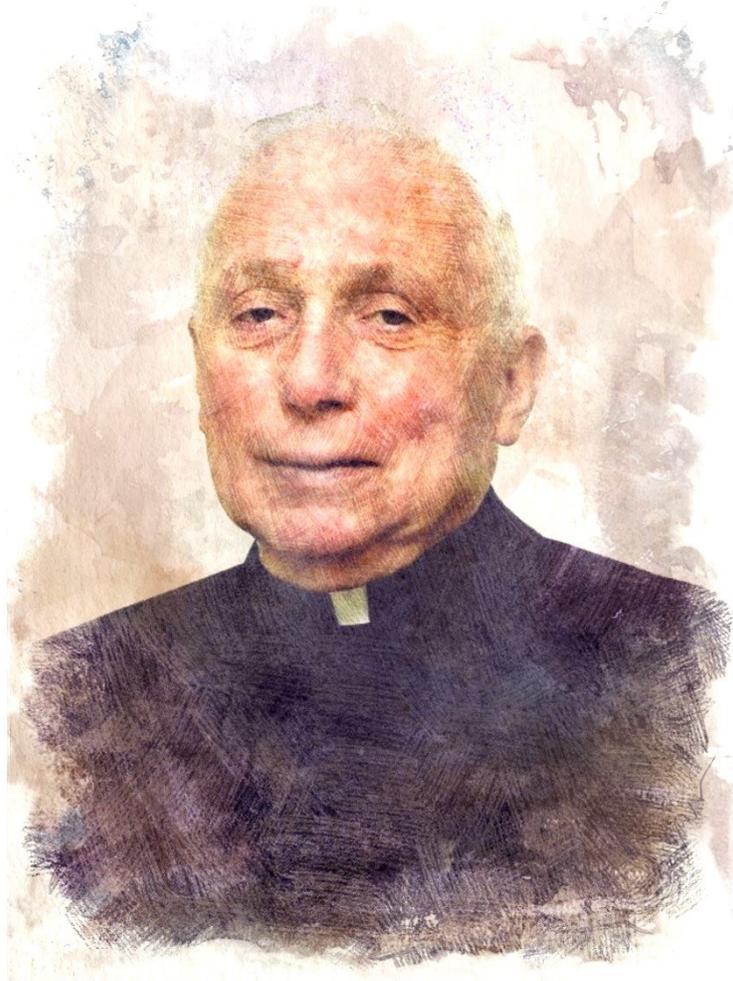


# **The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport**

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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**Our Mission: Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time · February 17, 2019**



## **THE MEANING OF A LIFE**

**REMEMBERING FATHER EUGENE ALVES (1931-2019)**

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## THE ASSISI PROJECT



### Following Francis & Clare

OUR 12TH ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI  
NOVEMBER 7TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 16TH

For the twelfth consecutive year, Father Jim and Cliff Garvey will lead the Assisi Project's week-long, small-group pilgrimage to Italy. From November 7th through November 16th, we will journey again to Assisi and literally walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Each morning will begin with Morning Prayer and Mass. Father Jim will celebrate Masses at the Basilica of Saint Francis, the Basilica of Saint Clare, the Basilica of Our Lady of Angels, the Carceri Hermitage, and the Sanctuary at La Verna. Each afternoon, our pilgrims will have free time and guidance to explore Assisi at their own pace. Each evening, we will gather as a community for Evening Prayer, supper, a spiritual reflection, and faith sharing.

As a fellowship of pilgrims, we will explore the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Each of these blessed shrines contains the tombs of the saints, holy relics, historic frescoes, and other priceless works of art, along with quiet chapels for personal prayer and worship. We will also visit the Cathedral of Saint Rufinus, where Francis and Clare were baptized; the Church of Saint Damian, where Christ spoke to Francis and hastened his conversion; the hermitage, where Francis and his first followers retreated for solitude and silence; and the little chapel known as the Porziuncola or "Little Portion", which is considered the home church of the worldwide Franciscan community. We're even planning a few surprises for this year!

In addition, we will spend leisurely afternoons in and around the Piazza del Commune, Assisi's city center, with its sidewalk cafes, unique shops, and ancient Roman temple (now a Catholic Church consecrated to the Blessed Mother). Our more adventurous pilgrims will also have an opportunity to visit the Rocca Maggiore, the great medieval fortress with its stunning views of Assisi, Mount Subasio, and the Spoleto Valley. And finally, we will travel to La Verna, the mountain sanctuary in Tuscany, where Saint Francis received the stigmata. At La Verna, we will celebrate Mass, enjoy a traditional Tuscan lunch, and participate in the daily procession that commemorates how Francis received the five wounds of the Crucified Christ.

The cost of this extraordinary pilgrimage is \$3,499 per person which includes roundtrip airfare and fees (from Boston Logan Airport); all ground transportation (except personal taxi service); eight nights accommodation (single room and private bathroom) at Casa Santa Brigida; and all meals in the guest house (breakfast, lunch, and supper). Prospective pilgrims should note that this pilgrimage is limited to just fourteen participants; involves some strenuous physical activity; and that access to some pilgrimage sites in Italy is limited for those with physical disabilities. For more information about the Assisi Project's 12th Annual Fall Pilgrimage, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com.

