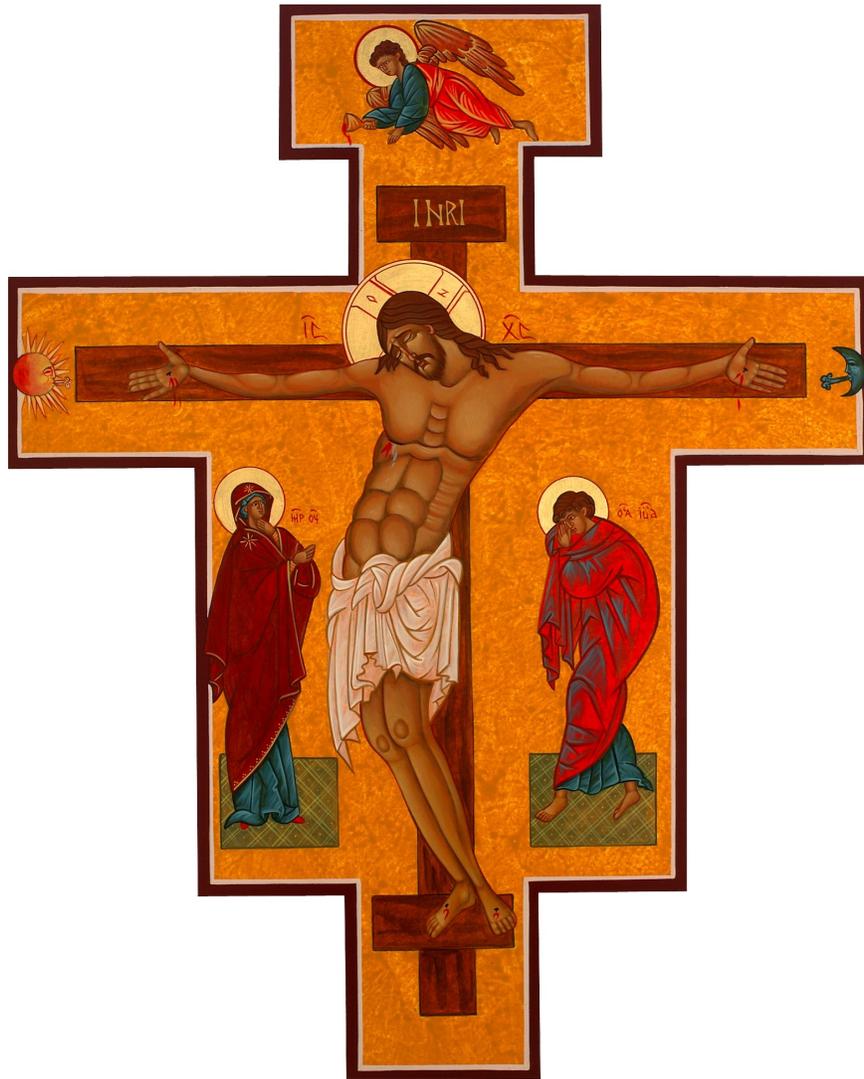


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HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

Our Worship Schedule

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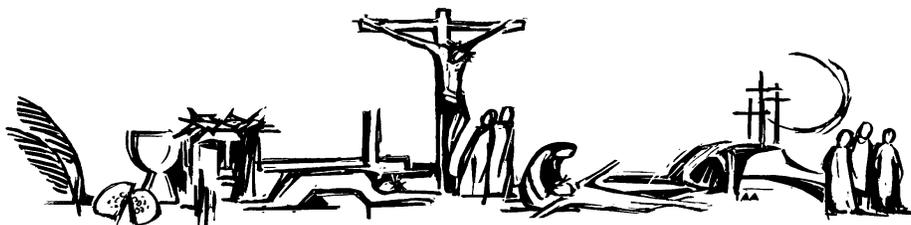
SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH
FRANCISCAN WAY OF THE CROSS
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH AT 2:30PM

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

The March for Our Lives

BY FATHER JIM

Father Henri Nouwen writes: "Many voices wonder if humanity can survive its own destructive powers. As we reflect on the increasing poverty and hunger, the rapidly spreading hatred and violence within as well as between countries, and the frightening buildup of nuclear weapons systems, we come to realize that our world has embarked on a suicidal journey....It seems that the darkness is thicker than ever, that the powers of evil are more blatantly visible than ever, and that the children of God are being tested more severely than ever." These words were not written last year or last month or even last week. They were written thirty-eight years ago. And yet across long years, they speak boldly to us now as we begin this holiest of weeks.

Father Nouwen is right. There is a darkness at loose in our land. Look around. Trash is being dumped on our highways. Litter is being carelessly tossed onto our neighborhood streets. Graffiti and violence are returning to our cities. Friendly debates about important issues are breaking friendships and ruining family gatherings. Bullying and bigotry are on the rise in our schools and in the public square. Our leaders are using social media platforms to ruin the reputations of their political opponents. Budgets are being drastically cut for education, food and nutrition, health care, and housing for the poor. At the same time, a new nuclear arms race is now underway and our wealthiest fellow citizens just received a big tax cut. And once thought forever defeated, authoritarianism and political persecution are reemerging both at home and abroad.

Last summer, we watched in horror as a white supremacist march in Charlottesville, Virginia turned violent and left a young woman dead underneath a car. Last fall, fifty-eight concert goers were killed in a shooting during a music festival in Las Vegas; and one month later, twenty-six parishioners were killed in a shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Last month, seventeen people were killed in a shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. And believe it or not, the Gun Violence Archive reports that 3,082 Americans have been killed by gun violence during just the first three months of this year.

