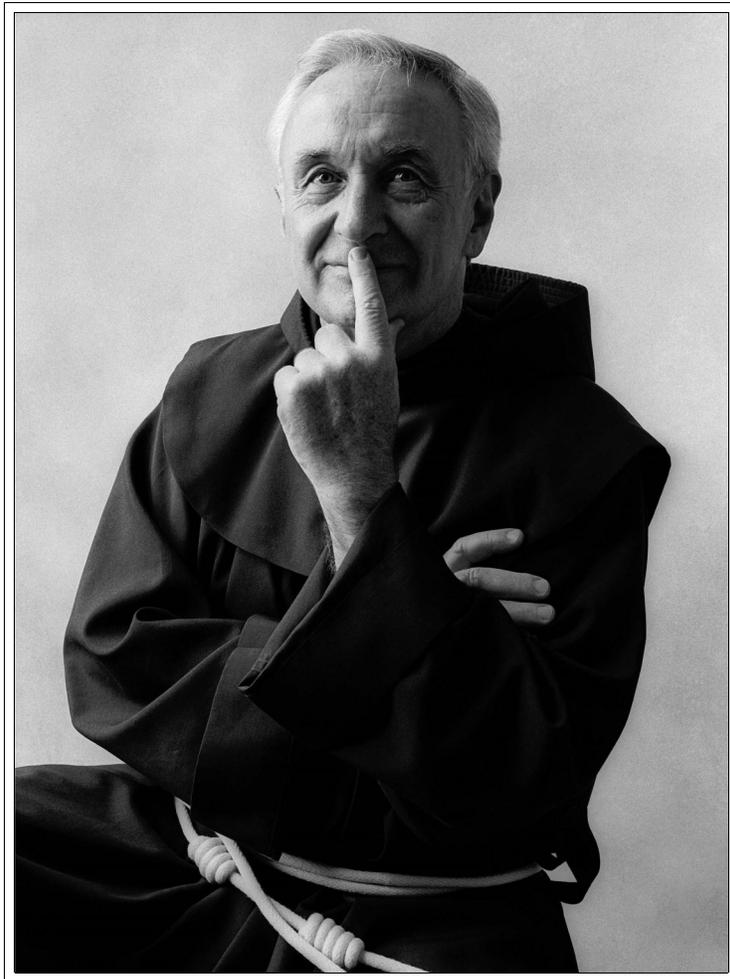


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.
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OUR FALL DAY OF PRAYER



Rebuilding the Church with Saint Francis of Assisi

A FALL DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH - BEGINS AT 8:00AM

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 throughout the world.

In this spirit and in celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a "Fall Day of Prayer & Reflection: Rebuilding the Church with Saint Francis of Assisi" on Saturday, October 5th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this four-hour morning retreat, we will reflect on what Saint Francis can teach us about healing God's family and rebuilding the Church during this time of crisis. We will also consider how the Franciscan message of humility, simplicity, and peacemaking can strengthen the bonds of love and community in our neighborhoods, parishes, and all around the world.

Our day of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule: Celebration of Holy Mass at 8:00am; First Reflection & Faith Sharing at 9:00am; Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am; Second Reflection & Faith Sharing at 11:15am; Angelus & Closing Prayers at 12:00pm. After our scheduled program, all are invited to join us for a delicious potluck harvest lunch in the Our Lady's 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 served. During Mass, a collection will be taken up to support the adult and youth faith formation programs in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. If you would like to join us for this special day of prayer and reflection, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. In addition, if you are able and willing to help with our potluck lunch, please contact Cliff as soon as possible! Please join us! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

A Wounded Healer

BY CLIFF GARVEY

On September 11, 2001, eighteen years ago this week, nearly three thousand people were killed and more than six thousand people were injured in terrorist attacks on New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington. Father Mychal Judge, a Franciscan friar and priest, who served as Chaplain to the New York City Fire Department, was killed by falling debris during the collapse of the South Tower of the World Trade Center. Father Mike, as he was known, was recorded as the first victim of the attacks because he was the first to be positively identified.

Like so many others whose lives are cut short by violence, Father Mike is remembered most often as a victim. Given the circumstances, perhaps this is right and just. But Father Mike should be remembered best for his life as a priest, pastor, friend, and wounded healer. In his book, *The Wounded Healer*, Father Henri Nouwen writes: "Nobody escapes being wounded. We are all wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. The main question is not 'How can we hide our wounds?' so we don't have to be embarrassed, but 'How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?' When our wounds cease to be a source of shame and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers."

This was especially true for Father Mychal Judge. He survived a difficult childhood marked by poverty, stern discipline, and the death of his father. He persisted in his vocation during a time in church history when guilt and harsh judgment often outweighed mercy and pastoral care. He wrestled with despair, isolation, and loneliness. He struggled with his sexual orientation. And he persevered in a decades-long recovery against alcoholism. His own wounds became the foundation and inspiration for his deep compassion for others. Each morning, Father Mike would fall to his knees and pray: "Lord, take me where you want me to go, let me meet who you want me to meet, tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way." This simple prayer inspired him to bring the Light of Christ into some of the darkest corners of city life.

