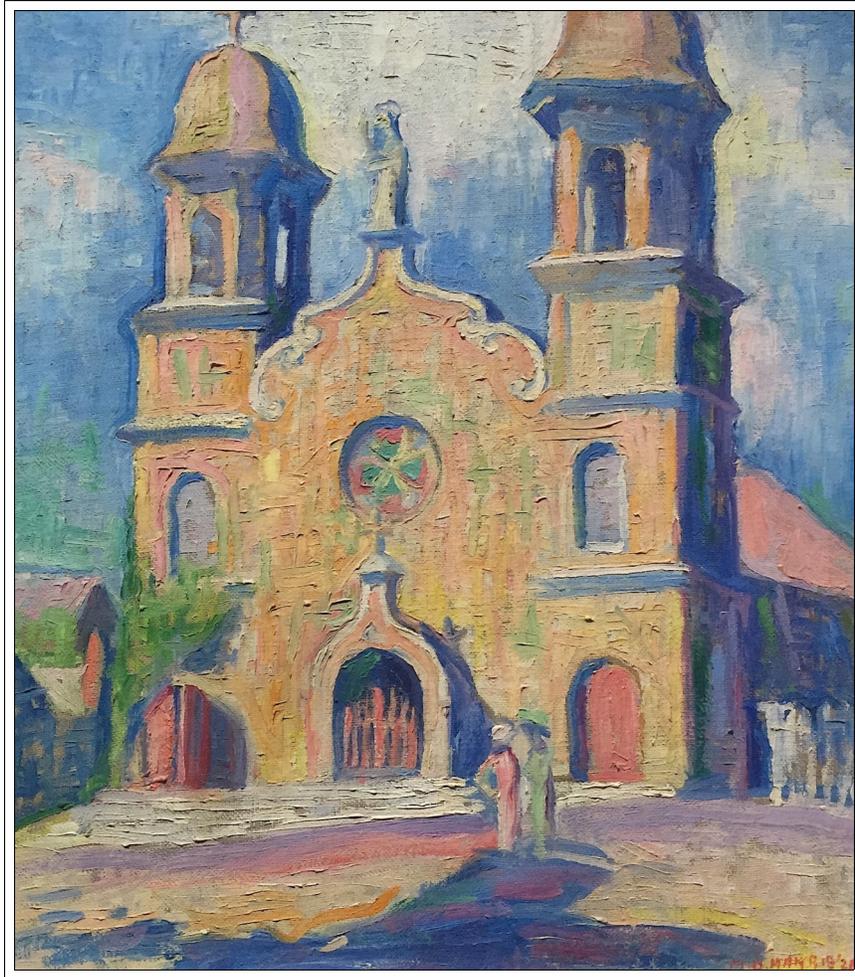


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

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!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish Annual Financial Report

BY FATHER JIM

Just over five years ago, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport was founded as a collaborative of two historic parishes: Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Although our parishes share one pastor and pastoral team, each parish remains fully independent under canon law; has its own finance council; maintains its own accounting procedures; pays its own bills; and maintains its own buildings. The collaboration between our communities was not easy at first. But more and more, parishioners at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are praying together, working together, and helping each other to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church in a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service.

During the past year, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish has been blessed in many ways. Attendance at our weekend Masses is good. Some young adults and young families are joining us, too. Parishioners offer very positive feedback about our adult and youth faith formation programs. Special events like the penny sales, seasonal fairs, and the Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit are successful both by raising funds and by building and strengthening the bonds of community in our parish. And last year, we met and surpassed our goal for the Grand Annual Collection which is an all-important measure of our financial health and well-being. We hoped to raise \$45,000, but thanks to you, we collected \$46,013. Thank you!

Best of all, I am happy to report that for the second consecutive year, our annual parish budget is balanced! After all of our bills were paid and accounts reconciled, we ran a net surplus of \$18 which was deposited into our savings account. Although our budget surplus is very small, our balanced budget is a very big accomplishment. Needless to say, we still face challenges ahead related to increasing costs of heating, insuring, maintaining, and repairing our church buildings. But I am optimistic about the long-term financial stability of our parish. Working together as a family of disciples, we can face every challenge with confidence, determination, and good spirits. Of course, your support makes all the difference! So, please join me in praying that each of us, according to our means, will continue to give generously to our parish.

Finally, please join me in thanking the members of the Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish Finance Council for their dedicated service, good advice, and wise counsel: Patricia Bertero, Jean Madruga, and Ann Marie Noble. Their commitment and hard work throughout the year ensures that we are always focused on making the best use of our limited financial resources. Finally, my deepest thanks go to our parishioners for their ongoing prayers and support. Your generosity makes possible all that we do together to make Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish a spirit-filled and vibrant faith community. On a more personal note, your ongoing prayers and kindness humble me and sustain me in my ministry. Please know that you and your family are always in my prayers. Thank you again for your support! Peace and blessings to all!

**Be thankful for what you have; you will end up having more.
If you concentrate on what you do not have, you will never, ever have enough.**

OPRAH WINFREY

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 how 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!

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Join us: ccgrounline.com!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30pm

Even though autumn has just begun, the Holy Family Parish Christmas Fair is coming soon! Save the date! Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 23rd! Our Christmas Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the year! And there is much work ahead to ensure its success! In this spirit, the Holy Family Women's Guild will hold its next Christmas Fair Planning Meeting on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall.

All friends and fellow parishioners are invited to join us in making this year's fair our best ever! Everyone has a unique gift or talent! Let yours shine at the Christmas Fair! We are gratefully accepting donations of prizes for our auction, basket wheel, and raffles; cookies, crafts, and jewelry for our sale tables; and volunteers for set-up and clean-up! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, September 28th · 9:00am – 2:00pm

All friends and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to participate in our first-ever Appliance & Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, September 28th from 9:00am until 2:00pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish in the large parking lot. Bring your unwanted bicycles, cellphones, computers, home electronics, and kitchen & laundry appliances, pay a small fee for recycling, and help support Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

The following items will be accepted according to the corresponding fee schedule: all computers, fans, fax machines, video game equipment, stereos, typewriters, vacuums at \$5.00 each; empty propane tanks at \$10.00 each; dishwashers, clothes washers & dryers, microwaves, glass screen monitors, and flat-panel monitors at \$15.00 each; dehumidifiers and refrigerators at \$20-35 each; air conditioners and televisions (15-35 inches) at \$40.00 each. Bicycles, cables, car batteries, cellphones, and keyboards will be accepted at no charge.

These items can only be accepted on this day and time. Please do not leave any household appliances or electronics in our parking lots before or after this special event. For more information, please contact Dennis Wood at 508-277-7513. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and generous support! Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

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 21 – SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

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
	25th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 23 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, September 24 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mary McNamara
Wednesday, September 25 8:00am · OLGV	Vito & Benjamin Asaro
Thursday, September 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Celestino Goulart
Friday, September 27 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, September 28 8:00am · OLGV	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, September 28	Vigil · 26th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Anthony & Mary Ciaramitaro
6:00pm · OLGV	Bessie Tortorici
Sunday, September 29	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	José da Silva Travassos
8:15am · Saint Ann	Michael Grella
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Steven LeBlanc
11:45am · OLGV	Stefano Adelfio
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 14th & September 15th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,494.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,372.00
Second Collection (Retired Clergy)	\$1,961.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of September 14th & September 15th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,921.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,001.00
Second Collection (Retired Clergy)	\$506.00

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 Steven G. LeBlanc
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

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

In Memory of Theresa & Butch Wilkins
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Mary Wilkins & Family
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@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS**THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Saturday, October 5th at 2:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish Hall

Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!