.com. Announcements will also be made on WBZ1030 and cbsboston.com. All parishioners should note that if the public schools are closed during the week due to inclement weather, then our weekday Mass and all adult and youth faith formation programs will be canceled on that day. Peace and blessings to all for a Merry Christmas and a very safe winter season! — Father Jim

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A YEAR FOR VOCATIONS

WHO ARE YOU CALLED TO BE? PRAY · DISCERN · RESPOND

Two years ago, Pope Francis declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy, a time for the Catholic Church throughout the world to reflect on God's great gifts of love and forgiveness. This year, more locally, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport begins a "Year for Vocations", a time for us to think deeply about who God calls us to be and what God calls us to do with the one life that we are blessed to live on this earth.

As Christians, we believe that God calls us to live as faithful disciples. But in what form of life are we called to live our discipleship? As a woman, are you called to marriage, motherhood, religious life, or the single life? As a man, are you called to marriage, fatherhood, priesthood, or the diaconate? As a child of God are you called to a life of contemplation and solitude? Or are you called to a life of active ministry and service? What is your calling? What is your vocation? Who are you called to be? What are you called to do?

These are both timeless and troubling questions that sometimes can take a lifetime to answer. But with hearts open to prayer and discernment, God can help us find our way in the world. Each and every one of us (regardless of age or gender) can discover, rediscover, and respond to God's plan for our lives. But it takes work and sometimes requires help. Hence, we embark on a Year for Vocations!

Throughout the coming year, all of our adult faith formation programs will focus on helping us to understand the spirituality of vocation; praying about our vocation both as individuals and as members of a community; discerning what God asks of us during our lives; and responding to God's call at every stage of life. We will offer seasonal book study programs, two days of prayer and reflection, and other special events. And Sister Elizabeth Wagner will return to guide us on the path of discernment during Lent and Advent!

Beginning in February, we will gather on the First Friday of every month from 12:00pm until 5:00pm for "Vocation Fridays." These monthly prayer vigils will include Eucharistic Adoration, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer, and a Rosary for an increase of vocations to the diocesan priesthood. All are invited to join us for all or just part of these monthly prayer vigils.

Let us pray that each of us, in our own way, will learn to pray, discern, and respond to God's plan for our lives in a true spirit of faith, hope, and love. For more information about our "Year for Vocations", please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com.

PASTOR'S NOTES

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WELCOME BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL!

On behalf of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, we welcome the Very Reverend Mark O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop for the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston who joins us this weekend for our first celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, January 13th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Bishop Mark, we warmly welcome you to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! May God bless you and your ministry! – Father Jim

SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

As the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, January 13th and Saturday, February 3rd, let us join together in a heartfelt prayer of thanksgiving for those who prepared our students to receive this important sacrament: Peter Brau, Jennifer Dort, Mary Duran, and Doug Greenfield. Let us also pray in thanksgiving for Betsy Works, Associate Minister for Youth Faith Formation. Their dedication and hard work ensure that all of our Candidates for Confirmation are ready to receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit! Thanks to all for a job well done! May God bless you! – Father Jim

SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO A VERY SPECIAL PRIEST

On behalf of our pastoral team and all fellow parishioners, I wish to sincerely thank my friend and brother priest, the Reverend Patrick Moran, CSSR for visiting during the Christmas Season and assisting with confessions, funerals, and the celebration of both daily and weekend Masses. Father Paddy's generosity, kindness, and boundless good cheer were a great gift to all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

For almost two decades, Cape Ann and its good people have held a special place in Father Paddy's heart. By all accounts, that was clear to each and every person who was touched by his priestly ministry during the Christmas Season. As a parting gift to us, Father Paddy wants us to know that he has taken the cold weather back to Ireland!

Finally, on a more personal note, Father Paddy's visit was a great gift to me because it allowed me to take a full week's vacation. I am deeply grateful to him for all that he did for all of us during the past two weeks. Please pray for Father Paddy and for his ministries both in Ireland and Ethiopia! And let us cry out across a vast ocean: Thank you, Father Paddy! Come back soon! – Father Jim

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 contact Sue Demetri at 978-281-4820 or contact her at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com. New members are always welcome! 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 these 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 4:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, contact Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com or Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. For assistance, please contact our Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Find out! Join us: ccgonline.com/fellowship
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OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JANUARY 13—JANUARY 21, 2018**

Saturday, January 13	Vigil · Second Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Sacrament of Confirmation
6:00pm · OLGV	Philip E. Perry
Sunday, January 14	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Humberto Mota
8:15am · Saint Ann	Betty Lafata
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Anthony Frontiero
11:45am · OLGV	Angela & Nicolo Vitale
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Second Week of Ordinary Time
Monday, January 15th 8:00am · OLGV	Rita Fahy
Tuesday, January 16th 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, January 17th 8:00am · OLGV	Matteo & Santina LoGrande
Thursday, January 18th 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, January 19th 8:00am · OLGV	Muriel Stack
Saturday, January 20th 8:00am · Saint Ann	Peter Feeney
Saturday, January 20th	Vigil · Third Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Girolamo "Mimi" Lentini
6:00pm · OLGV	Herman & Marie Bouchie
Sunday, January 21st	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Rev. Mr. Raymond Wellbank
10:00am · Saint Joachim	George & Josephine Piacitelli
11:45am · OLGV	Anna Adelfio
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of January 6th – January 7th**

Weekly Offerings	\$4,532.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$5,410.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$19,000.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,389.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of January 6th – January 7th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,030.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,110.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$15,254.00

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 Reverend Mr. Raymond Wellbank
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Domenico Viviano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

For Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood
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@ccgonline.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 throughout the new year!