

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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MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018



Blessings & Congratulations!

On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, Father Jim wishes to congratulate the following children from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish who have successfully completed our program of preparation and who will receive their First Holy Communion this month:

Chase Albano	Isabelle Johnson	Charlotte Randazza
John Anderson	Owen Kesterson	Collin Rife
Jack Baez	Nicholas Koller	Kaylee Robertson
Nicholas Bilenchi	Anthony Kozma	Angela Russo
Avigail Bouchard	Jonesy Lilly	Emma Sabia
Janelle Brancalone	Natalee Loiacano	Luke Salah
Meghan Buckley	Olivia Lottatore	Anthony Sanfilippo
Brady Ciaramitaro	Adam Madruga	Elyanna Sawulski
Matthew Connors	Mackenzie Mahoney	Giavana Seniti
Sophia Cooke	Jesse Mannino	Ethan Silva
Connor Curley	Ava Marino	Michael Smith
Sophia Drost	Finn McKay	Sarah Soares
Claire Dullea	Nathan Medina	Nathan Stanley
Merina Earl	Ian Morgan	Dominic Szyp
Giuseppe Ferrara	Jason Movalli	Adam Taormina
Isabella Figurido	Mylee Nicastro	James Towne
Norah Fogarty	John Novello	Allison Tuck
Joseph Gavin	Luca Oliva	Sabina Twalipo
Laycee Goodhue	Georgia Osier	Cruz Viator
Jake Gucciardi	Delilah-Marie Parisi	Nicholas Whitten
Jackson Harnish	Ethan Parisi	Abigail Wilson
	Saige Racofsky	

During these past seven months, these sixty-four young fellow parishioners and their parents have prayed, studied, and grown together in prayer, fellowship, and service. They have learned together that disciples of all ages are called to live the Gospel, share God's love and mercy, and rebuild the Church. They are all well-prepared to receive the Body & Blood of the Risen Lord and to become faithful and faith-filled disciples!

The children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this year wish to thank their parents, families, and friends for their love, prayers, and support. In particular, they wish to express their appreciation to those who helped them prepare for their First Holy Communion: Father Jim Achadinha, Olga Alves, Rizza Anderson, Fernanda Brown, Phyllis Comeau, Carol Conlon, John Conlon, Angelica Duran, Mary Duran, Jenn Dort, Grace Figurido, Gerry Kippen, Yvonne LeBlanc, Sean Lilly, Jean Madruga, Mary Ellen McLeod, Marilyn Smith, Chris Smith, and especially Betsy Works.

Finally, please pray for all of our young fellow parishioners, their parents, and families so that they will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love; and that they will continue to join us for Mass on a regular basis. Please also pray in thanksgiving for our pastoral team and our dedicated volunteers who make these celebrations possible. Thank you for your prayers and support! May God bless you and your family!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Mary, Mother of the Church

BY CLIFF GARVEY

Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced the creation of a new feast day in commemoration of the “Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,” which will be celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday. The new feast will be celebrated this year next Monday, May 21st. The Catholic Church’s devotion to Mary as “Mother of the Church” is not new. For centuries, God’s people have broadly venerated Mary’s maternal care and protection for the Church. In addition, the Church in Argentina and in Poland, along with Saint Peter’s Basilica, have long celebrated this feast day on their own. But it was not until 1964 that Blessed Pope Paul VI formally bestowed on Mary the title of “Mother of the Church.”

In last week’s message, we considered Mary’s role as Mother of God, Mother of Christ, emissary of the Eternal Word, and bearer of the greatest gift, the greatest joy, and the greatest sorrow that the world has ever known. But what is Mary’s vocation as Mother of the Church? Almost two decades ago, I was blessed to participate in a small group retreat with a local pastor in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. During Mass, the priest revealed an icon of the crucifixion which depicted the Suffering Christ, his Sorrowful Mother, and the Beloved Disciple. He preached simply but powerfully about how the Church began there, at the foot of the Cross, as Jesus entrusted his mother to his best friend, and his best friend to his mother. The Church began there, at the foot of the Cross, as the Blessed Mother and the Beloved Disciple wept, worshipped, and continued to believe that Jesus was the Son of God.

Mary is Mother of the Church because she is the Mother of God. Mary is also Mother of the Church because the disciples were entrusted into her maternal care. And Mary is Mother of the Church because she loves, nurtures, and prays for all of God’s children, beyond all borders, across all ages, and for all time. In announcing the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, Pope Francis writes: “Mary became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the Cross...Christ, in turn, in the Beloved Disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love toward his Mother, entrusting her to them so they might welcome her with devoted affection.” In this way, the Holy Father reminds us that Mary loves each of us as a mother loves her own child; and that we are called to love her with the same love that a child feels for their own mother.

In the Manual for Marian Devotion, we read: “Do not let your hearts be troubled, and let nothing upset you. Is it not I, your Mother, who is here?” If you have been blessed like me with a good, heroic, and selfless mother, then you already know what this means. Mary is always present, ever present, always praying, and forever praying – for you, for me, for our community, for our country, and for our troubled world. Mary is there at the beginning: Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, and Jerusalem. Mary is the first person to believe in Christ and his mission. Mary is there at the end: along the way of the Cross, at the foot of the Cross. When so many others fled, there she remained. Mary is there at the new beginning: among the first to believe in the Resurrection; as faith in the Risen Christ spreads among God’s people; as the Early Church grows and reaches across the whole world. Mary is here now, too: always consoling, always encouraging, always praying, and always pointing the way to her Son.

