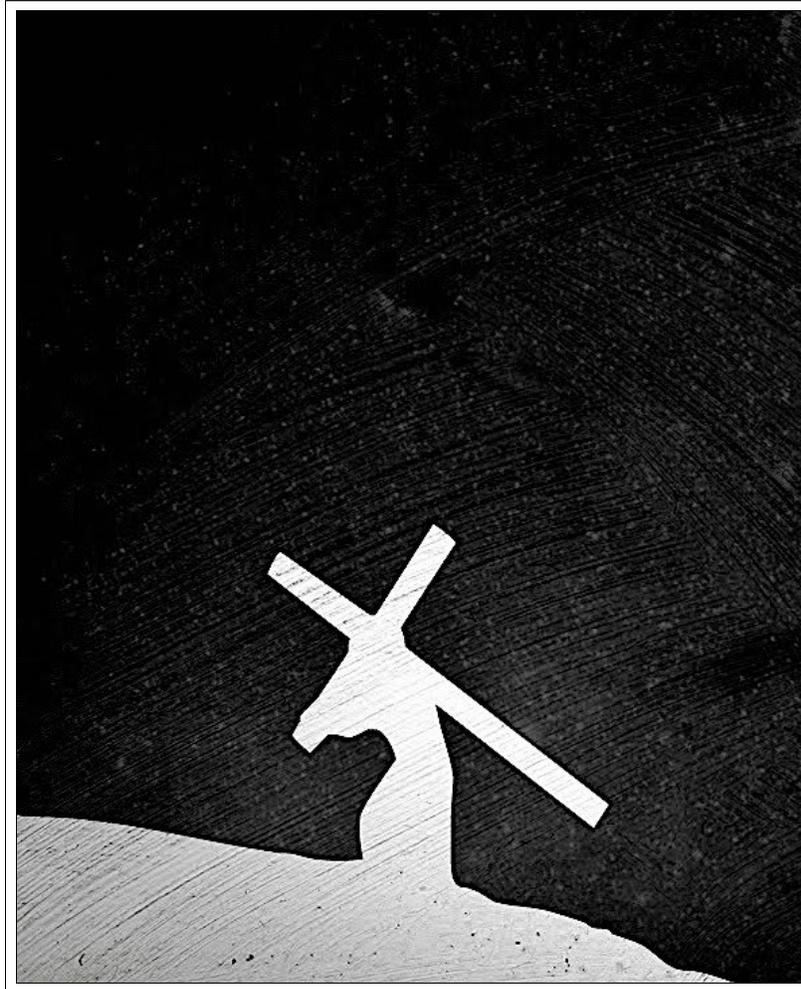


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

First Holy Communion

SECOND GRADE SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION NOW UNDERWAY!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers a creative and innovative way for children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for these sacraments; to encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and the Church; and to help families grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service.

Our program is simple and family-friendly! First, our top priority is to invite all families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses on a regular basis. Second, all second grade students and their parents, grandparents, or guardians are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season and three 90 minute workshops during the winter-spring seasons. Each of these "Faith & Family Workshops" is offered at three different times so that each family can choose which option works best for them.

Our program begins during the weekend of October 12th-13th! Calendars and registration forms are available on our website: ccgonline.com/formation. Forms can be returned by mail or hand-delivered to our parish offices (which are located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). If you have questions or need more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Fall Faith & Family Mass

A YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 11:45AM

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all parents, grandparents, godparents, and children of all ages are invited to join Father Jim for our annual "Fall Faith & Family Mass" on Sunday, September 23rd at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special blessing and homily for all families and their children. And during this new school year, we will celebrate four more "Faith & Family Masses" on Saturday, December 1st at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Saturday, January 5th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday, March 10th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and Saturday, May 11th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

Save the dates! Mark your calendars! Invite your families and friends! Now more than ever, let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! Let us reaffirm that every child in our pews is a precious blessing from God! Every family that joins us for worship is a special gift from God! For more information, please see Father Jim; or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Our Church In Crisis

BY FATHER JIM

Just more than fifteen years ago, in the midst of the crisis that engulfed our archdiocese, I was ordained to the priesthood and made three solemn promises in the hands of my bishop: prayer, celibacy, and obedience. I made these promises with a clear conscience, a firm commitment, and a realistic appreciation of the hard journey ahead. Over the years, I have never found it easy to keep these promises, but I have done so with the encouragement, love, and support of my family, my friends, and my fellow parishioners. Being a priest during these times is sometimes difficult, but I have no regrets or second thoughts. At the same time, I find myself increasingly frustrated by this ongoing crisis.

