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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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SHARE THE LIGHT!

HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING THE CHURCH
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CALL TO PRAYER

A Litany of Thanksgiving for the Graces of Baptism

BY ED BROOM, OMV

For being adopted as a Child of God:

Thank you, God!

For being called to be a brother (or sister) to Jesus Christ:

Thank you, God!

For entering into a deep friendship with the Holy Spirit:

Thank you, God!

For infusing into my soul the virtue of faith to truly believe in you:

Thank you, God!

For endowing me with hope against all obstacles, Holy Trinity:

Thank you, God!

For filling my soul with love and charity:

Thank you, God!

For filling my soul with Justice, Prudence, Temperance, and Fortitude:

Thank you, God!

For welcoming me into God's Family, the Church:

Thank you, God!

For permeating my soul with saving grace:

Thank you, God!

For freeing me from the cruel bondage of the devil:

Thank you, God!

For welcoming me into the Bark of Peter, the Church,
amidst the storms of this world:

Thank you, God!

For opening my heart to receiving your grace with humility and gratitude:

Thank you, God!

For opening the gateway to receiving the Greatest of Sacraments, the Holy Eucharist:

Thank you, God!

For allowing me through the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism
to attain the true life, eternal life in heaven:

Thank you, God!

For giving me the Blessed Mother, Mary Most Holy:

Thank you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen!

Father Ed Broom, OMV is a parish priest and member of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Share the Light!

BY FATHER JIM

One of my favorite things about being a priest is the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Each year, I am blessed to baptize dozens of children (and even a few adults) and to welcome them into God's family as fellow disciples. During the Rite of Baptism, a simple candle is presented to every family. After it is lit from the Paschal Candle, the priest or deacon says: "Receive the Light of Christ. Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. These children have been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as children of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." With these prayerful words, a simple candle takes on powerful significance!

The baptismal candle can serve as an ongoing reminder of a child's baptism. Some families briefly light the candle on the anniversary of their child's (or godchild's) baptism in commemoration of their "spiritual birthday." In this way, the candle can remind us to call them on the anniversary of their baptism, to encourage them with love along the way of life, and to pray for them each and every day of their lives. The baptismal candle can also serve to remind us as parents, grandparents, and godparents that it is our ultimate responsibility, first and foremost, to teach our children about God's commandments, his boundless love and mercy, and the teachings and traditions of the Church.

Of course, a newborn infant or toddler will not remember their baptism or the celebrations that might accompany that special day. So, the baptismal candle and its importance are intended primarily for all of us. Because its light comes from the Paschal Candle (lit with great solemnity at the Easter Vigil), we are called to remember that it represents the Risen Lord's ultimate triumph over suffering and death. We are called to remember that with our baptism, we are permanently marked as a child of God and as a member of God's family. We are called to remember that with our baptism, we are welcomed into a community of believers that stretches back to the first disciples who knew Jesus and first believed in his resurrection. And we are called to remember that with our baptism, we are forever linked with these disciples and with every believer who followed them – including our deceased friends and family members who rest in peace in anticipation of their own resurrection.

Along with these rich spiritual and theological realities comes the great responsibility to share it with others. When the priest or deacon says "Receive the Light of Christ" during the Rite of Baptism, we should remember that the gift does not end with us. The Lord commands us to share his divine light throughout our lives with families and friends, with colleagues and neighbors, and with everyone we meet along the way. In an Easter Vigil Homily, Pope Francis once said: "We are called to behave as children of light...The Sacrament of Baptism, in fact, demands a choice, firm and resolute, to live as children of light, to walk in the light...and to abandon the false lights of prejudice against others and our own self-interest." As always, the Holy Father encourages us to set aside the darkness of anger, envy, greed, and harsh judgment; and to choose instead the bright lights of mercy, generosity, and love for our brothers and sisters. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and renew our own baptismal promises, let us share the light of Christ with the whole world!

CALL TO FELLOWSHIP

TRIVIA NIGHT

BRAIN TEASING SPECIAL EVENT
TRIVIA NIGHT with FATHER JIM
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH AT 7:00PM

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for a brain-teasing, mind-blowing, and fast-paced special event: “Trivia Night with Father Jim” on Saturday, January 19th from 7:00pm until 10:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish Hall. Throughout the evening, Father Jim (who is secretly a quiz master and aspiring game show host) will ask a series of questions on a wide array of topics ranging from music and sports, movies and television, books and history, religion and good, old-fashioned trivia.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Participants will be organized into teams of eight, so all are welcome to organize a team in advance or take your chances at the door! Tickets will be available at the door, in our parish office, or by contacting Father Jim. All are invited to bring food and snacks. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and soft drinks will be offered for sale (along with a cash bar). Father Jim promises cool prizes and raffles, too!

