

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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## THE ASSISI PROJECT



### 'On Vocation' with Saint Francis

OUR ELEVENTH ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI  
NOVEMBER 8TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 16TH

For the eleventh consecutive year, Father Jim, Cliff Garvey, and the Assisi Project will sponsor a week-long, small-group pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy. Each year, our pilgrims literally walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. This year will be no different! From November 8th through November 16th, we will journey again to Assisi and to the Franciscan Sanctuary at La Verna. In addition, as part of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's 'Year for Vocations', we will explore how God called Francis and Clare to live the Gospel of Christ in profoundly different ways.

Each morning on pilgrimage will begin with Morning Prayer and Holy Mass. Father Jim will celebrate Masses at the Basilica of Saint Francis, the Basilica of Saint Clare, the Basilica of Our Lady of Angels (Porziuncola Chapel), the Carceri Hermitage, and the Sanctuary at La Verna. Each afternoon, our pilgrims will have free time and guidance to explore Assisi at their own pace and to visit its many churches, museums, cafes, and shops. Each evening, we will gather as a community for Evening Prayer, supper, a spiritual reflection, and faith sharing.

As a fellowship of pilgrims, we will explore the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Each of these blessed shrines contains the tombs of the saints, holy relics, historic frescoes, and other priceless works of art, along with quiet chapels for personal prayer and worship. We will also visit the Cathedral of Saint Rufinus, where Francis and Clare were baptized; the Church of Saint Damian, where Christ spoke to Francis and hastened his conversion; the Carceri Hermitage, where Francis and his first followers retreated for solitude and silent prayer; and the little chapel known as the Porziuncola or "Little Portion", which is considered the home church of the worldwide Franciscan community.

In addition, we will spend leisurely afternoons in and around the Piazza del Comune, Assisi's city center, with its ancient Roman temple (now a Catholic Church consecrated to the Blessed Mother), sidewalk cafes, and countless shops. Our more adventurous pilgrims will also have an opportunity to visit the Rocca Maggiore, the great medieval fortress with its stunning views of Assisi, Mount Subasio, and the Spoleto Valley. And finally, we will travel to La Verna, the mountain sanctuary in Tuscany, where Saint Francis received the stigmata. At La Verna, we will celebrate Mass, enjoy a traditional Tuscan lunch, and participate in the daily procession that commemorates how Francis received the five wounds of the Crucified Christ.

The cost of this extraordinary pilgrimage is \$3,499 per person and includes roundtrip airfare and fees (from Boston Logan Airport); all ground transportation (except personal taxi services in Assisi); seven nights accommodation (single room and bathroom) at Casa Santa Brigida in Assisi; and all meals in the guest house (breakfast, lunch, and supper). Prospective pilgrims should note that this pilgrimage involves some strenuous physical activity; and that access to some pilgrimage sites in Italy is limited for those with physical disabilities. Finally, a portion of each pilgrimage ticket will be donated to the Saint Ann Church Restoration Fund in memory of Deacon Ray Wellbank. For more information about the Assisi Project's 11th Annual Fall Pilgrimage, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com).

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

# The Gentle Whisper of Peace

*By Pope Francis*

When Jesus saw the crowds (Matthew 5:1), he saw the faces of his followers. What is most remarkable is that they encounter in the gaze of Jesus the echo of their own longings and aspirations. This encounter gives rise to the Beatitudes, that horizon towards which we are called and challenged to set out. The Beatitudes are not the fruit of passivity in the face of reality, nor of a mere onlooker gathering grim statistics about current events. They are not the product of the prophets of doom who seek only to spread dismay. They are not mirages that promise happiness with a single "click." Rather, the Beatitudes are born of the compassionate heart of Jesus that encounters the hearts of people who seek and yearn for a happy life; who know what it is to suffer, who appreciate the confusion and pain of having the earth shake beneath their feet or seeing their dreams washed away when the work of a lifetime comes to nothing; and who know what it is to persevere and struggle to keep going, what it means to rebuild and start over.