During forty years of faithful priesthood, Father Mike embodied what it means to be a wounded healer. He ministered to men and women of all ages and backgrounds – the homeless and the hungry, the addicted and grief-stricken, and especially the victims of HIV/AIDS. During the 1980s, whether out of fear or prejudice, many healthcare professionals, family members, friends, and priests refused to care for the victims of this disease. But Father Mike transcended these concerns. He eagerly brought the sacraments to the sick and dying. He advocated tirelessly for better and more compassionate care. He willingly massaged the feet of AIDS patients. He worked hard to reconcile broken families and sat vigil with those who were left to die alone and unwanted.

During a funeral Mass for one of three brothers lost to the disease, Father Mike said: "Sometimes in life, when we lose someone we love and we don't know what else to do, we should just pray and worship. Thank you, Lord, for their lives, their love, their creativity, their friendship, their good days and bad days, their happiness, their anger, and for everything they brought into our lives...I love you, so please love each other – the best you can." In *Father Mychal Judge: An Authentic American Hero*, Michael Ford writes: "Father Mike was a living symbol of the church as it ought to be." As we mark the tragic anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, let us pray for all victims of violence. Let us love each other as best we can. Let us be living symbols of the church as it ought to be. And let us follow Father Mike's example by bringing Christ's light into a dark world.

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM BEGINS WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 12TH & 13TH!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers a creative and innovative way for younger children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for these sacraments; to encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and his Church; and to help families grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service.

Our program is simple and family-friendly! First, our top priority is to invite all families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses on a regular basis. Second, all second grade students and their parents, grandparents, and/or guardians are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season and three 90 minute workshops during the winter-spring seasons. Our "Faith & Family Workshops" are offered at three different times so that each family can choose which option works best for them.

Our program begins during the weekend of October 12th & October 13th! Calendars and registration forms are available on our website: ccgrounline.com/formation. Forms can be returned by mail or hand-delivered to our parish offices (which are located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). If you have questions or need more information about our youth faith formation programs, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for fellowship and rehearsal on Tuesdays at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Each weekend, the youth choir sings at one of our seven weekend Masses. New members, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school, are welcome to join us! Young musicians and their instruments are welcome, too! Being a part of our youth music ministry is a great way to make new friends and learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church through the gift of music! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at 978-281-4820 or pnatti@comcast.net. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

FALL FAITH & FAMILY MASS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT Sunday, September 22nd at 11:45am

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 parents, grandparents, godparents, and children of all ages are invited to join Father Jim for our annual "Fall Faith & Family Mass" on Sunday, September 22nd at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special blessing and homily for all families and their children about we can all work together to heal God's family and rebuild our Church. During this new school year, we will celebrate four more "Faith & Family Masses" on the following dates and times: Saturday, November 30th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Saturday, December 28th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday March 1st at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and Saturday, May 9th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

Mark your calendar! Save the dates! Spread the word! Bring your families and friends! Now more than ever, let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! Let us remember that every child in our pews is precious blessing from God! Every family that joins us for worship is a special gift from God! For more information, please see Father Jim; or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE Monday, September 23rd at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, September 23rd at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, the Penny Sale will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, and our famous homemade sweetbread, along with other delicious homemade foods and snacks. Donations are being accepted at our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) until the day of the Penny Sale. All proceeds are donated to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For more information, please contact Julia Garcia at 978-281-2678 or Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE

Join us: ccgrounline.com!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday Afternoons at 4:00pm

Each week, members of the Legion of Mary from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish reach out to our sick, aged, disabled, and homebound fellow parishioners. They visit these friends and neighbors in their homes and apartments, hospitals, and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship and conversation, and share God's love and mercy with those who are so often lonely and forgotten.

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual directors. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in our parish communities, please contact Sue Demetri at 978-281-4820 or sdemetri2000@yahoo.com. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Help Us Help Others!

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:

Assorted Canned Soups
 Beef Stew · Chef Boyardee
 Canned Tuna · Chicken & Tuna Helper
 Chips, Cookies, Crackers, and Snacks
 Instant Mashed Potatoes
 Pancake Mix & Syrup
 Pasta & Sauce · Ramen Noodles · Rice-a-Roni
 Peanut Butter & Jelly

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!

CALLING ADULT DISCIPLES



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE WAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH - AFTER 8:15AM MASS

"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 Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), then please consider joining "The Way", an adult faith formation program that will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on Sunday, October 6th 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).

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!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 14 – SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Saturday, September 14	Vigil · 24th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Antonino Romeo
6:00pm · OLGV	Vincent Cafasso
Sunday, September 15	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Jeremiah Nicaastro
8:15am · Saint Ann	Knights of Columbus
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Angelina Loiacano Strescino
11:45am · OLGV	Charlotte Michon
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Mass Scheduled
	24th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 16 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, September 17 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Rosario & Eleanora Merenda
Wednesday, September 18 8:00am · OLGV	Michael Stuart
Thursday, September 19 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, September 20 8:00am · OLGV	Maria Lima
Saturday, September 21 8:00am · OLGV	James King
Saturday, September 21	Vigil · 25th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mr. & Mrs. Nicolo Vitale
6:00pm · OLGV	The Azevedo Family
Sunday, September 22	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John Orlando
8:15am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Catherine Cusumano
11:45am · OLGV	Mary Wilkins
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 7th & September 8th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,511.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,389.00
Second Collection	n/a

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of September 7th & September 8th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,975.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,055.00
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 Violinda (Lily) Corrao
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Keva M. O'Neil
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Giuseppe & Antonio Vitale
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Antonio Viviano
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 Joseph at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**ANNUAL MASS & FAMILY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, September 15th

Begins with Mass at 8:15am · Saint Ann Church
Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!