Don’t miss this chance to impress your friends and neighbors with your knowledge of facts, figures, and trivia! Don’t miss this chance to share a few laughs with family and fellow parishioners! Don’t miss your chance to win a great prize! And don’t miss this chance to raise some much needed funds for Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PASTOR’S NOTE WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS Join us: ccgronline.com!

For the latest information about weather related cancellations during the winter months in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website at ccgronline.com. Announcements will also be made on WBZ1030-AM and cbsboston.com. All parishioners should note that if public schools are closed on a particular weekday due to inclement weather, then our daily Mass and all adult and youth faith formation programs will be cancelled on that day, too. Peace and blessings to all for a safe winter season! – Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

PASTOR’S NOTE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO A VERY SPECIAL PRIEST

On behalf of our pastoral team and all of our fellow parishioners, I wish to sincerely thank my friend and brother priest, Reverend Patrick Moran, CSSR for visiting during the Christmas Season and assisting with confessions, funerals, and the celebration of both daily and weekend Masses. Father Paddy’s generosity, kindness, and boundless good cheer are a great and lasting gift to all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

For almost two decades, Cape Ann and its faithful people have held a special place in Father Paddy’s heart. By all accounts, that was clear to each and every person who was touched by his priestly ministry during the Christmas Season. On a personal note, I am deeply grateful to him for all that he did for all of us during the past two weeks. Please pray for Father Paddy and for his ministries in both Ireland and Ethiopia! And together, let us cry out across a vast ocean: Thank you, Father Paddy! Come back soon! – Father Jim

OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Keep it. Share it. Rebuild the Church.

Each week, we work hard to create a newsletter that informs, inspires, and instructs our readers about some aspect of the Christian life and about what’s happening in our parishes. We are grateful for your encouraging words and positive feedback! However, we notice that some parishioners leave church without a newsletter! Take your copy home! Reflect on the weekly message! 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! Peace and blessings! – Father Jim

WE SHARE Safe & Easy Electronic Giving

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is a safe, simple, and secure method of making online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time or ongoing basis. And it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. Just visit ccgronline.com/news, choose the appropriate parish link, and click “make a donation.” For more information, please contact Melissa Unis at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support! – Father Jim

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 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/! 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!

CALL TO PRAYER



VIGIL FOR THE HEALING OF GOD'S FAMILY THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH - BEGINS AT 5:00PM

More than eight centuries ago, the Crucified Christ called out to the young man who would become Saint Francis of Assisi: "Go! Rebuild my church which as you can see is falling into ruin!" Francis took the Lord's command literally and set out to repair and rebuild small chapels in and around his hometown. Over the years, however, Francis came to understand that his commitment to living the Gospel and sharing God's love was instrumental in rebuilding and repairing the Church throughout the world.

In this spirit and in appreciation for the crisis facing the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will gather on important feast days over the course of this new year to pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild the Church. In addition, we will ask the saints to pray for us and guide us in the hard work of discipleship during these difficult times.

All are invited to join us for our first Vigil for the Healing of God's Family on Friday, January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, from 5:00pm until 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special event of prayer and devotion.

Our Vigil of Prayer will begin at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During Evening Prayer, Father Jim will deliver a reflection about the life and message of Saint Paul the Apostle. After a holy hour of silent adoration, we will pray the Holy Rosary 6:30pm for the healing of God's family throughout our divided country, our wounded church, and our suffering world. We will conclude at 7:00pm with Night Prayer and Benediction.

For more information about this special event and about other opportunities for prayer and faith formation, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; visit our website at ccgronline.com/formation/; or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Paul, pray for us!

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Join us: ccgronline.com/!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 12—JANUARY 20, 2019

Saturday, January 12	Vigil · Baptism of the Lord
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Angela & Nicolo Vitale
6:00pm · OLGV	Matteo Russo
Sunday, January 13	Baptism of the Lord
7:00am · OLGV	Harold Jesso
8:15am · Saint Ann	Patricia MacDowell
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Anna Delfio
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family
	First Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, January 14 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, January 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John Boulanger
Wednesday, January 16 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Thursday, January 17 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Deacon Daniel Dunn
Friday, January 18 8:00am · OLGV	John J. Garvey
Saturday, January 19 8:00am · Saint Ann	Mary Grimes Ruth
Saturday, January 19	Vigil · Second Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph & Grace Brancaleone
6:00pm · OLGV	Leonardo & Caterina Russo
Sunday, January 20	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Muriel Stack
8:15am · Saint Ann	Florence Nickerson
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Gerald O’Connor
11:45am · OLGV	Marion Anderson
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of January 5th & January 6th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,466.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,344.00
Second Collection	N/A

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of January 5th & January 6th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,860.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,940.00
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 Louis & Beatrice Douglas, Jr.
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Deacon Daniel Dunn
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of John 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 DATES!

WINTER CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP
LEARNING TO PRAY

WITH THE CHILDREN OF FATIMA
February 19th through February 22nd
Learn more: ccgronline.com/formation
All are invited! All are welcome!