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HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent Faith & Family Mass

A YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT 4:00PM — SAINT ANN CHURCH

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 children, parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are invited to join Father Jim for our Fourth Annual Advent Faith & Family Mass on Saturday, December 1st at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about the Advent Wreath and a special blessing for all of God's children and their families. In addition, every child will receive a small gift.

Please save these dates for these upcoming Faith & Family Masses: 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. For more information about our Advent Faith & Family Mass, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrounline.com. Let us affirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our Teacher! Every child is a precious gift from God! And all families are always welcome to join us for Mass! Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Advent & Christmas Concert

AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT 2:00PM — SAINT ANN CHURCH

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Tom Misuraca, LuAnn Pallazola, and the Adult & Youth Choir Ministries for our Fourteenth Annual Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church. As always, this year's musical selections have been carefully chosen to help prepare our hearts to celebrate more faithfully the Holy Season of Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. For more information about this beautiful holiday tradition, please contact Tom Misuraca at tmisuraca@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us as we share the gift of sacred music during the upcoming holiday season! Spread the good news! All are invited! All are welcome!

Pastor's Note

ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Our pastoral team hopes that you appreciated and enjoyed this week's message by Father Thomas Richstatter, OFM. Father Richstatter has been a member of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) since 1957; and a Roman Catholic priest since 1966. Although now retired, he has served as a pastor, high school teacher, university lecturer, and seminary professor. Father Richstatter is also a prolific author, having published more than 100 articles and books over the years. If you enjoyed this week's message, be sure to check out "Bringing Home the Word!" A new edition of this great resource for prayer and reflection is posted every Saturday on our website: ccgrounline.com/news! Peace and blessings! — Father Jim

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Corrective of 'We'

BY FATHER THOMAS RICHSTATTER, OFM

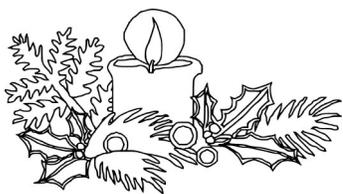
One reason that I am Catholic is because Catholicism is a healthy corrective to the way that I would prefer to live and pray. Catholicism is a “we” religion. It is about community. Why do I consider Catholicism a healthy corrective? Here’s an example: Three times each week, I go to the gym for an aerobics class. When the alarm rings in the morning, I would much rather stay in bed, but I am convinced that, even though I don’t like it, exercise is more healthy than sitting in front of the computer all day, typing with one hand and eating with the other. And just as the gym is an antidote to my inactivity and overeating, Catholicism is a healthy corrective for my American individualism.

There are many wonderful things about living in America. But besides being the land of the free and the home of the brave, America is also the land of the “Lone Ranger.” Americans love our individual freedom and independence—not only in the way we live, but also in the way we worship. Studies show that Americans, regardless of their religious denomination, like to be independent in their beliefs. I decide what I want to believe and I decide how to pray. Identifying with an established denomination (Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, etc.) is not important for most Americans, who tend to move easily from one church to another. Conversion and salvation are understood as deeply personal, individual experiences. “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.” Yes, American religion is about “I” and “me” and “my.”

Our religion is a healthy corrective to the excess individualism of American religion because Catholic identity is essentially corrective. All of our official Catholic prayers are first-person plural: “we” and “us” and “our.” At Mass, we pray: “Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord...Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ (Eucharistic Prayer III).”

Family and community are at the heart of our Catholic identity because the God we worship is a triune community of love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The principal petition at every Eucharist is not for some individual gift of grace but for the gift of unity, the grace to become one body, one spirit in Christ. We pray that we become family, community, and Church. As Christ’s Body the Church, we together are to continue Christ’s mission to the world. It is not about what I want, but Christ, in his body the Church, wants. Together with the whole Church, we pray: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

Personally, I do not always find this community aspect of Catholicism comfortable. Often I would rather pray how I want. I get upset when community needs disturb the way I have always prayed. Why do I have to listen to the Bible proclaimed in Spanish just because the neighborhood is changing? I like to sing but I am not comfortable singing a hymn in Korean. But in a deeper place, I want to welcome and be considerate of my sisters and brothers because I know that what is most comfortable for me is not always what is best for my growth. It is more comfortable to stay in bed than to get up and exercise. I realize when I need a healthy corrective!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**

SATURDAY, 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, 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 are accepting donations! We are especially thankful to Greely Funeral Home and Pike-Newhall Funeral Home for their donations of the 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 JEWELRY TABLE
Now Accepting Donations!**

Do you need more space in your jewelry box for those new baubles or those priceless family heirlooms? We have the answer! Donate your old trinkets to the Holy Family Parish Christmas Fair Jewelry Table! Our jewelry table is one of the highlights of the fair and one of its biggest fundraisers! The jewelry table is always filled with beautiful hidden treasures and your donations are what make it so much fun and successful!

