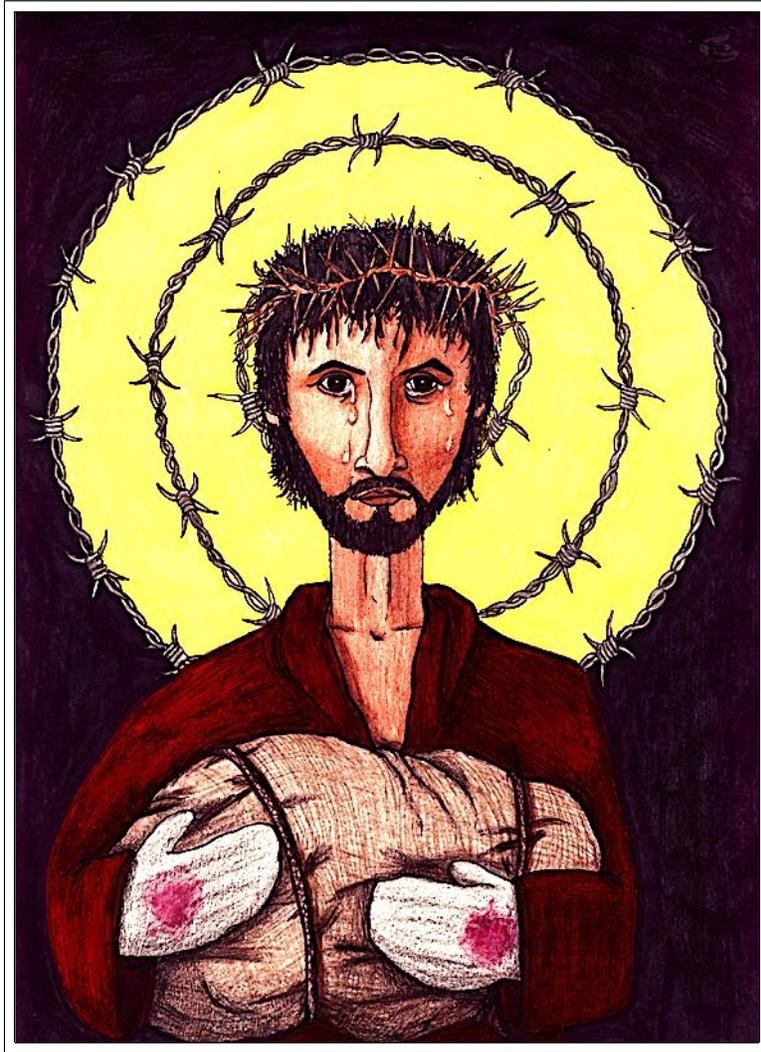


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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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

Learn more: ccgrounline.com/formation!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Face to Face with the Figure of Christ

By Cliff Garvey

Before beginning my work for the Church, politics was my passion. I volunteered on political campaigns in high school. I studied politics in college and graduate school. I worked for two United States Senators. I worked as a political consultant. And for more than a decade, I taught political science at a local university. This experience tells me that what we are hearing nowadays from many of our political leaders is tainted with bigotry and racism. For the first time in my life, I fear for our brothers and sisters who are immigrants or refugees, disabled or sick, gay or transgendered. For the first time in my life, I am actually afraid for those who seem, sound, or somehow look “different.”

As Catholics, how are we called to think about the bigotry that has risen to the top of our country’s political culture? The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God’s design (CCC 1935).” And the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) states: “Racism is an evil...Racism is a sin...New forms of racism must be brought face-to-face with the figure of Christ.” The teachings of the Catholic Church are clear about racism in all of its ugly forms.

As Catholics, how then are we called to respond to racism? In 1979, our bishops published a pastoral letter that declared: “Let the church proclaim to all that the sin of racism defies the image of God and degrades the sacred dignity of humankind which has been revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation. Let all know that it is a terrible sin that mocks the Cross of Christ and ridicules the Incarnation. For the brother and sister of our brother Jesus Christ are brother and sister to us.” Then the bishops went even further. They boldly declared: “Let the church speak out, not only in the assemblies of the bishops, but in every diocese and parish in the land, in every chapel and religious house, in every school, in every social service agency, and in every institution that bears the name Catholic.”

Despite these strong words, an eerie silence emanates from many chanceries and pulpits. Although Father Jim preached last weekend against the rising tide of racism, many bishops and pastors seem reluctant to confront racism with the “figure of Christ.” Last week, an article in “America” magazine reported that while our bishops have broadened the scope of their public comments about political issues, there is widespread agreement that they should be more outspoken about immigration, social justice, and especially racism. Just last weekend, for example, some Catholic leaders publicly criticized Pope Francis, but those same leaders seem reluctant to openly criticize politicians for comments that are insensitive, uncharitable, or even outright racist. Why is that? Fear? Finances? Partisanship?

