

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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HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

Our Worship Schedule

ALL ARE INVITED! ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH

FRANCISCAN WAY OF THE CROSS
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH AT 2:30PM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH

MORNING PRAYER
SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH AT 8:00AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
SAINT ANN CHURCH AT 7:00PM

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH
UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH

MORNING PRAYER
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH AT 8:00AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAINT ANN CHURCH AT 12:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH AT 3:00PM
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH AT 7:00PM

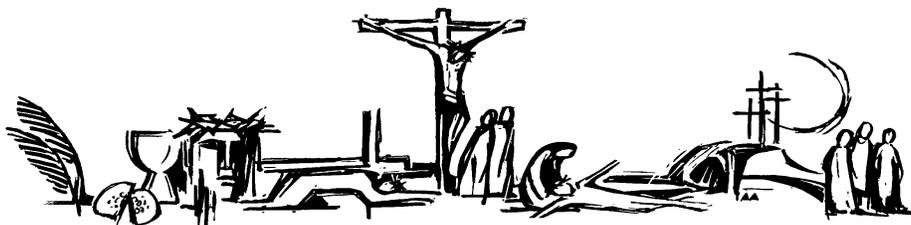
HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

MORNING PRAYER
SAINT ANN CHURCH AT 8:00AM

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE
SAINT ANN CHURCH AT 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

7:00AM MASS IN OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH
8:15AM MASS IN SAINT ANN CHURCH
10:00AM MASS IN SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH
11:45AM MASS IN OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH



OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Lean In

BY FATHER JIM

As a priest and pastor, I am called to consecrate the simple gifts of bread and wine that become the spiritual food that strengthens us, sustains us, and serves the source and summit of our shared faith. I am called to celebrate with you during the baptisms and weddings of your children, grandchildren, and godchildren. I am called to absolve your sins and shortcomings in the sacred privacy of the confessional. I am called to anoint you with the oil of God's love and mercy when you are sick. And I am called to mourn with you and your family during moments of grief and despair.

During those darker times, when death knocks at your family's door, I am usually able to console you with a sympathetic word or warm embrace. Sometimes we talk about a long life well-lived, about grandchildren and great-grandchildren, about jobs and hobbies, or about fond memories of once-in-a-lifetime journeys to the far corners of the world. But sometimes, in the face of unimaginable tragedy, words fail and condolences fall far short of mending broken hearts. Sometimes, there are no words and no answers. Sometimes, there is only the smallest glimmer of hope that time will somehow ease the pain of the sudden death of a child, close friend, or loved one.

Last month, we watched in horror as fourteen high school students and three of their teachers were murdered by a disturbed young man with an automatic weapon. In response, tens of thousands of high school students (including many students in our own communities) have rightfully demanded that our elected leaders enact legislation to control access to weapons of war that have no place in our homes, in our schools, or on our streets. These young activists (and their parents) have channeled their anger and grief into concrete action to hopefully prevent another mass shooting like the one at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

But what about us? What can we say and do in the face of unspeakable sorrow? During the last two weeks, I have been called upon to preside over three funerals for young adults in our community who took their own lives. Although these sad events were unrelated, they speak volumes about what happens when someone we love becomes lost, unable to cope, and somehow reaches the point where the final solution is the only solution to life's problems. For those left behind, the demand for answers is urgent, but the answers themselves are almost always elusive and they almost never bring solace.

What can we do when our lives seem broken beyond repair? What can we do when death and disaster visit our family or our community? After long hours of reflection, my only answer is to "lean in." Lean into the head winds of prayer when we feel crushed by sadness. Lean into the light of hope that comes with each early spring sunrise. Lean into the arms of family, friends, and fellow parishioners who offer consolation, friendship, and love. Lean into the arms of our Father in Heaven who is ever present even when all seems lost here on earth. Lean into the embrace of the Crucified Christ who opens wide his arms upon the cross to enfold in his love all who mourn, all who weep, all who seek to understand an unthinkable loss. Lean into the love that transcends the tomb.

As we begin this final full week of Lent, let us lean in together. Let us lean in toward each other and toward the Lord, heart to heart, and hand in hand. Let us lean in together in prayer for those we love, for those we have lost, and for all who are left behind to carry the heavy cross of grief. Let us lean in together in confidence, as a community of disciples, and beg the Lord to bless us, to bless our families, to bless our community, and to bless our country with an increase in faith, hope, love, and peace. Amen.

THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH



SAINT JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!
Patron of Fathers & Protector of Children
Monday, March 19th

For more than 1,000 years, the Roman Catholic Church has venerated Saint Joseph as patron of fathers, protector of children (both born and unborn), and guardian of unwed mothers. He is also venerated as patron of carpenters, laborers, immigrants, and those who doubt their faith. Christian believers throughout the world will celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Monday, March 19th. Traditional devotions to Saint Joseph remain strong here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. In this spirit, let us raise our hearts and voices in prayer to Saint Joseph for the protection of our children:

