

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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PASTOR'S CHALLENGE

Holy Family Parish Grand Annual Collection

OUR GOAL: \$75,000
FUNDS RAISED SO FAR: \$45,300

Almost four years ago, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport was established as a collaborative of two historic parishes: Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Although our parishes share a pastor and pastoral team, each parish remains canonically and financially independent; maintains its own bank accounts and accounting procedures; and continues to be completely responsible for its own expenses, building maintenance, and pastoral programs.

Holy Family Parish is blessed in countless ways! Our ministries and service organizations faithfully serve the poor, sick, and homebound. Our adult faith formation programs bring together large groups of parishioners who desire to grow closer to Christ and the Church. Our youth faith formation programs are creating a new generation of young disciples who are excited about their faith and eager to learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Mass attendance is growing. And last year, thanks to your faithful and generous support, major repairs were completed at both Saint Ann Church and Saint Joachim Church; and our parish budget was balanced.

Despite this good news, Holy Family Parish faces some serious challenges. Heating and snow removal costs are astronomical. Our parish buildings are old, require ongoing maintenance, and sometimes need urgent and expensive repairs. Unfortunately, our weekly collections simply do not cover all of the costs associated with the necessary work of our parish. For this reason, I am writing again to ask you to help me raise \$75,000 for this fiscal year's Grand Annual Collection. This all-important fundraising campaign helps us balance our budget by bridging the gap between weekly collections and our financial obligations (including the salaries and benefits for our priests and pastoral team members, insurance premiums, utility bills, building maintenance, and essential parish programs).

So far, we have raised approximately \$45,300 which is 60% of our goal. Thank you! In order to ensure that our budget is balanced, however, we must reach our goal by the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. During the weekend of June 9th and 10th, we will take up a second collection in support of the Holy Family Grand Annual Collection. Overall, our challenge is to raise almost \$30,000 in less than two months! Meeting this challenge will require the joyful participation and generous support of every parishioner!

Currently, more than 3,500 families are registered with Holy Family Parish. If each and every parish family contributed just \$10 more, we would meet and exceed our goal, balance our budget, and lay a strong foundation for the coming fiscal year that begins on July 1st. Every contribution, whether it's \$10 or \$100, helps us to achieve our goal and balance our annual budget. And every penny goes directly to Holy Family Parish! Offertory envelopes are available at the entrances of our churches and at the parish office. Please feel welcome to place your offering in the collection basket at Mass, bring it to our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester), or mail it to me as soon as possible.

As the Holy Family Parish Grand Annual Collection enters its final six weeks, please join me in praying that each of us, according to our means, will give generously to this all-important fundraising effort. Please also pray for me and for the hardworking members of our pastoral team. Be assured always of our prayers for you and your family every single day. May God bless all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! Thank you in advance for your support! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Come, Holy Spirit!

BY FATHER JIM

This weekend, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates Pentecost Sunday, a joyful commemoration of the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and blessed them with the courage, grace, perseverance, and strength to preach the Gospel throughout the world. More specifically, the Holy Spirit blessed them with these seven gifts: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Awe.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles accomplish what seems then and now like an impossible task: the conversion of the world to faith in Jesus Christ as humanity's merciful savior, teacher, and good shepherd. For more than two millennia, these Gifts of the Holy Spirit have served as the energy and inspiration for the Church and its many ministries. And for more than two thousand years, these heavenly gifts have inflamed the hearts and lives of the countless good and faithful people who have worked so tirelessly to live the Gospel, share God's love and mercy, and build up the Church.

These people are men and women, saints and sinners, young and old, rich and poor. They are clergy, religious brothers and sisters, and lay men and women. They are deacons, priests, nuns, lay ministers, and volunteers of all ages. They live in every country in the world. They are confronted with disbelief, skepticism, and persecution. They are tempted by pride, anger, lust, envy, gluttony, greed, and laziness. Sometimes they fall and fall hard into the depths of despair and sin. But sometimes, so many times, they rise up, embrace the cross and their faith, and continue the hard work of preaching the Good News of Christ by both word and deed. Without them, the teachings of Jesus, the accounts of the Lord's Passion, and the testimonials to his Glorious Resurrection would be consigned to the dark and murky mists of history.