In the end, this is not about politics; and anyone who knows me knows that this is not about favoring one political party over another. It is instead about standing for what is right and rejecting what is wrong. It is about who we are and who we should be as a community of disciples. It is about treating the least among us as we wish to be treated. It is about accepting the reality that we cannot possibly love God if we do not love our neighbor, whether that neighbor is black, brown, or white; rich or poor; gay or straight; Christian or non-Christian; legal or illegal. We are all God’s children!

In this spirit, let us confront bigotry, racism, and injustice with the “figure of Christ” made manifest in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds. Let us pray for the purveyors of racism so that their hearts and minds might be moved by God’s grace to truly love and serve the poorest among us. Let us pray for the victims of racism so that their lives might be brightened by those who live by the light of Christ. Let us pray for each other so that we might find the courage to practice the Golden Rule in our homes, communities, and workplaces. Finally, let us pray for our bishops so that they might rediscover their prophetic voices and cry out again and again: “Racism is an evil! Racism is a sin! New forms of racism must be brought face-to-face with the figure of Christ!” For more information about the Catholic Church’s teaching about racism, please click the link at ccgonline.com.

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
GATHERING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS****Thursday, February 1st at 6:00pm**

Father Jim is full of energy, but as the only full-time priest assigned to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, he needs our help! For this reason, he hopes to create a team of youth altar servers to assist him at Mass. All young disciples (ages 8 through 17) are invited to participate on a weekly or monthly basis. Training will begin on Thursday, February 1st at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Being an altar server is a great way to make new friends, grow in discipleship, and learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Parents and grandparents are welcome to serve, too! For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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

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!

**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 ccgronline.com. All parishioners are reminded that if the public schools are closed due to inclement weather, then our weekday Mass and all adult and youth faith formation programs will be canceled, too. Peace and blessings to all for a safe winter season! — Father Jim

YEAR FOR VOCATIONS**VOCATION FRIDAYS
A MONTHLY VIGIL OF PRAYER
Friday, February 2nd · Begins at 12:00pm**

As Catholic 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? What is your calling? What is our vocation? These questions can sometimes take a lifetime to answer. But with hearts open to prayer and discernment, God can help us to 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.

This year, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is celebrating a "Year for Vocations", a time for us to pray and reflect on 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. In this spirit, we will gather on Friday, February 2nd from 12:00pm until 6:00pm for "Vocation Friday" 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 an increase in vocations to the priesthood. And we will conclude at 5:45pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. These "Vocation Fridays" also will be held on the First Friday of every month: March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th.

Our hope is that all parishioners and their families will be able to join us for at least one of these special afternoons of prayer, discernment, and devotion at some point during the "Year for Vocations." If you are not able to join us this month, please pray with us this powerful "Prayer for Guidance" by Saint Francis of Assisi:

Most High and Glorious God,
bring light to the darkness of my heart.
Give me right faith,
certain hope,
and perfect charity.
O Lord,
give me insight and wisdom,
so that I might always discern
your holy and true will.
Amen.

Throughout this "Year for Vocations", our prayer is that each of us, in our own way, will learn to pray, discern, and respond to God's call with faith, hope, and love in our hearts. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or check out our new vocations page at ccgronline.com/vocations. 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 of Good Voyage Church. 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. After our business meeting, we will hold a silent auction. All members are reminded to bring their food and auction donations.

All Guild members are reminded that February is "Cakeless Cake Sale Month." Donations can be brought to the upcoming meeting or mailed to Jean Madruga. Andrea Bouchie and Linda Galvin will serve as co-chairwomen of this month's meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! So, please be sure to join us!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION
Join us: ccgronline.com!

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 ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JANUARY 27 – FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

Saturday, January 27	Vigil · Fourth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	David O'Brien, Jr.
6:00pm · OLGV	Leonardo & Caterina Russo
Sunday, January 28	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
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
	Fourth Week of Ordinary Time
Monday, January 29th 8:00am · OLGV	Leonardo & Caterina Russo
Tuesday, January 30th 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Raymond McManus
Wednesday, January 31st 8:00am · OLGV	Charles Works
Thursday, February 1st 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Frank Iacono
Friday, February 2nd 8:00am · OLGV	Rev. Mr. Raymond Wellbank
Saturday, February 3rd 8:00am · OLGV	George & Leona Budrow
Saturday, February 3rd	Vigil · Fifth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Ronald M. Joseph
6:00pm · OLGV	Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday, February 4th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Julia & Alcides Padre
8:15am · Saint Ann	Vincenzo & Nunzia Russo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano & Anthony Frontiero
11:45am · OLGV	Eileen Donovan
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of January 20th – January 21st**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,319.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,197.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$27,495.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of January 20th – January 21st**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,923.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,003.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$16,238.00

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 Eileen Donovan
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of James Knowlton
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Frank Iacono
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of the Scola Family
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@ccgconline.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!