*Reserve now! Only eight spaces remaining for this year's pilgrimage!*

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### The Meaning of a Life Remembering Father Alves

BY FATHER JIM

On Friday, February 8th, Father Eugene Alves, our longtime pastor and senior priest, passed away surrounded by his devoted and loving family. After hearing this sad news and looking through some boxes in a rectory closet, I found some wonderful old photographs of Father Alves, including one from his first Mass, which was celebrated fifty-eight years ago this month at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. As a priest for almost sixty years, Father Alves celebrated an untold number of daily and weekend Masses. He baptized thousands of babies and adult converts. He offered First Holy Communion to generations of young disciples. He heard an untold number of confessions and absolved millions of sins. He presided over the weddings and funerals of countless numbers of family, friends, and fellow parishioners. He visited the sick, comforted the afflicted, counseled the troubled, and offered good advice both in private and on the front steps of this historic church.

Shortly after Father Alves died, I was blessed to visit with his family. Reflecting on his ministry, his niece, Anita, said that every single family in Gloucester and Rockport probably has a photograph of her uncle from some community event, parish celebration, or family gathering. That prompted me to think about the tumultuous times during which Father Alves lived and served as a priest: Vietnam; Vatican II; the Civil Rights Movement; the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy; the social and political upheaval of the late sixties; the cultural and sexual revolutions of the seventies and eighties; the rise of computer and digital technologies; deadly terrorist attacks; seemingly endless wars; and a sexual abuse crisis that goes on and on. Father Alves also served under four archbishops and six popes. Through it all, Father Alves stood calmly at the helm, charted our course, and led us forward — ever confident that our community could do anything as long as we worked together.

Needless to say, Father Alves was not perfect. From personal experience alone, I know that he could be difficult, stubborn, and sometimes uncompromising. But beneath that hard exterior lived an exceptionally kind, decent, and generous man. Father Alves was singularly dedicated to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish and its parishioners. He was a good and faithful priest who gave his entire life — heart, mind, body, and soul — in service to God's people without ambition, avarice, or bitterness. He loved his priesthood and his parish family. In so many ways, Father Alves was larger than life: and he will live on in the hearts and memories of generations of parishioners who were blessed to know him, to love him, and to learn from him.

During funerals, Father Alves would often say that death doesn't make sense unless you have faith. With humility, I might add that life itself doesn't make sense unless we are willing to love and serve others. On the same day that Father Alves died, Pope Francis said: "Life has value when we give it, when we give it in love, when we give it in truth, and when we give it to others in everyday life." One might think that the Holy Father was thinking about Father Alves when he shared these words with the world! May God bless Father Alves. May God bless all who grieve his passing. And may God bless us with the courage, grace, and perseverance to give to others what Father Alves gave to all of us — a life so well-lived; a life so truly dedicated to prayer, fellowship, and service. Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



### CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP

#### **LEARNING TO PRAY** with the **CHILDREN OF FATIMA** BEGINS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 8:00AM

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our next “Catholic Kids Camp: Learning to Pray with the Children of Fatima” from Tuesday, February 19th through Friday, February 22nd (8:00am until 12:00pm) in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer, fun, and fellowship, the children will learn about the miraculous appearances of Our Lady of Fatima and the child-saints who spread her message with the whole world. Our strategy of learning features active and engaged participation in games, music, prayer, skits, and craft projects. Here’s our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 19th  
The Story of Fatima

Day II: Wednesday, February 20th  
Francisco, Prayer, and Sacrifice

Day III: Thursday, February 21st  
Jacinta and Praying for Peace

Day IV: Friday, February 22nd  
Lucia and Praying the Rosary

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady’s School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. Catholic Kids Camp is an exciting educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during the upcoming school vacation week is \$30 per child for those families that can afford it. Also, adults and older children (age 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available at [ccgrounline.com/formation](http://ccgrounline.com/formation). For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### WELCOME FATHER PETER MARSELEK Weekend of February 16th & February 17th

This weekend, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is blessed to welcome Father Peter Marselek of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT). Father Peter will celebrate all weekend Masses in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Serving in thirteen countries including the United States, SOLT Missionaries bring the hope and love of Jesus and Mary to people living in poverty. They serve the elderly, migrant workers, orphans, refugees, and people undergoing alcohol and drug rehabilitation. For more information about SOLT and its good work in our world, please visit their website: [solt.net](http://solt.net). Welcome, Father Peter! May God bless you and your ministry!

