

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Pastor's Note

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION · AUGUST 11TH-12TH

On Saturday, August 11th and Sunday, August 12th, a special second collection will be taken up at all Masses in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church to supplement the costs of repairing and repointing the front steps of our church and the stone wall in our rectory parking lot. This special project is essential to preserve the structural integrity of our historic property and to ensure the safety of our most important asset: our dedicated parishioners. Our hope is that work on this project will begin before the end of the summer season. As always, the success of every fundraising campaign depends on the generosity of our parishioners. Every donation, whether it's \$1 or \$10 or \$100, will go a long way toward ensuring that we can complete this very necessary project. For more information, please contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Peace, blessings, and sincere thanks to all! – Father Jim

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@ccgrounline.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!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Bread of Life

BY FATHER JIM

In this Sunday's gospel (John 6:24-35), Jesus responds to questions from a crowd that follows him to Capernaum. They ask him three questions: How did you get here? How do we serve God's will? What sign can you offer to help us believe in you? Jesus admonishes them not to worry about his journey or his miracles. These things are momentary and passing. Instead, Jesus tells them to strive for what is eternal and to have faith in him because he was sent by God himself. Finally, Jesus says to the crowd: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:35)."

In this passage, Jesus offers one of the so-called seven "I am" statements. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says: "I am the bread of life (6:35-48); I am the light of the world (8:12); I am the gate (10:7); I am the good shepherd (10:11-14); I am the way, the truth, and the life (14:6); I am the true vine (15:1-5); and I am the bread of life (6:35)." Each of these profoundly symbolic statements serve as declarations of the Lord's divinity and messiahship. And each of them offers us much food for thought and prayer. For example, as Catholics, we know that our theology of the Eucharist is based in part on our understanding of the Lord's "Bread of Life" discourse. But we also know that many of our brothers and sisters do hunger and thirst and suffer at the hands of the corrupt, dishonest, and powerful.

In the end, we believe that when we approach Jesus with open and sincere hearts, he alone suffices. He feeds our hunger, quenches our thirst, and satisfies our every need. We believe that the Lord alone blesses us with all that we have, all that we are, and all that we might someday become. We believe that no person, no matter who we are or what we have done, will be rejected by the Lord when we ask him for his friendship, love, and mercy. At the same time, we are called to be accomplices in the Lord's mission and ministry. We are called to clothe the poor, feed the hungry, and welcome the stranger. We are called to love. We are called to give. We are called to forgive. We are called to do so without bitterness, without ulterior motive, and without counting the cost. And we are called to do so again and again and again. This is our small part in sharing the Bread of Life on earth.

Pope Francis recently offered a powerful homily during which he challenges us to identify one person in our lives (friend, colleague, relative, or even a long-time adversary) who has hurt us or offended us. He begs us to look deeply into our hearts, examine our consciences, pray for that person, forgive them, and love them. Finally, the pope says: "The Christian's prayer should be: Lord, give them your blessing. Teach me to love them. Help me to pray for them. Let us think of one adversary and pray for them. May the Lord give us the grace to love!" As we reflect on this weekend's gospel and gather around God's holy altar, let us remember to do our part in sharing the Bread of Life with everyone in our lives. Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

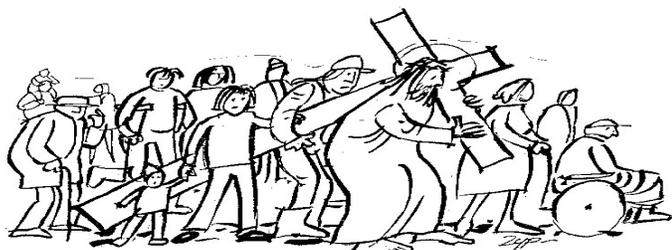
THE WAY SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS Coming This Fall!

