

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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CELEBRATING FAITHFULNESS

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Summer Retreat

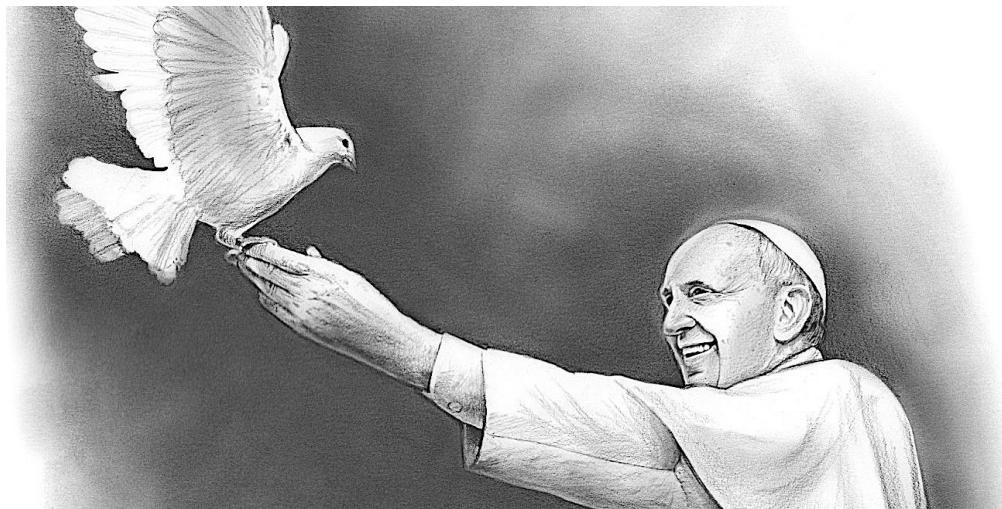
EVERYONE'S VOCATION TO EVERYDAY HOLINESS
BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH

The summer season is a great time of year for stepping back from the business and busy-ness of daily life in order to focus on our personal relationships with Christ, with each other, and with the Church. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave behind work, family, and friends for a real retreat. For this reason, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce our Fifth Annual Summer Retreat: "Everyone's Vocation to Everyday Holiness."

From Monday, August 27th through Friday, August 31st, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a unique opportunity to experience the spiritual peace and renewal of a week-long retreat without leaving home. Each evening of our summer retreat will begin at 7:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After this time of shared prayer, Father Jim and Cliff will lead our community in a period of reflection, discussion, and faith sharing. Each evening will conclude at 8:30pm with Night Prayer. During each day of the retreat, the chapel will open at 12:00pm for silent personal prayer and devotion.

This year, we will explore the universal call to holiness that is described by Pope Francis in "Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in the Contemporary World." In this heartfelt and beautifully written apostolic exhortation, the Holy Father challenges everyone, regardless of their vocation, to live an everyday form of holiness characterized by humility, kindness, love, and mercy. And he offers practical advice for living out this vocation to everyday holiness regardless of our age, gender, background, or life experience.

Between each night of the summer retreat, participants will be asked to read brief selections from "Rejoice and Be Glad" and reflect on a few study questions. If you would like to join us for all or even just part of our Fifth Annual Summer Retreat, please be sure to contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com by Sunday, August 26th. A donation of \$30 is requested from those who can afford it. Copies of the book and cold drinks will be provided. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Celebrating Faithfulness

BY KATHY COFFEY

Of all the commandments, the Sixth Commandment is one of the most ignored in the Old Testament. Just consider Solomon's seven hundred wives! Another story shows the web of deceit and unintended consequences that adultery can provoke. David's desire for Bathsheba is so intense, he arranges the murder of her husband, Uriah. The union of the king with this beautiful woman (before Uriah's death) leads to the illness of their first child, David's intense fasting and prayer, and then the child's death. The affair's cost is terrible. If the story ended there, it would be a cautionary tale, sending a loud message about adultery's evils. But the plot twist comes through the surprising mercy of God. The second child that this couple conceives is Solomon, Israel's revered king and Jesus' great-great-grandfather. When the crowd waved palm branches, hailing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, they called him "Son of David." Jesus as Son of God and Son of Man blends two natures: the divine, which is splendid beyond understanding; and human, which can get us snarled in lies, infidelity, and murder. Because Jesus is our brother, we also carry the same tension. At times, we are lofty and transcendent, then lowly and deceitful.

The Sixth Commandment calls us to be the best we can be: loyal, committed, and upright. We have been criticized as a "tissue culture" in which everything, including a spouse, can be easily discarded. We work harder at our careers than our marriages and then wonder why couples eventually become disposable strangers. Adultery usually occurs only after the marriage has begun to disintegrate. Remaining faithful and loving throughout a long marriage is one of humanity's finest accomplishments. We can get dewy-eyed and romantic about a wedding. We want the couple's happiness, give them lavish gifts, and pray for abundant blessings. We should celebrate a silver or golden anniversary with the same vigor. The couple may be bent and pudgy, but they have woven a life together, composed of countless stresses, joys, failures, delights, arguments, illnesses, laughter, and achievements. They have talked through many issues and survived innumerable crises. They have negotiated finances, lifestyles, household duties, and parenting. The tie that binds them is a strong fabric made of tiny threads. As the Irish say, they become the "shelter for each other." In a chaotic world of change, people need this kind of permanent relationship.

