

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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## LINUS LEADS THE WAY

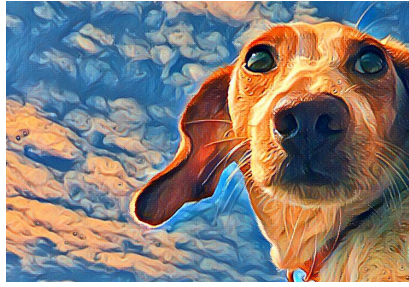
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## A CALL TO PRAYER



### Praying for Our Pets

THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Heavenly Father,  
our human ties with our animal companions  
is a wonderful and special gift from you.

We now ask you to bless our pets  
with your paternal care and healing power  
to take away their fears and sufferings.

Give us, their human friends,  
a new understanding of our responsibilities  
to these creatures of your divine love.

They trust us as we trust you;  
our souls and their souls are on this earth together  
in order to give each other the gifts  
of mutual care, love, and friendship.

Accept our heartfelt prayers  
and bless our sick or suffering animal friends  
with healing, light, and strength  
to overcome any weakness of body and mind.  
Your goodness is turned upon every living creature  
and your grace flows through all living things,  
touching each of us with a reflection of your love.

Grant to our animal companions  
long and healthy lives.

Give them strong relationships with us,  
and if you see fit to call them back to yourself,  
help us to understand that they are not gone,  
but only drawing closer to their creator.

Grant our prayers  
through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi,  
who honored you through all creation.  
Grant him the power to watch over our pets  
until they rest safely with you,  
where someday we hope to join them  
in praising you for ever and ever.

Amen!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Linus Leads the Way

BY CLIFF GARVEY

Linus is a ten pound, three year old, piebald miniature dachshund. He came into my life one year ago, when a friend, who breeds dachshunds for a living, asked whether or not there might be room in my life for a little dog in need of a “forever home.” It seemed that Linus was being retired after a successful career in siring more than forty puppies because he had tested positive for a potentially life-threatening liver ailment. Some months before, I had seen a photograph of Linus online and then met him on a visit to my friend’s “dachshund ranch” in rural central Maine. Since miniature dachshunds have been part of my family’s history for forty years, it was a surprisingly easy decision to bring him home and take my chances on his health.

One year later, Linus is asymptomatic, healthy, and happy. In a nod to a famous children’s story, our veterinarian has pronounced him “practically perfect in every way” and he is no longer so worried about that liver condition. Linus loves “walkies” at Burnham Field, along the Boulevard, and through the woods on our dirt road in Maine. He especially loves to sit on a bench and smell the sea. Linus loves snowy days and sunny days, but hates humid afternoons and rainy nights. He loves apples and blueberries and pumpkin, but he dislikes carrots. He loves yogurt and squeaky balls, but he shows no interest in chew toys. Linus especially loves his lunchtime treat, sleeping under his alpaca blanket, and patiently endures being checked for ticks several times each day.

Linus never whines and almost never barks. But he is almost useless as a watch dog. Both the cable guy and the plumber were already hard at work before Linus noticed them, looked up from his nap, and let out a single disinterested “woof.” When I complained to my parents that Linus was sometimes too quiet and sometimes a bit moody, they looked at each other and laughed outright. My dad said: “You’re practically twins.” True enough, I suppose. But needless to say, this little dog has won my heart. During the past year, Linus has learned a few things from me: like being perfectly house and kennel trained; responding well to many commands; and adjusting well to life in both Maine and Massachusetts.

In all honesty, however, I have learned more from Linus than he could ever learn from me. In so many ways, Linus leads the way. He is a model of gospel living. He loves unconditionally and without counting the cost. He routinely seeks to comfort those whom he perceives are anxious or upset. He is kind and patient. He is generous of heart and spirit. He welcomes the stranger. His capacity for acceptance, hospitality, and love are seemingly boundless. Although Linus can sometimes be stubborn, he never seems angry. And although Linus can be very sensitive (in response to loud noises or angry voices), he recovers quickly – ever responsive to a kind word, a rub around the ears, or to simply being picked up, hugged, and held close.

Overall, I am most impressed by Linus’s capacity to forgive. Not long after he came to live with me, I responded angrily to his refusal to go outside on a dark and foggy night. I scolded him like a parent might scold a child. Linus was truly frightened, then deeply sad, then reluctant to come near me. Within minutes, however, he processed his feelings and he approached me in a true spirit of reconciliation. Someone might say this is because his small brain soon forgot what happened. But anyone who loves a dog knows better. And if only we all knew better what Linus and his canine friends know so very well – love conquers all. As I grow older, I realize more and more that I truly understand less and less. But one thing seems certain. All dogs go to heaven!

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### WELCOME NEW DISCIPLES! THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OUR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2019

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During the month of August, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Sacrament of Baptism  
Sunday, August 11th at 1:00pm  
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism  
Sunday, August 18th at 1:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism  
Sunday, August 25th at 10:00am Mass  
Saint Joachim Church

During the past month, the following young disciples were baptized with holy water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Amanda Biron  
Catherine Coates  
Savannah Enos  
Viviana Frontiero  
Charlie Mazzeo  
Jackson Pereira  
Gianna Scuderi  
Brooks Silva

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sheila McCarthy at [smccarthy@ccgronline.com](mailto:smccarthy@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. May God bless our newly baptized young disciples and their parents, grandparents, godparents, and siblings! Congratulations to all!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Saturday Afternoons at 5:15pm

An annual tradition returns this summer to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our Summer Carillon Recitals are scheduled to begin on Saturday, August 3rd at 5:15pm (rain or shine). Once again, LuAnn Pallazola, our very talented organist-keyboardist has prepared programs that include familiar classical and international pieces, popular hymns and songs, patriotic melodies, and even selections especially for kids!