I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

The "Way" was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way appears as a scriptural reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. In addition, both before and after his conversion, tradition holds that Saint Paul referred to the disciples of Christ as part of the "Way." More than two thousand years later, Catholic Christians are still part of the Way of Christ Jesus. But as we all know, a life of discipleship is not a hobby or pastime. It is a vocation, a way of life that lays claims to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, who is our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. And as disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need our help in growing closer to Christ and the Church.

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), then please consider joining "The Way", an adult faith formation program on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on October 7th in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (often called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of this same program, we will prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our group will meet bi-weekly for fellowship, formation, and faith sharing. As a community of disciples, we will learn together about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Church; and we will explore the methods of prayer and spirituality that have brought centuries of believers closer to Christ Jesus and to the Church. In addition, we will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of living an authentic life of faith, hope, and love in the modern world. If you would like to learn more about this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. All are welcome!



PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Holy Day of Obligation · Wednesday, August 15th

Since the fifth century, God's faithful people have believed that upon her death, the Blessed Virgin Mary was raised body and soul into heaven. But this ancient tradition was not defined as an official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church until 1950. In celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Vigil Mass · Tuesday, August 14th
Saint Joachim Church at 7:00pm

Holy Day Masses · Wednesday, August 15th
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 8:00am
Saint Ann Church at 12:00pm

For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us! Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Saturday Afternoons at 5:15pm

An annual tradition returns this summer to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our Summer Carillon Recitals are scheduled to begin this Saturday, August 4th at 5:15pm (rain or shine). Once again, LuAnn Pallazola, our very talented organist-keyboardist has prepared programs that include familiar classical and international pieces, popular hymns, patriot melodies, and children's tunes!

Installed in 1922, the carillon bells in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church were the first toned set of carillon bells in the United States. Although our bells can be heard from blocks away, the sound is best near the church. This summer, other carillon recitals are scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:15pm: August 11th, August 18th, August 25th, and September 1st.

These recitals are free and open to the public! So, bring a cold drink or coffee! Bring a friend! Enjoy this wonderful summer tradition! And don't forget that Mass begins at 6:00pm! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com.

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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!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



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

AUGUST 4 – AUGUST 12, 2018

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| Saturday, August 4 | Vigil · 18th Sunday |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Sam & Helen Loiacano |
| 6:00pm · OLGV | Giuseppa & Francesco Passalacqua |
| Sunday, August 5 | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 7:00am · OLGV | Patrick R. Garvey |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann | The Parisi Family |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim | Gretchen & Aldrich Chip |
| 11:45am · OLGV | Alfredo Silva |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | Mass for the People |
| | 18th Week in Ordinary Time |
| Monday, August 6 8:00am · OLGV | Fred Downing |
| Tuesday, August 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim | Priscilla March |
| Wednesday, August 8 8:00am · OLGV | George & Alfred Forrest |
| Thursday, August 9 8:00am · Saint Joachim | Daniel Lane |
| Friday, August 10 8:00am · OLGV | Captain Joseph S. Parco |
| Saturday, August 11 8:00am · Saint Ann | Mary Sheldon |
| Saturday, August 11 | Vigil · 19th Sunday |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Vincenzo Terranova |
| 6:00pm · OLGV | Barbara Choate |
| Sunday, August 12 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 7:00am · OLGV | Linda Horgan Gorman |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann | Philip Demetri |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim | Fred & Mary Wonson |
| 11:45am · OLGV | Richard Horak |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | For All Victims of Abuse |

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of July 28th – July 29th

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| Weekly Offerings | \$6,653.00 |
| Electronic Donations | \$878.00 |
| Total Offerings | \$7,531.00 |
| 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 28th – July 29th

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offerings | \$3,307.00 |
| Electronic Donations | \$80.00 |
| Total Offerings | \$3,387.00 |
| 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 Sara Jean Tarr
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Fred & Mary Wonson
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Linda Horgan Gorman
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of George & Alfred Forrest
Sanctuary Flowers · 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!