Adultery short circuits this learning curve. People who flee at the first serious argument do not learn that there is more to their union than one disagreement. A fresh face may first seem to carry less baggage than the spouse, but adultery misses the chance to grow old with the same person who intimately knows and accepts our baggage. Marriage experts say that when we make a vow, we offer ourselves the way we cup water in our hands. Adultery not only harms the other person but also undermines the best we are. When the vow is broken, the water spills out of our hands. Remaining faithful enables us to be like God, whose compassion never wavers and whose presence weathers all storms. A story about an Alzheimer's patient in a care center ties the bow to complete this consideration of fidelity. A nurse said compassionately to a husband who traveled a great distance to visit his wife who was the patient: "You really do not need to come every day. She doesn't know you now." The husband replied: "Ah, but I know her." May our following of this commandment give us that kind of commitment.

About the Author: Kathy Coffey is the award-winning author of thirteen books and countless articles on living the Christian life. She is also an educator, retreat director, mother of four children, and grandmother of six children. If you enjoyed this week's message, be sure to check out "Bringing Home the Word." A new edition is posted every Saturday morning on our website: ccgronline.com/news! Please join us! All are welcome!

LIVING THE GOSPEL

**THE ASSISI PROJECT
SATURDAY WITH SAINT FRANCIS**
Saturday, July 28th at 8:00am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey during their first pilgrimage and retreat in Italy, the Assisi Project is a “Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit” with members, 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.

On the last Saturday morning of every month in Saint Ann Church, the Assisi Project meets for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next “Saturday with Saint Francis” mini-retreat is scheduled for July 28th from 8:00am until 10:00am. This month, our reflection will focus on “Following Saint Francis in the Time of Pope Francis.” For more information about the Assisi Project, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION**
Saturday, July 28th at 3:00pm

In celebration of the Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim (July 26th), all are invited to join Holy Family Parish for a period of prayer and devotion on Saturday, July 28th. This special holy hour will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 3:00pm. At 3:30pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary; and at 3:45pm, we will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please note that there will be no confessions heard on July 28th. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us! For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
ANNUAL CROWNING CEREMONY**
Sunday, July 29th at 8:15am

In celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim (July 26th), all are invited to join us for the Annual Crowning of Saint Ann and the Blessed Virgin Mary after our 8:15am Mass on Sunday, July 29th. As a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for the intercession of our patrons: Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! For more information, please contact Mary Rubino at 978-281-0009. Please join us! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR
Christian Summer Camp Experience

CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior) is a summer camp experience for high school students that seeks to bring participants closer to our Risen Lord; to teach them that the Christian community is both formed and lived; and to continue their faith formation and spiritual development beyond sacramental preparation.

From July 30th through August 4th, more than 300 campers are expected to gather at Lakeside Campground in Pittsfield, Massachusetts for campfires, games and sports, music, spiritual conferences, and faith sharing. CAMPS is an amazing experience for high school students! For more information, please visit campsmministry.com or contact Al Mitchell at albiemitchell@me.com or 978-879-3655. Scholarships are available! All are welcome!

WESHARE
Safe & Easy Electronic Giving

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time-only or ongoing basis. And it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. Just visit ccgronline.com/news; choose the appropriate parish link; and click “make a donation.”

All parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider supporting our parishes by giving electronically! It is a great way to support your parish especially when you and your family are away! For more information about electronic giving in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim or contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support of both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Keep it. Share it. Rebuild the Church.

Each week, we work hard to create a newsletter that informs, inspires, and instructs readers about some aspect of the Christian life and about what's happening in our parishes. We are grateful for your encouraging words and positive feedback! However, we notice that some parishioners leave church without a newsletter! Recycling is a great idea, but not for our newsletter! Take your copy home! Keep it! Share it! Leave it at your hair salon, doctor's office, or favorite coffee shop! By doing so, you help us help others to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church! Thank you! God bless you!

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!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE HOLY ANGELS OF GOD Begins Tuesday, August 21st 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 Angels of God" from Tuesday, August 21st through Friday, August 24th from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, our children will learn about the Holy Angels of God and their ministry to God's people through active and engaged participation games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, August 21st
The Guardian Angels

Day II: Wednesday, August 22nd
Saint Michael the Archangel

Day III: Thursday, August 23rd
Saint Gabriel the Archangel

Day IV: Friday, August 24th
Saint Raphael the Archangel

Each day 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 invited and encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of dedicated volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, hands-on learning, and good times with friends both old and new! Catholic Kids Camp is a fun, exciting, and educational program that your children and grandchildren will surely love!

The requested tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program is just \$30 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be most appreciated! For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Registration forms are available at ccgronline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 21 – JULY 29, 2018**

Saturday, July 21	Vigil · 16th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Bob Cunningham
6:00pm · OLGV	Philip E. Perry
Sunday, July 22	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Manuel & Maria Achadinha
8:15am · Saint Ann	Reverend Mr. Daniel Dunn
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rosa & Francesco Paolo Brancaleone
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Immigrants & Refugees
	16th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 23 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, July 24 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Anna & Andy Smith
Wednesday, July 25 8:00am · OLGV	Elizabeth "Betty" Noble
Thursday, July 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Thomas Flanagan
Friday, July 27 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Beth Sheldon
Saturday, July 28 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, July 28	Vigil · 17th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Earl & Sally Unis
6:00pm · OLGV	Silvio Fallavollitta
Sunday, July 29	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Virginia Moura
8:15am · Saint Ann	Maria dos Anjos Medeiros & Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rico Strescino & Sons
11:45am · OLGV	Nancy & Russell Parsons
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of July 14th – July 15th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,796.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,674.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$77,188.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**
Weekend of July 14th – July 15th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,548.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,628.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$46,369.00

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 Pearl & Mario Salafia
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Jean Ghidella
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Bob Cunningham
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Peter Phillips
Sanctuary Flowers · Saint Ann 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@ccgrounline.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!