Let me be clear: I am not frustrated with the victims or their families whose lives have been devastated by those who committed crimes that deserve society's condemnation and just punishment. Any and all victims of abuse deserve our most sincere apology, love, understanding, and ongoing support. I am not frustrated with the news media for reporting the facts: that felony crimes were committed and systematically covered-up or ignored by those in positions of power. However, I am deeply frustrated with those bishops and their minions who have failed over and over again to address this crisis in an effective, honest, and practical way that allows us, the Body of Christ, "to heal wounds, bind what is broken, and bring home those who are lost (Saint Francis of Assisi)."

I am also concerned about factions within the Church that seek to use this crisis as a weapon against Pope Francis, some bishops and priests, and our gay brothers and sisters. Rather than join the Holy Father in applying Church teachings with gentleness and mercy, they seem interested only in excluding others. Rather than becoming instruments of God's peace, they seem intent on becoming instruments of harsh judgment. Ultimately, this crisis is not about celibacy. It is not about sexual orientation. It is about the mental illness of pedophilia manifested as crimes against children. Rooting out gay priests or lay employees is not the answer. Reporting, investing, and prosecuting sexual abuse is the answer. After all we have been through, how can our bishops not see this crisis for what it is?

For nearly two decades, a dark cloud of suspicion has loomed over those who serve the Church as priests, deacons, and lay ministers. In my experience, almost all of these people are men and women who dedicate their lives to the service of others. They are honest and faithful. They work longer hours for fewer dollars than they might earn elsewhere. They sacrifice time with their families and friends to be present with our community during times of both celebration and sorrow. They are rarely appreciated for all that they do for all of us. They are truly humble servants in the vineyard of the Lord.

Together with these good people and you, our fellow parishioners, we are the Church. We are God's family. We are the People of God who are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We are called to love God, love others, and protect our children. We are the people that Jesus summons in this weekend's gospel and says to them: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me (Mark 8:34)." United in prayer, fellowship, and service, let us lift high the cross that each of us is called to carry and follow Christ – together. Always together.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION**Joy & Suffering with Padre Pio**

FALL DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH · BEGINS AT 8:00AM

Earlier this year, Pope Francis visited the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital founded by Saint Padre Pio. Afterwards, Pope Francis celebrated Mass at the Shrine of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Italy. In his homily, the Holy Father preached about the call to suffer and the three words that summarize the life of a saint: humility, prayer, and wisdom. The pope said: "All of theology is contained here! If you have a problem, if you are sad, if you are sick, abandon yourself into the arms of Jesus!"

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina on September 23rd and the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4th. In commemoration of these two great saints, and as part of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's "Year of Discernment", all fellow parishioners and friends are invited to join Father Jim, Cliff Garvey, the Legion of Mary, and the Assisi Project for a Fall Day of Prayer & Reflection: "Joy & Suffering with Saint Pio" on Saturday, October 6th at Saint Anthony Chapel.

During this four-hour mini-retreat, we will explore the life, ministry, and patronage of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina and his special meaning for those who are called to suffer. This special morning of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule: Celebration of Holy Mass at 8:00am; First Reflection & Faith Sharing at 9:00am; Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am; Second Reflection & Faith Sharing at 11:00am; Angelus & Closing Prayers at 12:00pm.