Saint John Paul II writes: “Mary’s exceptional pilgrimage of faith represents a constant point of reference for the Church, for individuals and for communities, for peoples and nations, and in a sense for all humanity.” As May, Mary’s Month, continues, let us ask Mary, Mother of God, to pray that each one of us has the courage to be who we are called to be and to do the things that we are called to do. Let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to help us become a community truly united in prayer, fellowship, and service. And let us ask Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, to help us – as individuals and fellow parishioners – to live the Gospel, share God’s love and mercy, and rebuild the Church in our small corner of the world. Amen!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD
JALAPENO'S RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER****Thursday, May 24th · Begins at 4:30pm**

On Thursday, May 24th, all parishioners, friends, and guests of Holy Family Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a fundraising night at Jalapeno's Restaurant (located at 86 Main Street in Gloucester). Beginning at 4:30pm until closing, Jalapeno's will donate 10% of all dinner checks (including take-out orders) to Holy Family Parish! Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of good food, fellowship, and fundraising for our beloved parish! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE****Friday, May 25th · 2:00pm – 7:00pm**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal and charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. The Knights meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester).

In addition, the Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is sponsoring its Annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 25th from 2:00pm until 7:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. If you would like to participate in this most worthy cause, please register online at redcross.org or contact them by telephone at 1-800-RED-CROSS. All are welcome!

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER**Join us: ccgrounline.com/prayer!**

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgrounline.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 ccgrounline.com/news! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**ASSISI PROJECT SPRING ICON RAFFLE****Tickets Available Through June 17th**

Through Father's Day weekend, the Assisi Project is sponsoring its Annual Spring Raffle for a beautiful hand painted icon of Our Blessed Mother. Throughout the Christian world, icons are venerated as windows into heaven and are known to be powerful instruments of divine grace and miracles. This particular icon was hand-crafted in Greece using traditional tempera paints and gold leaf. It was blessed on the relics of Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker, a third century saint whose incorrupt relics are believed to be the source of countless miracles.

All proceeds from the Assisi Project's Annual Spring Raffle will be donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. A donation of \$1.00 per ticket is requested. We hope to raise \$2,000! Tickets can be purchased at various weekday and weekend Masses, at our parish office, and by contacting Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Cliff or visit our website: assisiproject.com. Thank you for your generous support! May the Risen Lord give you peace!

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE OF THANKS
TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE**

Some weeks, it seems that the entirety of our weekly newsletter should be given over to thanking the countless fellow parishioners, friends, and volunteers who make possible all of the good, holy, and sometimes miraculous things that happen in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

This week, I wish to thank Betsy Works and her team of volunteers (see page 2) who did such an amazing job in preparing our young disciples for First Holy Communion. Betsy's dedication, hard work, and boundless creativity made this year's program perhaps the most inspiring of my priesthood. And our catechists and volunteers are unmatched in their devotion to this important ministry! Thank you for a job well done!

In addition, I wish to thank Cliff Garvey, along with members of the Legion of Mary and the Assisi Project for making last weekend's "Spring Day of Prayer" so special. More than 75 parishioners, friends, and guests from Gloucester, Rockport, and beyond joined us! Cliff's reflections on Mary as Mother of God and Mother of the Church were universally praised and were printed in our newsletter and posted online. I am eternally grateful for his commitment, good work, and best friendship. Special thanks also go to everyone who helped with our delicious picnic lunch! Peace and blessings! — Father Jim

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 12 – MAY 20, 2018

Saturday, May 12	Vigil · Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	All Mothers
6:00pm · OLGV	All Mothers
Sunday, May 13	Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	All Mothers
8:15am · Saint Ann	All Mothers
10:00am · Saint Joachim	All Mothers
11:45am · OLGV	All Mothers
5:00pm · Saint Ann	All Mothers
	Seventh Week of Easter
Monday, May 14 8:00am · OLGV	Elja Costa Rita
Tuesday, May 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Geraldo Nigro
Wednesday, May 16 8:00am · OLGV	Manuel I. Garcia
Thursday, May 17 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Norman Taylor
Friday, May 18 8:00am · OLGV	Santo Militello
Saturday, May 19 8:00am · Saint Ann	Herbert & Marie Attaya
Saturday, May 19	Vigil · Pentecost Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Thomas & Rose Lupo
6:00pm · OLGV	The Bruni Family
Sunday, May 20	Pentecost Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Stephen Pina
8:15am · Saint Ann	Joseph & Nina Randazza
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Pietro Noto
11:45am · OLGV	Crowning Mass
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of May 5th – May 6th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,668.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,546.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$44,375.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of May 5th – May 6th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,730.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,810.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$33,375.00

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. The requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Giovanni DiStefano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Salvatore Randazza
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Manuel I. Garcia
Sanctuary Flowers · 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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OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE



The Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit

MONDAY, MAY 14TH THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

All are invited to join Father Jim, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in celebrating our Annual Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit from Monday, May 14th through Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. Crowning Week will begin on Monday, May 14th in Our Lady's Church, when the Crown is entrusted to this year's Imperator, Celestino Goulart, and his wife, Filomena, as part of the traditional ceremony that began many decades ago. The festivities will continue according to the following schedule of events throughout the week:

Monday, May 14th

Imperator Ceremony & Rosary
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 15th

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 16th

Rosary & Mass in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Thursday, May 17th

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Friday, May 18th

Sung Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Saturday, May 19th

Rosary in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 5:30pm
Mass in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:00pm

Pentecost Sunday, May 20th

Mass & Crowning Ceremony in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 11:45am
Luncheon in Our Lady's Hall at 1:00pm

Tickets for Sunday's Luncheon are available in our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) during regular business hours. Tickets are also available before and after the Rosary each evening during Crowning Week. Donations for our Annual Auction & Grand Raffle, which will take place right after the luncheon, will be much appreciated! For more information about tickets and donations to the auction, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to participate in this beautiful annual celebration of the coming of God's Holy Spirit! Please join us! All are welcome! Come Holy Spirit!