Installed in 1922, the carillon bells in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church were the first toned set of carillon bells in the United States. Although our bells can be heard from blocks away, the sound is best near the church. This summer, carillon recitals are also scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:15pm: August 10th, August 17th, August 24th, and August 31st.

For more information about these special programs, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or [lpallazola@gmail.com](mailto:lpallazola@gmail.com). Our Summer Carillon Recitals are free and open to the public! So, bring a coffee or cold drink! Enjoy this wonderful summer tradition! Don't forget that Mass begins at 6:00pm! Please join us! Spread the word! Bring your family! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Holy Day of Obligation · Thursday, August 15th

Since the fifth century, God's faithful people have believed that upon her death, the Blessed Virgin Mary was raised body and soul into heaven. However, this ancient tradition was not defined as an official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church until 1950. In celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Vigil Mass · Wednesday, August 14th  
Saint Anthony Chapel at 6:30pm

Holy Day Masses · Thursday, August 15th  
Saint Joachim Church at 8:00am  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 12:00pm

For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or please feel welcome to contact him at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! Saint Anthony, pray for us! Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!



## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION Weekend of July 27th & July 28th

In the tradition of its founder and patron, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a Roman Catholic lay fraternity that calls women and men to work together and grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Here are four important ways that you can help us help others:

First, all are asked to give generously to our special second collection this weekend, Saturday, July 27th and Sunday, July 28th, at all Masses in Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Every dollar donated will support the good work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its ongoing efforts to help families in need.

Second, all are encouraged to donate to our Food Pantry. Baskets (for boxed and/or canned non-perishable goods) can be found at the entrances to Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Donations can also be brought to our parish office which is located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester.

Third, all are invited to donate to our Clothes Closet. A drop-off bin is conveniently located in the parking lot in front of the Saint Ann School Building.

Finally, new members and volunteers are much needed and always most welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parish communities, please contact Barbara Frontiero at [barbara.frontiero@gortons.com](mailto:barbara.frontiero@gortons.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. If you need assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CROWNING CEREMONY Sunday, July 28th at 8:15am Mass

In celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim (July 26th), all are invited to join us for the Annual Crowning of Saint Ann and the Blessed Virgin Mary after our 8:15am Mass on Sunday, July 28th in Saint Ann Church. As a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, let us united our hearts and voices in praying for the intercession of our patrons: Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! For more information, please contact Mary Rubino at 978-281-0009. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

### MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

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Follow us on Twitter: [@ccgonline](https://twitter.com/ccgonline)!

## REBUILDING THE CHURCH



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL PROGRAM SUNDAY MORNING with POPE FRANCIS AUGUST 4TH & AUGUST 18TH - BEGINS AT 9:30AM

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) and their families are invited to join us for "Sunday Morning with Pope Francis" on August 4th and August 18th beginning at 9:30am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During these mornings of prayer, learning, fun, and fellowship, our young disciples will learn from Pope Francis about the journey of faith through active and engaged participation in games, music, and craft projects.

This special youth faith formation program will begin in Our Lady's School where Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. After the morning session, Betsy and our volunteers will bring the children to Our Lady's Church for Mass at 11:45am. All parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are encouraged to join us!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program is just \$30 per child for both Sundays. Scholarships are available for families that cannot afford tuition. Adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers! Registration forms are available at [ccgonline.com/formation](http://ccgonline.com/formation). For more information, please contact Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgonline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

### CAMPS: CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR Christian Summer Camp · Begins August 5th

CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior) is a summer camp experience for high school students that seeks to bring young disciples closer to Jesus; to share the Good News that our Christian community is both formed and lived; and to inspire faith formation and spiritual growth. This summer from August 5th through August 10th, more than 300 campers will gather at Lakeside Campsite in Pittsfield, Massachusetts for games and sports, campfires and music, spiritual talks and faith sharing. CAMPS can be a life-changing experience for high school students! For more information, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or [albiemitchell@me.com](mailto:albiemitchell@me.com); or visit their website at [campsministry.com](http://campsministry.com). Scholarships are available!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****JULY 27 – AUGUST 4, 2019**

<b>Saturday, July 27</b>	<b>Vigil · 17th Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rosa & Francesco Paolo Brancaleone
6:00pm · OLGV	The Padre Family
<b>Sunday, July 28</b>	<b>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Father Eugene Alves
8:15am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
10:00am · Saint Joachim	James King
11:45am · OLGV	Elja Bagaço
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family
	<b>17th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, July 29 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, July 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Lee Ann Porper
Wednesday, July 31 8:00am · OLGV	Valentina Bichao
Thursday, August 1 8:00am · Saint Joachim	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday, August 2 8:00am · OLGV	Richard Devlin
Saturday, August 3 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Works
<b>Saturday, August 3</b>	<b>Vigil · 18th Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	James Blake
6:00pm · OLGV	Angela Ciolino
<b>Sunday, August 4</b>	<b>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Alphonse Ajavon
8:15am · Saint Ann	Benjamin "Libby" Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	The Siczkowski Family
11:45am · OLGV	José & Maria Nunes da Conceição
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**Weekend of July 20th & July 21st**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,485.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,363.00
Second Collection (Winter Costs)	\$2,745.00
Grand Annual Collection (118% of Goal)	\$88,172.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**  
**Weekend of July 20th & July 21st**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,923.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,003.00
Second Collection (Winter Costs)	\$1,496.00
Grand Annual Collection (102% of Goal)	\$46,013.00

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 Betty Ann Goodland  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Nelson Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Charles & Valerie Symonds  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Alannah Marie Trickett  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Click the link: [ccgrounline.com](http://ccgrounline.com)