

# 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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THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### Light & Darkness

A WORKSHOP ON SPIRITUAL COMBAT, VIGILANCE & DISCERNMENT  
OCTOBER 24TH THROUGH OCTOBER 26TH AT 7:00PM

During the last week of August, a large group of parishioners gathered at Saint Anthony Chapel for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Fifth Annual Summer Retreat: "Everyone's Vocation to Everyday Holiness." During this intense five-night retreat, parishioners and friends ranging in age from 16 to 94 read and reflected on Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation: "Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in Today's World." Without question, the most compelling evening of the retreat focused on the Holy Father's advice and guidance about spiritual combat, vigilance, and discernment. He writes: "The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives."

In this spirit, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for "Light & Darkness: A Workshop on Spiritual Combat, Vigilance & Discernment" from Wednesday, October 24th through Friday, October 26th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this three-night mini-course, we will read and reflect together on the sacred scriptures, the wisdom of the saints, and the writings of Pope Francis. Overall, our goal will be to learn about how darkness works in our world and how we can work against that darkness with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Light of the World.

Each evening of this special adult faith formation program will begin at 7:00pm 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 by 8:30pm with Night Prayer. If you would like to join us for all or even part of this special workshop on spiritual combat, vigilance, and discernment, please be sure to contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com by Sunday, October 21st. A donation of \$30 is requested from those who can afford it in support of our adult faith formation ministries. All reading materials will be provided. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

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*Pope Francis · Rejoice and Be Glad (158)*

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### The Only Authentic Measure

BY FATHER JIM

As Roman Catholics, we believe that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God. We believe that Jesus Christ suffered, died, and rose from death for every one of us. We believe that each person, without exception, is sacred and loved unconditionally by our Creator. And we believe in a consistent ethic of life that seeks to ensure that every human life is nurtured and protected from the moment of conception until natural death.

Over the years, Pope Francis has spoken out forcefully against modern society's various attacks on the sanctity of life. He has preached against abortion, bigotry, capital punishment, environmental exploitation, euthanasia, and every form of violence. He has urged world leaders to guarantee universal health care and improve social services for the poor, the sick, and the elderly. He has implored all countries to welcome and generously care for immigrants and refugees. Put simply, the Holy Father has declared over and over again that it is never right to terminate a single human life in order to address any one of the world's countless challenges.

Last Wednesday, Pope Francis offered a compelling lesson on the Fifth Commandment's prohibition against taking human life. The official transcript is only seven sentences long. But the pope spoke off-the-cuff and those unscripted comments contain the living heart of his teaching. Pope Francis began his catechesis with these words: "Every evil is caused by a disregard for human life. Assaults on life occur in many situations, from war and exploitation to the suppression of the vulnerable, elderly, and unborn." He suggested that society's ambivalence about life is caused by our selfishness, fear of suffering, and lack of empathy for the less fortunate. He then asked: "What leads us to refuse life? It is the idols of this world: money, power, and success." These idols, he argued, lead us astray. They trick us into believing that affluence and convenience are more important than the lives that have been entrusted into our collective care.

Pope Francis then offered a powerful remedy for society's sick indifference to life: love. Love is primary. Love is paramount. Love is the central teaching of the gospel. Love is what it's all about. According to the pope: "The only authentic measure of life is love!" Are our thoughts, words, and actions motivated by love? Do we love God? Do we love others? The Holy Father then said: "Vulnerable life shows us the way to save ourselves from an existence bent on itself; and to discover the joy of love." In this way, we are beckoned by Christ to respect every human life: the unborn child, the migrant teenager, the convicted felon, the single parent, the disabled veteran, the dying patient, and the aging neighbor. The pope continued: "In every sick child, in every weak old person, in every desperate migrant, in every fragile and threatened life, Christ is looking for us. He is looking for us in order to open our hearts to the joy of love."

Pope Francis concluded by calling attention to the well-known passage from the Gospel of John: "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)." From this foundation of divine love, the Holy Father reminds us that the secret of love is revealed by our Risen Lord. Jesus came into this broken world for our sake. He now looks for us and calls us to follow him. He beckons us to love each other as he loves us — without counting the cost. Because God so loved the world, let us pray for the strength to love him back by loving each other and by defending every human life.

**PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH · 9:00AM-2:00PM**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Holy Family Parish for our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This year's fair will feature various tables, including homemade baked goods and cookies, jewelry, Christmas decorations, Santa's Corner, Chinese Raffle, White Elephant, and our famous Basket Wheel! In addition, raffles tickets are now available for cash prizes, an Apple iPad, and a Red Sox Game Package.

We gratefully accept donations! We are especially thankful to Greely Funeral Home and Pike-Newhall Funeral Home for their donation of raffle prizes. The Christmas Fair Committee and Holy Family Women's Guild are working overtime to make this year's fair another great success! So, please support this all-important fundraising event by joining us on Saturday, November 17th! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD**  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR BASKET WHEEL**  
**Now Accepting Donations!**

The Basket Wheel is the biggest "money maker" at our Christmas Fair, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 17th and is the biggest fundraiser of the year at Holy Family Parish. The great success of the Basket Wheel depends on donations from our fellow parishioners and friends! So, all are encouraged to create and donate a \$25 theme basket for crafts, kids, family nights, movie nights, snowy days, holiday gift wrap, or summer barbecues!