Here and now, the beautiful burden of preaching the Gospel falls to us, each one of us, in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and parishes. It falls to us, each and every one of us, to pry open our hearts and minds in order to accept and embrace the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It falls to us, to each and every one of us, to carry the Cross of the Crucified Christ into the darkest corners of our increasingly cynical culture. And it falls to us, each and every one of us, to spread the Good News of the Risen Jesus to the four corners of the world, even if our world barely extends beyond the borders of the Catholic Community of Gloucester and Rockport. We all have a unique good to accomplish in the Christian Community. We all have a unique job to do in the Lord's vineyard.

It is easy to preach the Gospel but it is infinitely harder to live it. It is easy to fulfill our Sunday obligation but it is infinitely harder to live as a true disciple. It is easy to toss some cash into the collection basket, but it is infinitely harder to volunteer our time and talent; to reach out to the lonely or the poor; or to reconcile with a friend or family member. It is easy to exchange the Sign of Peace but it is infinitely harder to refrain from gossip, to resist the temptation to tear down, or to reject the ugly pride of our "reality show" world. It is easy for me to write these words, but it is much harder for me to live them.

This weekend at Mass, we will pray an ancient and beautiful prayer called the Sequence of the Holy Spirit. In this prayer, we beg the Holy Spirit to cleanse us, comfort us, guide us, heal us, refresh us, strengthen us, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of His divine love and mercy. As the Easter Season concludes and our journey through Ordinary Time resumes, let us rededicate ourselves to lives of true discipleship. Let us pray for each other, for our parishes, for our country, and for peace in our world. Let us pray for the courage to wholeheartedly embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit! And let us cry out united in heart and voice: "Come, Holy Spirit! Come!"

LIVING THE GOSPEL

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BANKING FOR THE COMMUNITY Cast Your Vote: BankGloucester.com!

For the eleventh consecutive year, BankGloucester is sponsoring its "Banking for the Community" campaign, which could potentially provide much needed funds for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Since 2007, BankGloucester has donated more than \$170,000 to community organizations through the "Banking for the Community" program. This year, they will donate \$20,000 to nineteen local charities and community service organizations, including the Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are strongly encouraged to cast your vote for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! Just visit BankGloucester.com/ballot and vote for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! It is easy, free, takes less than one minute, and supports a great cause! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at barbara.frontiero@gortons.com. Please remember to vote at BankGloucester.com! Thank you for your ongoing support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

THE ASSISI PROJECT SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS Saturday, May 26th at 8:00am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Europe, and South America. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of each month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will reflect and discuss the value of work and the call to care for the sick. All are reminded that you do not have to travel with us to Assisi to be a member of the Assisi Project! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Members of our fellowship all around the world, who range in age from 15 to 92, also pray for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like us to pray for you, your family, or your special intention, please feel welcome to contact Cliff at 978-282-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare, pray for us! May the Risen Lord give you peace!

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 needs our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

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!

In an interview, Pope Francis was asked about his favorite way of praying. In response, the Holy Father 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 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday Mornings at 6:30am

The Men's Fellowship of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport meets every Saturday from 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 Catholic Church. For more information about the Men's Fellowship, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

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 of Columbus meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (which is 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. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com/

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 19 – MAY 27, 2018

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
	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, May 21 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, May 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Daniel Reagan
Wednesday, May 23 8:00am · OLGV	George Moynahan
Thursday, May 24 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, May 25 8:00am · OLGV	Joseph Pallazola
Saturday, May 26 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, May 26	Vigil · Most Holy Trinity
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rose & Renee Testaverde
6:00pm · OLGV	Mary Schmorrow Enos
Sunday, May 27	Most Holy Trinity
7:00am · OLGV	Lisa Laurie
8:15am · Saint Ann	Francesca Gianna Maggiore
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	DES Crowning Mass
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Intentions of Pope Francis

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of May 12th – May 13th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,598.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,476.00
Second Collection (Mother's Day)	\$2,406.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$45,300.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of May 12th – May 13th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,213.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,293.00
Second Collection (Mother's Day)	\$976.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$34,094.00

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 Captain Salvatore & Sarina Barbara
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Joseph & Nina Randazza
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Anthony Frontiero
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Jonathan Brooks
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

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