In the midst of such darkness, we see a bright light shining in the eyes of some young fellow citizens. This weekend, all over the country, high school students and young adults are participating in the "March for Our Lives." This remarkable movement was inspired by some students who survived the school shooting in Parkland, Florida; but it has grown into an international pro-life movement to protect our children and grandchildren from gun violence. In their mission statement, we read: "Not one more. We cannot allow one more child to be shot at school. We cannot allow one more teacher to make a choice to jump in front of an assault rifle to save the lives of students. We cannot allow one more family to wait for a call or text that never comes...We must make it a top priority to save these lives." As Catholics, we could do worse than to take some guidance from these young men and women who seem to understand all too well that protecting life means protecting every life: especially the lives of our children and grandchildren. We could do worse than to follow them into the streets (even if only in spirit) to help them change our troubled world.

In the Old Testament, the Book of Wisdom serves as an exhortation to justice and a rebuke of corruption, dishonesty, and the abuse of power. In that ancient book, we find a compelling verse that seems to sing with relevance during these dark and difficult times: "The righteous who have died will condemn the ungodly who are living, and youth that is quickly perfected will condemn the prolonged old age of the unrighteous (Wisdom 4:16)." This Holy Week, let us pray for the safety of these young activists as they march for our lives. Let us pray for the courage to stand with them and with all who stand against darkness and evil in our world. And let us pray for the grace to march with Christ and with all who suffer into the light of the rising sun of new and everlasting life. Peace and blessings to all!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS Begins Tuesday, April 17th 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: "The Holy Names of Jesus" from Tuesday, April 17th through Friday, April 20th from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer, fun, and fellowship, children will learn about the many names and images of Jesus Christ through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, April 17th
The Light of the World

Day II: Wednesday, April 18th
The Good Shepherd

Day III: Thursday, April 19th
The Teacher

Day IV: Friday, April 20th
The Bread of Life

Each 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 welcome 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 spring school vacation week 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! Registration forms are available on our website: ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, April 3rd 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 Women's Guild hosts many fundraising events and social gatherings, including seasonal bake sales, the Strawberry Festival, and the Christmas Fair. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL FASHION SHOW Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a Fashion Show on Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Come and see what real women wear with clothing from Dress Barn and Marshalls! Don't miss this special evening of fun, fashion, fellowship, and refreshments! Tickets are \$10.00 each. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesdays at 5:00pm · Saint Ann Church

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for rehearsal every Tuesday at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. The Youth Choir, along with an ensemble of talented young instrumentalists, performs every weekend at one of our three beautiful churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, or Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. The youth music ministry is a great way for children of all ages to make new friends, learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, and participate more fully in the life of our parishes. New members, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school, are always warmly welcomed! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at 978-281-4820 or pnatti@comcast.net. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: ccgronline.com/prayer/!

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgronline.com/prayer/. Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are 90 second reflections based on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also features an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online.

In addition, please join us every week for a new edition of Bringing Home the Word, a weekly newsletter for families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each issue includes words of wisdom from Pope Francis, along with reflections on the scriptures, spirituality, and the lives of saints. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word is posted at ccgronline.com/news/! Please join us!

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass!

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary every morning after our 8:00am Daily Mass. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Risen Lord by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by asking for her powerful intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world. Daily Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:00am; in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturdays at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray!

Pope Francis was once asked about his favorite way of praying. In response, he said: "What I truly prefer is Eucharistic Adoration...In the evening between seven and eight o'clock, I pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharistic Adoration is a prayerful devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers four opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm-8:00pm); Thursdays at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm-7:30pm); and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Saint Joachim Church (8:30am-10:00am). For more information, please contact Jane Russo at jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

SHARING GOD'S MERCY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 8th · Begins at 2:00pm

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska and designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy (popularly known as Divine Mercy Sunday). During the past two decades, the devotion has spread throughout the world and reflects a mystical message that the Risen Christ gave to Saint Faustina which was recorded in her diary: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy. This is the Easter gift that the Church received from the Risen Christ and offers to all people."

In this spirit, all are invited to join us for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 8th from 2:00pm until 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. This special afternoon of devotion and prayer will proceed according to the following schedule: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00pm; the Holy Rosary at 2:30pm; the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm; and Daytime Prayer & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30pm. In between these periods of shared prayer, all are invited to pray in silence in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, all are encouraged to pray with the following prayer which is traditionally recited each day at 3:00pm to commemorate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Jesus, you died
but the source of life flowed out
for the souls and the ocean of mercy
opened up for the whole world.
O Fountain of Life,
immeasurable Divine Mercy,
cover the whole world
and empty yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water
which flowed out
from the heart of Jesus,
as a Fountain of Mercy for us,
I trust in you!
Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world!
Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

For more information about Divine Mercy Sunday in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Jane Russo at jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-430-7196; or visit our website: ccgronline.com. We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or part of this special event! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**MARCH 24 – APRIL 1, 2018**

Saturday, March 24	Vigil · Palm Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Thomas Lucido
6:00pm · OLGV	José & Julia Goulart and Family
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	For All Victims of Gun Violence
	Holy Week
Monday, March 26 8:00am · OLGV	Salvatore Albano
Tuesday, March 27 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Jeffrey DeLorenzo
Wednesday, March 28 8:00am · OLGV	Charles E. Works
Thursday, March 29 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Morning Prayer
Friday, March 30 8:00am · OLGV	Morning Prayer
Saturday, March 31 8:00am · Saint Ann	Morning Prayer
Saturday, March 31	Easter Vigil
7:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Mass for the People
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass for the People
11:45am · OLGV	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of March 17th – March 18th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,276.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,154.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$42,105.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of March 17th – March 18th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,821.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,901.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$20,812.00

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 Sara Jean Tarr
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Dr. Gerald Kochansky
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of John & Mary Garvey
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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