Creating a basket can be both fun and inexpensive when families, friends, and neighbors work together in support of our parish! Last year, more than 120 baskets were donated and won at the Basket Wheel! Donations are now being accepted! Help us keep the Basket Wheel spinning! Help us make this year's Christmas Fair a record-breaking success! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS**

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**  
**A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**Thursday, November 1st**

Since late antiquity, the People of God have honored the holy men and women who have been canonized as saints in the Roman Catholic Church. The Solemnity of All Saints honors all saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us in faith, hope, and love; and who now pray for the salvation of souls. In commemoration of this Holy Day of Obligation, on Thursday, November 1st, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

**Wednesday, October 31st · Vigil Mass**  
 Saint Ann Church at 4:00pm

**Thursday, November 1st · Holy Day Masses**  
 Saint Joachim Church at 8:00am  
 Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 12:00pm  
 Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 7:00pm

**MONTH OF ALL SOULS**  
**MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**For Families, Friends & Fellow Parishioners**

During November, the Month of All Souls, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate three Masses of Remembrance for those whose funerals were celebrated in our churches and have thus journeyed home to the Lord during the past year. These Masses will be celebrated according to the following schedule:

**Mass of Remembrance I**  
 Saturday, November 3rd at 4:00pm  
 Saint Ann Church

**Mass of Remembrance II**  
 Sunday, November 4th at 11:45am  
 Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

**Mass of Remembrance III**  
 Sunday, November 18th at 10:00am  
 Saint Joachim Church

At each Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and fellow parishioners will be read aloud. During the month of all souls, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for those we have lost. For more information about the Month of All Souls, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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## HEALING GOD'S FAMILY

### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS VIGIL FOR THE HEALING OF GOD'S FAMILY Thursday, November 1st

The Holy Father recently issued a special request for prayers to Catholics around the world. It said: "Pope Francis has decided to invite all the faithful, of the entire world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day during the Marian month of October and to join together in prayer and penance, as the people of God, in asking the Mother of God and Saint Michael the Archangel to protect the church from the devil, that always aims to divide us from God and among ourselves."

In response to the Holy Father's unprecedented request, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will continue to pray the Rosary every morning after Mass for the healing and protection of the church throughout the world. For the rest of this month, we will also conclude all daily and weekend Masses with this powerful prayer for the intercession of Saint Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our defense against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the power of God, thrust into hell  
Satan and the other evil spirits  
who prowl about the world  
for the ruin of souls. Amen.

In addition to these powerful prayer for the protection of the church, I believe that concrete steps must be taken by church leaders to protect God's family (children and adults alike) from the horrors of sexual abuse and harassment and from the conspiracies to conceal these crimes from law enforcement authorities. I also believe that we must come together as neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners to heal God's family by rededicating ourselves to living the Gospel, sharing God's love, and rebuilding our wounded Church.

In this spirit, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join me on Thursday, November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints for a Vigil for the Healing of God's Family. This vigil will begin with Mass at 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At 3:00pm, we will pray the Rosary for the healing of God's Family. We will conclude at 6:30pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us! All are welcome! Peace and blessings! — Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE



### A FELLOWSHIP OF FRANCISCANS IN SPIRIT **SATURDAY MORNING** with SAINT FRANCIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 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 "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" is October 27th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will continue our reading and reflection on the saints, including Saint Padre Pio and Saint Pope John XXIII. 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 our prayers. If you would like to join us or if you would like us to pray for 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!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH FRIED DOUGH BREAKFAST Saturday, November 3rd · Begins at 9:00am

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for a Fried Dough Breakfast on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00am until 11:00am in Our Lady's Hall. Coffee, tea, and our delicious homemade fried dough and sweetbread will be served. As always, loaves of our sweetbread will be available for purchase! For more information, please contact Matt Parisi at 978-281-4820 or mparisi101@gmail.com. Please join us for this special morning of great food and good friendship! All are invited! All are welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**OCTOBER 20 – OCTOBER 28, 2018**

<b>Saturday, October 20</b>	<b>Vigil · 29th Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph Barbagallo
6:00pm · OLGV	Girolamo “Mimo” Lentini
<b>Sunday, October 21</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	John Borges
8:15am · Saint Ann	Grace Ciolino
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Martha Jane Coulbourn
11:45am · OLGV	Donald & Renee Gove
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God’s Family
	<b>29th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, October 22 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, October 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, October 24 8:00am · OLGV	Vincent Cafasso
Thursday, October 25 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Jack Flaherty
Friday, October 26 8:00am · OLGV	Cynthia Loiacano
Saturday, October 27 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
<b>Saturday, October 27</b>	<b>Vigil · 30th Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Joseph & Pauline Piscitello
6:00pm · OLGV	The Bruni Family
<b>Sunday, October 28</b>	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Anthony & Lea Militello
8:15am · Saint Ann	Anthony & Angie Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mária Fatima & Manuel Cardosa da Silva
11:45am · OLGV	José & Julia Goulart
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God’s Family

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**Weekend of October 13th – October 14th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,466.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,344.00
Second Collection (Holy Father)	\$2,060.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**  
**Weekend of October 13th – October 14th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,274.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,354.00
Second Collection (Holy Father)	\$580.00

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 (Pallazola) Tarr  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John Roger Malloy  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Christine (Pratt) Murphy  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of John & Kyle Joseph Orlando  
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 generous support!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00pm · Saint Ann Church  
More Information Coming Soon!  
Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!