Donations to the Christmas Fair Jewelry Table are always welcome at the parish office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 10:00am until 4:00pm). For more information, please contact Joanne Grella at jag1156@msn.com; or Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. We hope to see you all at the Holy Family Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

LIVING THE GOSPEL

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00pm**

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal and charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. If you have twenty-four hours to volunteer this year, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our community. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (which is located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). For more information about the Knights of Columbus (Council 215), please visit our website: kofc215.com; or contact Mark Natti at 978-281-4820 or grandknight@kofc215.com. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

**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!

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Learn more about opportunities to serve!
Join us: ccgronline.com/fellowship/

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

MONTH OF ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Sunday, November 18th at 10:00am

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. So far this month, we have already celebrated two Masses of Remembrance. Our final one is scheduled for Sunday, November 18th at 10:00am in Saint Joachim Church.

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

PASTOR'S NOTE WELCOME FATHER RICHARD! Missionary Visit This Weekend!

During this weekend of November 10th–November 11th, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is blessed to welcome Father Richard O'Nyamwaro of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries, who will celebrate most of our weekend Masses. The Apostles of Jesus was the first religious missionary order of priests and brothers to be founded in Africa. Their mission is to preach the gospel worldwide; create health centers to care for the sick; establish farms to feed the hungry; and care for children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS crisis.

In support of the Apostles of Jesus and their good work throughout the world, Holy Family Parish will sponsor a second collection this weekend at all Masses. Your generous support will be much appreciated by all who are served by Father Richard and his fellow missionaries. On behalf of our pastoral team and fellow parishioners, my heartfelt welcome and sincere thanks go to Father Richard O'Nyamwaro and the Apostles of Jesus! Thank you for joining us! May God bless you and your important ministries! Peace and blessings to all! –Father Jim

COMING SOON! ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT with SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER

December 5th through December 7th at 7:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE



VETERANS DAY A PRAYER FOR VETERANS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

In 1945, Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran from Birmingham, Alabama, petitioned General Dwight D. Eisenhower to support his idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate the sacrifice of all veterans. Almost nine years later, President Eisenhower signed a bill into law that established what we know now as Veterans Day.

For the next four decades, Mr. Weeks led the nation's annual salute to all who served in their country in uniform. In 1982, President Reagan called him the "Father of Veterans Day." This year, as our country honors and thanks its veterans for their courage and commitment, let us pray for them, their families, and for our beloved country.

God of peace,
we pray for those who have served our nation
and have laid down their lives
to protect and defend our freedoms.

We pray for those who have fought,
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,
whose nights are haunted by memories
too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now,
especially those in harm's way.
Shield them from danger
and bring them home.
Turn the hearts and minds
of our leaders and our enemies
to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.
Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!

May the peace you left us,
the peace you gave us,
be the peace that sustains us,
the peace that saves us.
Christ Jesus, hear us!
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!
Amen.

Saint Ann, pray for us!
Saint Joachim, pray for us!
Saint Peter & Saint Anthony, pray for us!
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**NOVEMBER 10 – NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

Saturday, November 10	Vigil · 32nd Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Enzo & Rosalia Giambanco
6:00pm · OLGV	Kate Cantillon
Sunday, November 11	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Maria Padre
8:15am · Saint Ann	Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Elvino Gaspar da Silveira
11:45am · OLGV	Giovanna Frisella
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Ivonette da Silva
	32nd Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, November 12 8:00am · OLGV	For All Deceased Veterans
Tuesday, November 13 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Charles Works
Wednesday, November 14 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Sheldon
Thursday, November 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Joseph Grella, Sr.
Friday, November 16 8:00am · OLGV	Peter Henry Warny
Saturday, November 17 8:00am · Saint Ann	Mary Sheldon
Saturday, November 17	Vigil · 33rd Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Misuraca Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Anthony Piraino
Sunday, November 18	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Charles Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass of Remembrance
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Matteo & Vincenza Cusumano

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of November 3rd – November 4th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,235.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,113.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,913.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of November 3rd – November 4th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,664.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,744.00
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 Ann & Margaret Orlando
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of All Souls
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of All Souls
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Vincenza Cusumano
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!

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