The Beatitudes are not the fruit of the hypercritical attitude or cheap words of those who think they know it all but are unwilling to commit themselves to anything or anyone, and end up preventing any chance of generating change and reconstruction in our communities. The Beatitudes are born in a merciful heart that never loses hope; a heart that experiences as "a new day, a casting out of inertia, a shaking off of weariness and negativity (Pablo Neruda)." By proclaiming blessed are the poor, the grieving, the afflicted, the patient, and the merciful, Jesus casts out the paralysis of those who no longer believe in the transforming power of God or in their brothers and sisters. By proclaiming the Beatitudes, Jesus shakes us out of the negativity, the sense of resignation that prompts us to think that we can have a better life by escaping our problems, shunning others, hiding within our own comforts, and dulling our senses with consumerism. This sense of resignation tends to isolate us, divide us, separate us, and blind us to life around us and to the suffering of others.

The Beatitudes are that "new day" for all who look to the future, who still dream, and who allow themselves to be touched and sent forth by the Holy Spirit...Blessed are you if you are moved by the Holy Spirit and you struggle to work for that new day...for yours will be the kingdom of heaven. Against the negative inaction that undermines our deepest relationships and divides us, Jesus tells us: Blessed are those who work for reconciliation. Blessed are those ready to dirty their hands so that others can live in peace. Blessed are those who do not sow division. This is how the Beatitudes teach us to be peacemakers; to make ever greater room for the spirit of reconciliation in our midst. Do you want to be blessed? Do you want to be happy? Blessed are those who work so that others can be happy!

Do you want peace? Work for peace! Come out of your homes and look into people's faces. Go out of your way to meet someone having a difficult time, someone who has not been treated as a person, as a worthy son or daughter of this land. This is the only way to forge a future of peace. A peacemaker knows that it is often necessary to overcome great or subtle faults or ambitions born of a desire for power, a desire to be important at the cost of others. A peacemaker knows that it is not enough to simply say: "I am not hurting anybody." As Saint Alberto Hurtado once said: "It is very good not to do wrong, but very bad to do no good." Peacemaking is a process that calls us together and stimulates our creativity by encouraging relationships where we see our neighbor not as a stranger, but as a son or daughter of this land. Let us commend ourselves to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception...May she help us to live the Spirit of the Beatitudes, so that on every corner, we will hear like a gentle whisper: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

*Excerpted the Holy Father's Homily in Santiago, Chile (1-16-18)*

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### THE ASSISI PROJECT SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS Saturday, January 27th at 8:00am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is a "Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit" with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Africa. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of each month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will reflect and discuss the Church's teaching and tradition on social justice. All are reminded that you do not need to travel with us to Assisi to be an active member of the Assisi Project.

Members of our fellowship all around the world, ranging in age from 15 to 92, also pray for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like more information about the Assisi Project or if you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, February 6th at 5:30pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and community. Throughout the year, the Holy Family Women's Guild hosts many fundraising events and social gatherings, including seasonal bake sales, the Strawberry Festival, and the Christmas Fair.

The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our special guest will be Suzanne McCalla, who will show us the basics for a beginner quilter. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this event. Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

### MORE NEWS & INFORMATION

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## CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES



### CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP JESUS, LENT & ME Begins Tuesday, February 20th at 8:00am

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our next Catholic Kids Camp: "Jesus, Lent & Me" from Tuesday, February 20th through Friday, February 23rd from 8:00am until 12:00pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer, fun, and fellowship, children will learn about the Holy Season of Lent and the Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 20th  
Our Lenten Journey

Day II: Wednesday, February 21st  
Praying with Jesus

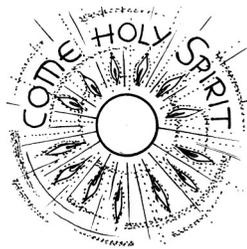
Day III: Tuesday, February 22nd  
Fasting with Jesus

Day IV: Friday, February 23rd  
Almsgiving with Jesus

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. Catholic Kids Camp is an exciting and educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during the winter school vacation is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families that cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available at [ccgrounline.com/formation](http://ccgrounline.com/formation). For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome!

## CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM Begins February 25th! Registration Underway!

For too many teenagers, the Sacrament of Confirmation has sadly become a kind of graduation from the Catholic Church rather than the joyful beginning of life as an adult disciple within the Church. We hope to end this tragic ambivalence by transforming sacramental preparation into an engaging process for the whole family.

First, we place primary focus on attending Mass. For more than a century, the Church asked every parish to offer sacramental preparation programs for children and teenagers. During recent decades, however, we neglected to remind parents of their baptismal promise to be the first teachers of their children in all matters related to faith and morals; and that the most important component of their responsibility is attending Mass as a family.

In our increasingly busy world, it has become common for parents to entrust their children to us for an hour of instruction, but then not join us for Mass each weekend. So, we will continue to ask parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education by joining us for just one of our seven weekend Masses!

In addition, all high school students (beginning in ninth grade) are invited to participate in our two-year program of formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the first year, students will attend seven interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. These sessions begin on Sunday, February 25th. During the second year, students will attend additional workshops and a mini-retreat designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; to prepare them to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and to jumpstart their lives as faith-filled young disciples.

If your child is now in high school and wants to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete a registration form and return it as soon as possible! Registration forms are available at [ccgrounline.com/formation](http://ccgrounline.com/formation). For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE THE BLESSING OF THROATS Saturday, February 3rd at 8:00am Mass

On Saturday, February 3rd, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us in celebrating the Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr. Little is known about Saint Blaise except that he lived during the fourth century and served as Bishop of Silvas (Turkey). During the Roman persecution of Christian believers, he was martyred for refusing to deny his faith in the Risen Christ.

Tradition holds that as Blaise was being arrested, a mother approached him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child coughed up the bone and was healed. For more than one thousand years, he has been venerated as the patron saint of those suffering from illnesses of the throat.

Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we will celebrate the traditional Blessing of Throats on Saturday, February 3rd, the Feast of Saint Blaise, during the celebration of Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady's. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! And through the intercession of Saint Blaise, may God deliver us from every disease of the throat and from all other illnesses! Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, pray for us!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, February 5th 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 prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Andrea Bouchie and Linda Galvin will serve as co-chairwoman of the meeting.

Members are reminded that February is "Cakeless Cake Sale Month." Donations can be brought to the upcoming meeting or mailed to Jean Madruga. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at [jcbf33@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbf33@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

### COMING SOON! A SIMPLE LIFE-CHANGING PRAYER

Book Study & Faith Sharing for Adults  
Begins Thursday, February 15th at 7:00pm  
All are invited! All are welcome!  
Learn more: [ccgrounline.com/formation/](http://ccgrounline.com/formation/)

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**JANUARY 20 – JANUARY 28, 2018**

<b>Saturday, January 20</b>	<b>Vigil · Third Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Girolamo “Mimi” Lentini
6:00pm · OLGV	Herman & Marie Bouchie
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
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	Matteo Russo
	<b>Third Week of Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, January 22nd 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Tuesday, January 23rd 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Martin Dillon
Wednesday, January 24th 8:00am · OLGV	Giuseppa Trupiano Bologna
Thursday, January 25th 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Ethel Vadala
Friday, January 26th 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Helen Miller
Saturday, January 27th 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
<b>Saturday, January 27th</b>	<b>Vigil · Fourth Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	David O’Brien, Jr.
6:00pm · OLGV	Leonardo & Caterina Russo
<b>Sunday, January 28th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	James E. Shield
8:15am · Saint Ann	Hugh B. Harris
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Maureen Healy
11:45am · OLGV	Stacie Anderson
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Weekend of January 13th – January 14th**

Weekly Offerings	\$7,284.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,162.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$25,060.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**

**Weekend of January 13th – January 14th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,580.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,660.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,085.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$16,138.00

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 Dr. Mary Foley  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Reverend Mr. Raymond Wellbank  
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@ccgrounline.com](mailto:office@ccgrounline.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!

**REMEMBERING DEACON RAY**

The Assisi Project’s Person of the Year 2017

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