### 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 parishioners and friends about some aspect of the Christian life and about what’s happening in our two historic 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 with a neighbor! Leave it at your barbershop, 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 to all! – Father Jim

### PASTOR’S NOTE Reminder About Smoking & Litter

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are reminded that smoking is prohibited both inside and outside of all buildings at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. If you choose to smoke off site, please dispose of your ashes, butts, and all other forms of trash in an appropriate receptacle (not on our lawns, parking lots, or sidewalks). My sincere hope and prayers are that all parishioners will do their small part to remind our friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens that we have a solemn obligation to care for our common home! Let’s work together to keep Gloucester & Rockport beautiful! Please do not litter! Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Peace and blessings to all! – Father Jim

### CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME!

Don’t litter. Pick up trash. Pick up after your dog.  
Keep Gloucester & Rockport Beautiful!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### LENT MASS FOR FAMILIES A Youth Faith Formation Special Event Sunday, March 10th at 11:45am Mass

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 this spirit and in response to the Lord's call, all children, parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are invited to join Father Jim for a Lent Mass for Families on Sunday, March 10th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily and blessing for all of our parish children. In addition, because Lent is a season for prayer, penance, and charity, all families will be asked to help Father Jim raise \$1,000 for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a service organization that provides food and financial assistance to local families in need. For more information about our Lent Mass for Families, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.com). Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesday Afternoons at 5:00pm

As parishes across the country reimagine their youth faith formation programs, it is important to remember that all children and teenagers are invited to fully participate in the life of our parishes as altar servers, volunteers, participants in our Christmas Pageant, or as members of our Youth Choir and Music Ministry. These programs are formative opportunities for children of all ages to gather in prayer, learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, make new friends, and live their faith in a spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service.

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for fellowship and rehearsal every Tuesday at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. The youth choir, along with an ensemble of talented young instrumentalists, performs every weekend. Our youth music ministry is a great way to learn about music, make new friends, and participate in the life of our parish communities! New members ranging in age from elementary school through high school are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at 978-281-4820 or [pnatti@comcast.net](mailto:pnatti@comcast.net). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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**THE SCHOOL OF MARY**  
A Reflection on Our Lady of Lourdes  
Join us: [assisiproject.com](http://assisiproject.com)!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### WINTER DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION PRAYER & HEALING with the CHILDREN OF FATIMA SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD · BEGINS AT 8:00AM

Francisco Marto (1908-1919) and Jacinta Marto (1910-1920), brother and sister, and their cousin, Lucia dos Santos (1907-2005), were children from a small village near Fatima in Portugal, who were blessed to give witness to several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Fatima. Much is known and much is often misunderstood about the apparitions and their meaning. But we can learn a great deal from these children, especially Francisco and Jacinta, about life, love, prayer, and healing.

In commemoration of the Feast of Saints Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto (February 20th), all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a "Winter Day of Prayer & Reflection: Prayer and Healing with the Children of Fatima" on Saturday, February 23rd in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this special four-hour morning retreat, we will explore the different but complimentary spiritual lives of the Children of Fatima. We will also consider what these young saints can teach us about coping with illnesses of mind, body, and spirit.

Our day of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule: Celebration of 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. After our program, all are invited to join us for a delicious potluck lunch in the parish hall.

Throughout the morning, there will be scheduled breaks and time for faith sharing, fellowship, and questions. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and refreshments will be available throughout the morning. During Mass, a collection will be taken up in support of our adult and youth faith formation programs. If you would like to participate in this special event, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com). Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

Note: Please mark your calendar for our upcoming Spring Day of Prayer & Reflection on Saturday, May 4th and our Fall Day of Prayer & Reflection on Saturday, October 5th. Both of these special programs will begin with Mass at 8:00am. Save the dates! All are welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**FEBRUARY 16 – FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

<b>Saturday, February 16</b>	<b>Vigil · Sixth Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Antoinette & Sammy Curcuru
6:00pm · OLGV	Helen F. Taber
<b>Sunday, February 17</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Vincent Collins
8:15am · Saint Ann	William J. Vaughan
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Robert McKinnon
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God’s Family
	<b>Sixth Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, February 18 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, February 19 8:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
Wednesday, February 20 8:00am · OLGV	The Balbo Family
Thursday, February 21 8:00am · OLGV	Souls in Purgatory
Friday, February 22 8:00am · OLGV	Adri Unis
Saturday, February 23 8:00am · OLGV	Intentions of the Assisi Project
<b>Saturday, February 23</b>	<b>Vigil · Seventh Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Anna & Andy Smith
6:00pm · OLGV	Julia & Alcides Padre
<b>Sunday, February 24</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Mildred MacKinnon
8:15am · Saint Ann	Stephen Pina
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Gerald O’Connor
11:45am · OLGV	Lino & Alzira Neves
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Weekend of February 9th & February 10th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,319.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,197.00
Second Collection (Utilities)	\$3,209.00
Grand Annual Collection (40% of Goal)	\$30,021.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**

**Weekend of February 9th & February 10th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,144.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,224.00
Second Collection (Utilities)	\$1,185.00
Grand Annual Collection (27% of Goal)	\$12,082.00

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 Adri Unis  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Lee Ann (Hurst) Porper  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Philip Parisi  
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!

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTIONS**

**HELP FATHER JIM BALANCE OUR PARISH BUDGETS!**

Every small donation makes a big difference!  
Thank you for your generous support!