

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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A YEAR FOR VOCATIONS

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany Proclamation

While Christmas Day is fixed in our minds and on our calendars as December 25th, many of the important feast days of the Church Year move based on the date of Easter Sunday. Each year, Easter is scheduled for the First Sunday following the "Paschal Full Moon" and can occur between March 22nd and April 25th. In ancient times, before calendars were commonplace, most people did not know the dates for the feasts of the new liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the dates were proclaimed during the celebration of Holy Mass. After the proclamation of the Gospel, a cantor, deacon, or lector, in keeping with the ancient practices of the Church, may announce from the ambo the moveable feasts of the new year.

Dear brothers and sisters,
know that we have rejoiced
at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy,
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the Fourteenth Day of February
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the First Day of April,
you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Tenth Day of May
will be the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Twentieth Day of May,
the Feast of Pentecost.

On the Third Day of June,
the Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.

On the Second Day of December,
the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.



OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A Year for Vocations: Pray. Discern. Respond.

Two years ago, Pope Francis declared an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, a time for the Catholic Church throughout the world to pray and reflect on God's great gift of forgiveness. During that Year of Mercy, a special emphasis was placed on deepening our understanding of the Lord's boundless love and mercy for each and every person – no matter who they are, what they've done, or where they're from. This year, more locally, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport begins what we are calling 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. The word vocation has linguistic origins in the Latin word "vocare" which means "to call." As Christians, we believe that God calls us to live as faithful and faith-filled 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. Discernment is the spiritual process by which we can learn what God calls us to be and what God calls us to do with our lives. It is the process by which we can recognize and respond to God's vocation for us – whether that vocation leads us into the cloister, the wedding chapel, or the world of commerce. 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 this 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 (spring and fall), and other special events. And Sister Elizabeth Wagner will return to guide us on the path of discernment. Finally, beginning in February, we will gather on the First Friday of every month from 12:00pm until 6:00pm 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. My hope is that you and your family will be able join us for at least one of these special afternoons of prayer, discernment, and devotion. And throughout this "Year for Vocations", my 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.

Peace and blessings to all for a happy new year!
Father Jim

PASTOR'S NOTES

A SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

As the Christmas Season comes to a close, let us join together in a prayer of heartfelt thanksgiving for the parishioners and pastoral team members who dedicated their time, talent, and treasure in helping us celebrate these holy days with a spirit of faith, hope, and love for the Lord! On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we thank Cliff Garvey, Suzanne McLaughlin, Matt Maglio, Jane Russo, Lucy Sheehan, and Lori Thorstensen for their good work in decorating our churches so beautifully for the holidays.

We also thank Barbara Frontiero, Carolyn Gillman, Maryagnes Gillman, Barbara Maloney, Jane Russo, Lori Thorstensen, and the members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for their hard work with this year's Christmas Giving Trees. In addition, we thank all adults and children who served as acolytes, greeters, lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers during Mass, especially on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Last but not least, we sincerely thank Tom Misuraca, Luann Palazolla, Patty Natti, and our adult, youth, and Brazilian music ministers for giving us the gifts of beautiful music and song during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. May God bless all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! Peace and blessings to all for a happy new year! — Father Jim

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. 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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

As the new year begins, all are reminded that requested submissions to our weekly newsletter are due by noon on Fridays, one full week before the following Sunday's newsletter is published. Submissions that announce parish programs and events are given first priority. All requested submissions may be edited for content and style; must include date, time, location, and contact information for the event; and should be sent directly to Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com (no exceptions). Thank you for your ongoing cooperation! — 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 at 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 personal relationships with Jesus Christ and the Church. For more information, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. 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!

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 give witness to the Good News through prayer & formation, pilgrimage & retreat, and educating others about the Franciscan way of life. The Assisi Project always welcomes new members and meets on the last Saturday of each month beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Saint Ann Church.

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

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, January 7th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society is a service organization of men which was founded to support our parish through fundraising and volunteer service. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 7th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served. Annual dues of \$20 will be collected. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, January 8th at 6:30pm

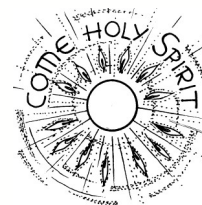
Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages through fundraising, good works, prayer, and social events. The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After a business meeting, a silent auction will be held. All members are invited to bring their food and auction donations. Fatima Lourenço and Rose DeLima will serve as co-chairwomen. 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. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tuesday, January 9th 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 council has sponsored countless charitable works on Cape Ann, including annual events like our blood drive, food drive, golf tournament, Coats for Kids, and our ongoing support for the Holy Family Women's Guild and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

If you have twenty-four hours to volunteer for charity during the coming year, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our community. The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (which is located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Mark Natti at 978-281-4820 or grandknight@kofc215.com; or kofc215.com. Please join us! New members are welcome!

MAKING YOUNG DISCIPLES



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Saturday, January 13th & Saturday, February 3rd

Along with Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism through the outpouring of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Right Judgment, Understanding, Wisdom, and Wonder & Awe. These gifts seal or "confirm" the mystical union between the candidate and Christ Jesus and prepare them to actively participate in the prayer, worship, and apostolic ministry of the Catholic Church.

This year, forty-two high school students from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish have successfully completed the requirements of our Confirmation Preparation Program. During the past two years, they attended Mass together and completed a rigorous program of formation. In addition, they participated in the "New Spirit Evening of Reflection"; completed service projects; and prayed together as a community of young disciples. These students are now well-prepared to publicly renew their baptismal vows, profess their faith, and live as faithful and faith-filled Roman Catholics.

The Very Reverend Mark O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop for the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston will join us for our annual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, January 13th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; and Saturday, February 3rd at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

As always, the success of our youth faith formation program depends on volunteers. So, on behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, Father Jim gives God great thanks and praise for this year's dedicated and hardworking team of catechists: Peter Brau, Jennifer Dort, Mary Duran, and Doug Greenfield. Their generous gifts of time and talent have ensured that all of our candidates are ready to accept and embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation. Thank you!

As we approach our celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please pray for them and for their parents, sponsors, and families. For more information about our youth faith formation programs, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JANUARY 6 – JANUARY 14, 2017**

Saturday, January 6	Vigil · The Epiphany of the Lord
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Vincenzo Terranova
6:00pm · OLGV	Anthony & Elsie Marks
Sunday, January 7	The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00am · OLGV	Matteo Russo
8:15am · Saint Ann	Julia Guarassi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Helene Ayivor
11:45am · OLGV	Angelo Noto
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	First Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, January 8th 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Trifone
Tuesday, January 9th 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Marion Gorski
Wednesday, January 10th 8:00am · OLGV	Manuel Amaral
Thursday, January 11th 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Elizabeth Ioughran
Friday, January 12th 8:00am · OLGV	Jose & Isolina Matos
Saturday, January 13th 8:00am · Saint Ann	Kathryn Cantillon White
Saturday, January 13th	Vigil · Second Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Sacrament of Confirmation
6:00pm · OLGV	Philip E. Perry
Sunday, January 14th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Humberto Mota
8:15am · Saint Ann	Betty Lafata
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Angela & Nicolo Vitale
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of December 30th – December 31st**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,029.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$5,907.00
Second Collection	N/A
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 December 30th – December 31st**

Weekly Offerings	\$950.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$1,030.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$12,724.00

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 John Orlando
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Anthony Frontiero
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Mercurio Orlando
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of James J. Hession, Jr.
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Joachim 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