

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.
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LIVING THE GOSPEL

The Way

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS BEGINNING THIS FALL!

I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

“The Way” was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way also appears as a biblical reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. In addition, 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 13th 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). Other parishioners who have received the Sacraments are also welcome to join us!

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 learn more about this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God’s Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

A Moment for Grace

A PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

God of our wandering ancestors,
 long have we known
 that your heart is with the refugee;
 that you were born into time
 in a family of refugees
 fleeing violence in their homeland,
 who then gathered up their hungry child
 and fled into a strange land.
 Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages:
 "Will you let me in?"

Give us hearts that break open
 when our brothers and sisters
 turn to us with that same cry.
 Then surely, all these things will follow:
 Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices;
 Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat;
 Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate.
 And hands will reach out:
 working for peace in their homeland,
 working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven.

Lord, protect all migrants and refugees.
 May they find a friend in me
 and so make me more worthy
 of the refuge that I have found in you.
 Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Dear brothers and sisters,
 our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration
 can be summed up in four words:
 welcome, protect, promote, and integrate...
 Through them, the Lord calls us to conversion,
 to be set free from exclusivity, indifference, and the throw-away culture.
 Through them, the Lord invites us to fully embrace our Christian life,
 and to contribute, each according to his or her vocation,
 to the building up of a world
 that is more in accord with God's plan.

*Source: Catholic Relief Services
 Source: Papal Message for World Day of Migrants & Refugees 2019*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



PASTOR'S MESSAGE OF THANKS THE WAY FOR KIDS CONGRATULATIONS, YOUNG DISCIPLES!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport wishes to congratulate the following young disciples from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish who successfully completed "The Way for Kids" and received their First Holy Communion on the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ:

Madelyn Brown
Julianna Curcuru
Henry Goulart
Michael Grossi
Riley McKinnon
Hailey Powers
Gabriel Spagnol

During the past six weeks, in a special program for older children who did not receive First Holy Communion in the second grade, these seven children prayed, studied, and grew together in prayer, fellowship, and service. In addition, they learned together that disciples of all ages are called to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church. They were well-prepared to receive the Body & Blood of Christ; and they are now ready to become faith-filled fellow parishioners!

These young disciples wish to thank their parents, families, and friends for their love, prayers, and support. In particular, they wish to express their appreciation to those who helped them prepare for their First Holy Communion: Fernanda Brown, Betsy Works, and myself.

Finally, please pray for all of our young fellow parishioners, their parents, and families so that they will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love; and that they will continue to join us for Mass on a regular basis. Please also pray in thanksgiving for our pastoral team and our dedicated volunteers who make these celebrations possible. Thank you for your prayers and support! May God bless you and your family! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Learn more about our programs for adults & kids!

Join us: ccgronline.com/formation!

Please join us! Spread the word!

All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, July 9th 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 at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Since 1897, our award-winning council has sponsored countless works of charity including annual events like our blood drive, food drive, golf tournament, and the Coats for Kids program; along with our ongoing support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

If you have twenty-four hours to volunteer this year for charity, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our community. The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) meets on the second Tuesday of every month in our parish office. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th at 7:00pm. For more information, please visit our website at kofc215.com or contact us at info@kofc215.com. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

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, gardens, parking lots, or sidewalks). My prayer is that all parishioners will 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! Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Peace and blessings to all! — 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 secure and simple way 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. For more information, please visit our ccgronline.com/news, choose the appropriate parish link, and click "make a donation." For more information, please contact Melissa Joseph at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: ccgrounline.com/prayer/!

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgrounline.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 ccgrounline.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, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00am; and in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.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!

REBUILDING THE CHURCH



HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH AN EVENING with SAINT BRIDGET of SWEDEN THURSDAY, JULY 18TH - BEGINS AT 6:00PM

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 small chapels in and around his hometown. Over the years, however, Francis came to understand more fully that his vocation to live the Gospel and share God's love was vital to rebuilding the Church all around the world.

In this spirit and in appreciation for the crisis facing the Roman Catholic Church in our own time, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will gather in commemoration of important feast days and pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild our wounded Church. In addition, we will also beg the saints to pray for us and to guide us in the hard work of discipleship during these difficult times.

All are invited to join us for our next Evening of Prayer for the Healing of God's Family on Thursday, July 18th in honor of Saint Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373), a wife, mother, mystic, and visionary who founded a religious order that continues to flourish almost seven centuries after its founding. This special evening of prayer will begin at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 6:45pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary for the healing of God's family. And at 7:30pm, we will conclude with Night Prayer & Benediction.

During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a reflection on the life and legacy of Saint Bridget of Sweden. We will also pray with the relics of Saint Elizabeth Hesselblad (1870-1957) who renewed the Bridgettine Order. These relics have been known to comfort the afflicted and heal the sick. We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special evening of prayer, reflection, and devotion. For more information, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE LIFE OF SAINT BRIDGET

Watch a short video on our website!

Click the link: ccgrounline.com/

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 6—JULY 14, 2019

Saturday, July 6	Vigil · 14th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Helen & Sam Loiacano
6:00pm · OLGV	Captain Rosario Grillo
Sunday, July 7	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Merces A. Mendonça
8:15am · Saint Ann	Humberto Mota
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Frank T. Earle, Jr.
11:45am · OLGV	Virginia Simas
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family
	14th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 8 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, July 9 8:00am · Saint Joachim	James King
Wednesday, July 10 8:00am · OLGV	Mark Gossom
Thursday, July 11 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John Carrancho
Friday, July 12 8:00am · OLGV	The Brosnan Family
Saturday, July 13 8:00am · OLGV	Javon Walczak
Saturday, July 13	Vigil · 15th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rico Strescino & Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Robert Madruga
Sunday, July 14	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	José & Isolina Matos
8:15am · Saint Ann	Ignazio LoContro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Oswald Ajavon
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel & Maria Achadinha
5:00pm · Saint Ann	All Migrants & Refugees

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of June 29th & June 30th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,607.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,485.00
Second Collection	N/A
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 June 29th & June 30th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,940.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,020.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (98% of Goal)	\$44,053.00

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 Mark Gossom
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Salvatore Loiacano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of the Pomerleau Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Captain Rosario Grillo
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!

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