O Saint Joseph,
 to you God committed the care of His Only Son
 amid the many dangers of this world.
 We come to you and ask you
 to take under your special protection all children
 in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.
 Through Holy Baptism,
 they became children of God
 and members of His Holy Church.
 We consecrate them to you,
 so that through our humble prayers,
 they become your foster children.
 Guard them, guide their steps in life,
 form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary.
 O Saint Joseph,
 who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent
 when the child Jesus was lost,
 protect our children for all time and eternity.
 May you be their father and counselor.
 Like Jesus, help them to grow
 in age and in wisdom and grace
 before God and all people.
 Preserve them from the corruption of this world,
 and give us the grace one day
 to be united with them forever in heaven.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
 one God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
THE TRADITIONAL LENTEN DEVOTION
Friday, March 23rd at 3:00pm

The Stations of the Cross are one of the most enduring and moving devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with those of the suffering Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with our Lord as he experiences the Passion of the Holy Cross. On Friday, March 23rd, all are invited to join in praying the Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm in Saint Ann Church. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE ASSISI PROJECT
PALM SUNDAY WITH SAINT FRANCIS
Sunday, March 25th at 11:45am

Founded in 2007, 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 of Christ through formation and prayer, pilgrimage and retreat, and educating others about our way of life. On Palm Sunday, March 25th, all are invited to join the Assisi Project for "Palm Sunday with Saint Francis." Our gathering will begin with Mass at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, we will adjourn to the parish hall for a light Lenten lunch. After our shared meal, we will return to Our Lady's Church for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration that will include a Franciscan Way of the Cross. If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. All are invited! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

THE ASSISI PROJECT
Need Prayers?

Members of the Assisi Project live in North America, South America, Europe, and Africa. We range in age from 15 to 92. And we pray for all who ask for our prayers. If you would like our fellowship to pray for you or for your special intention, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. For more information about the Assisi Project, please join us online at assisiproject.com. May the Lord give you peace!

OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL
Saturday, March 24th

Begins with Mass at 8:00am in Saint Ann Church
 Live the Gospel. Share God's love. Rebuild the Church.
 Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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.

Every 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 experiences, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual directors. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. The Legion of Mary warmly welcomes new members! 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 Fruits & Vegetables
 Canned Ham, Tuna & Beef Stew
 Tuna & Chicken Helper
 Chef Boyardee, Pasta & Sauce
 Pancake Mix & Syrup
 Hot & Cold Cereal · Hot Chocolate Mix
 Crackers, Jelly, Mayonnaise
 Boxed Macaroni & Cheese and Ramen Noodles

Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of our churches. Donations 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, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com. If you or your family need our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

LENT MISSION & RETREAT



CALLED TO FULLNESS OF LIFE

with SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER

LENT MISSION & RETREAT

March 21st – March 23rd at 7:00pm

All are invited to join us for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Lent Mission & Retreat: "Called to Fullness of Life" from Wednesday, March 21st through Friday, March 23rd in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each evening will begin with Mass at 7:00pm. We will be blessed to welcome back Sister Elizabeth Wagner as our special guest and spiritual director, who will lead us in prayer and reflection each evening after Mass.

As part of our "Year for Vocations," Sister Elizabeth will talk with us about finding meaning in daily life through God's abiding presence; discovering our true selves through God's grace; and growing into wholeness and purity of heart through God's love. In this way, our Lent Mission & Retreat is based on the promise that God calls each of us (heart, body, and soul) to live the Christian life. But because of our fallen natures, we spend our lives working our way back to God through an often painful process of discipleship and reintegration.

According to Sister Elizabeth, the ancient monastics would counsel us that our ultimate goal is purity of heart or what we might call wholeness or the true self. Ultimately, this year's Lent Mission & Retreat is about our individual faith journey and the "great walk back" from unlikeness to the fullness of life with God.

Sister Elizabeth Wagner lives a contemplative life at Transfiguration Hermitage in Windsor, Maine, which she founded as a semi-eremital community devoted to prayer and solitude according to the Rule of Saint Benedict. She is a hermit, award-winning writer, spiritual director, and retreat leader. Sister Elizabeth is also formation director, gardener, and groundskeeper of the hermitage.

Our Lent Mission & Retreat is free but donations will be gratefully accepted during Mass to support our adult faith formation programs. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**MARCH 17 – MARCH 25, 2018**

Saturday, March 17	Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Lillian Morendo
6:00pm · OLGV	Vito Ciaramitaro
Sunday, March 18	Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Maria Raposo Sousa
8:15am · Saint Ann	Joseph & Yolanda Recchia
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Anthony Frontiero
11:45am · OLGV	Captain Michael & Lena Lovasco
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Immigrants
	Fifth Week of Lent
Monday, March 19 8:00am · OLGV	Maria & Sebastiano Ciolino
Tuesday, March 20 8:00am · Saint Joachim	James R. Rothwell
Wednesday, March 21 8:00am · OLGV	Carol Orlando
Thursday, March 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Carlos Matos
Friday, March 23 8:00am · OLGV	Michael Grella
Saturday, March 24 8:00am · Saint Ann	Paul LeBlanc
Saturday, March 24	Vigil · Palm Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Thomas Lucido
6:00pm · OLGV	Jose & Julia Goulart
Sunday, March 25	Palm Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	June Marie Geoffrey
8:15am · Saint Ann	Ronald M. Joseph
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Catherine Cusumano
11:45am · OLGV	Intentions of the Assisi Project
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of March 10th – March 11th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,949.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,827.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$41,300.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of March 10th – March 11th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,151.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,231.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$20,792.00

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 Sebastian “Buddy” Lovasco
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Domenico Viviano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Justin Quinn
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgonline.com. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! May God bless you and your family!

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