

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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A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

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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@ccgrronline.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!

For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental reconciliation, works of charity, community life, and missionary outreach.

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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A Special Request for Prayers

BY FATHER JIM

On Saturday, September 29th, the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Archangels: Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael. Scripture and tradition teach us that Saint Michael is both patron and protector of the Church and leader of an army of angels that battles the forces of evil in our world. On that feast day, during this tragic time of crisis, division, and "spiritual turbulence" in the church, the Holy Father issued a special prayer request 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 Holy 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 Holy Rosary every morning after Mass for the healing and protection of the church throughout the world. In addition, a beautiful hand painted icon of Saint Michael has been placed in the sanctuary of Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. And for the rest of this month, we will conclude all daily and weekend Masses with a 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.

This famous prayer was written by Pope Leo XIII in 1886 and was routinely prayed after Mass for nearly eighty years. By making this special request for prayers, Pope Francis echoes the teaching of Saint John Paul II who said: "Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone to remember it and recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world."

Let us be confident that the prayers of Saint Michael and Our Blessed Mother will assist us in healing the deep wounds that have been inflicted upon God's family by those who conspired with darkness to abuse children and to conceal those crimes. These horrors cannot be forgotten or nullified by the ritual of prayer alone. So let us continue working together to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church. And let us remember the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: "This is our vocation: To heal wounds, to bind what is broken, and to bring home those who are lost." May Saint Francis, Saint Michael, and Our Blessed Mother pray for us and for our wounded church! Peace and blessings to all!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY'S GUILD BAKED BEAN SUPPER

with MIKE DUTRA'S STRICTLY SINATRA

Friday, October 19th · Begins at 5:30pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for its Annual Baked Bean Supper on Friday, October 19th from 5:30pm until 8:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Our menu will include hot dogs, linguica, baked beans, coffee, soft drinks, and homemade desserts.

Our evening's entertainment will be provided by Mike Dutra who will sing your favorite songs by Frank Sinatra! A donation of \$15 is requested for each adult; and \$10 for each child (age 10 and under). Tickets will be available at the door. For more information about this special evening of good food, fellowship, and song, please contact Beth Fosberry at 978-790-0196 or jcbf33@yahoo.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!

THE ASSISI PROJECT Need Prayers?

Founded in 2007, the Assisi Project is a fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" that is dedicated to helping disciples of all ages to more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ with the help of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. Members of the Assisi Project, ranging in age from 16 to 93, pray for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like our fellowship to pray for you or your special intention, then please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. May the Lord give you peace!

CALLING ADULT DISCIPLES

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@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!



CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Begins October 12th – 13th

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 ninety minute workshops during the fall season and three ninety 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 their particular home schedule.

Our youth faith formation program begins during the weekend of October 12th-13th! Both calendars and registration forms are available at ccgronline.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@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesdays at 4:00pm

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry gathers for fellowship and rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Our Youth Choir & Music Ministry always warmly welcomes new members, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school. Young instrumentalists are also welcome to join us!

Being a part of our youth choir and music ministry is a great way to make new friends! And it is also a great way to participate more fully in the life of our parishes and to learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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!

Pope Francis was once asked about his favorite way of praying. In response, he 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 jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**OCTOBER 6 – OCTOBER 14, 2018**

Saturday, October 6	Vigil · 27th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Living & Deceased Members of the Madonna del Rosario Society
6:00pm · OLGV	Russell Kippen
Sunday, October 7	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	A. Herman & Marie Bouchie
8:15am · Saint Ann	Living & Deceased Members of the Madonna del Lume Society
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Stefano Adelfio
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel F. Garcia
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Abuse Victims
	27th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 8 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, October 9 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Frank Souza
Wednesday, October 10 8:00am · OLGV	Fitz Lufkin
Thursday, October 11 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Colleen Handley
Friday, October 12 8:00am · OLGV	Sr. Mary Souza
Saturday, October 13 8:00am · OLGV	John & Joanne Randazza 50th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, October 13	Vigil · 28th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Francis Noyes
6:00pm · OLGV	Josephine & Capt. Salvatore Santuccio
Sunday, October 14	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	George C. Grace
8:15am · Saint Ann	Paul Frontiero III
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Jim Contri & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Corey McCollum
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God's Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 29th – September 30th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,058.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,936.00
Second Collection (SVDP)	\$4,175.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of September 29th – September 30th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,567.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,647.00
Second Collection (SVDP)	\$939.00

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 Jane Murphy
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Jim & Mary Contri
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of the Deceased Members
of the Madonna del Rosario Society
Sanctuary Gifts · 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@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**BEST BALL GOLF SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT**

Friday, October 12th · Begins at 12:00pm

Learn more: kofc215.com

Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!