Throughout the morning, there will be scheduled breaks and time for faith sharing, fellowship, and refreshments. Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be available throughout the morning. After our closing prayers, all are invited to remain for picnic lunch. During Mass, a collection will be taken in support of our adult faith formation ministry. If you would like to join us for our Fall Day of Prayer & Reflection in honor of Saint Pio and Saint Francis, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend! Bring your family! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE ASSISI PROJECT
SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS
Saturday, September 29th at 8:00am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey after their first pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Africa, and Europe. 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 every month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next gathering is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will begin a long-term and in-depth focus on the lives of the saints. We will be reading and reflecting on Robert Ellsberg's new book, "The Franciscan Saints." All fellow parishioners are invited to join the Assisi Project! You do not need to travel with us to Assisi to be a member of the Assisi Project!

Members of our fellowship all around the world, who range in age from 16 to 93, also pray for those who ask for prayers. If you would like to join us or if you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! All are invited! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

PASTOR'S NOTE
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 the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. We are very 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! May God bless you and your family! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Registration Now Underway!
 Learn more: ccgrronline.com/formation/

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30pm

Even though it is still summer, the Holy Family Christmas Fair is coming soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 17th! The Christmas Fair is Holy Family Parish's biggest fundraising event of the year! And there is much work ahead to ensure its success! On Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall, the Holy Family Women's Guild will hold its first Christmas Fair Planning Meeting. Everyone has a unique gift or talent! Let yours shine at the Christmas Fair! All parishioners are invited to join us in making this year's fair our best ever! We are gratefully accepting donations of prizes for our auction, basket wheel, and raffles; cookies, crafts, and jewelry for our sale tables; and volunteers for set-up and clean-up! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE Monday, September 24th at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, September 24th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, the Penny Sale will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, our famous homemade sweet bread, along with other delicious homemade foods and snacks. Donations will be accepted at our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) until the day of the Penny Sale. All proceeds of the Penny Sale benefit Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For more information, please contact Julia Garcia at 978-281-2678 or Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! Bring your friends and family! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD HARVEST PIE, BREAD & CRAFT SALE Weekend of September 29th – September 30th

Fall has arrived! In celebration of the new season, the Holy Family Women's Guild is sponsoring a Harvest Pie, Bread & Craft Sale on Saturday 29th at Saint Ann Church from 1:00pm until 4:00pm; and after all weekend Masses on Sunday, September 30th in Holy Family Parish. Offerings will include freshly baked pies, quick breads, and a variety of harvest crafts. All proceeds support Holy Family Parish. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are welcome! Thanks for your generous support!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Way

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH!

"The Way" was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way also appears as a scriptural reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. And tradition teaches that both before and after his conversion, 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 Jesus Christ. 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 claim to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in 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", a new adult faith formation program that will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on October 14th in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (typically 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 (to be received at either the Easter Vigil or at a regional archdiocesan celebration).

Our group will meet every other week 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 become a part of this unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!



OUR MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 15 – SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Saturday, September 15	Vigil · 24th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Anty & Gus Piscitello
6:00pm · OLGV	Giuseppe & Rosaria Cambria
Sunday, September 16	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John Orlando
8:15am · Saint Ann	Donald Mullen
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Angelina Loiacano Strescino
11:45am · OLGV	Jose & Julia Goulart & Sons
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Victims of Abuse
	24th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 17 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, September 18 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Michael Stuart
Wednesday, September 19 8:00am · OLGV	Cynthia Loiacano
Thursday, September 20 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Marjorie Taylor
Friday, September 21 8:00am · OLGV	Robert Madruga
Saturday, September 22 8:00am · Saint Ann	Colleen Handley
Saturday, September 22	Vigil · 25th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Eugene & Marjorie Mondello
6:00pm · OLGV	Francesco Ciaramitaro
Sunday, September 23	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
8:15am · Saint Ann	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Joseph & Mary Allen
11:45am · OLGV	Mary Williams
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Victims of Abuse

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of September 8th – September 9th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,162.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,040.00
Second Collection	N/A

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of September 8th – September 9th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,295.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,375.00
Second Collection	N/A

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 Dana Martin
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Mary & Joseph Allen
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Jeanne Benoit
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Alfred B. Chianciola
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!

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