

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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WHO? ME? EVANGELIZE?

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Christ Our Hope In Every Season of Life

**Hold fast to the hope that lies before us.
This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm.**

HEBREWS 6:18-19

From the time that we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God. Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ. Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 817)."

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Holy Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who loved us to the end (Spe Salvi, 31)."

Christians know that "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their lives will not end in emptiness (Spe Salvi, 2)." For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently (Spe Salvi, 2)." Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end. (Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Who? Me? Evangelize? The Power of One, Part 1

BY KATHY COFFEY

Nick is paralyzed. I desperately want to help him get better. But how? I have heard rumors of a healer. He is powerful but surrounded by crowds. I talk with three other friends. How could we even get close? I start to see that what Nick needs is not the strongest stretcher-bearer, but one who understands his sickness. We check the house where the healer is staying. I notice an opening in the roof. What if? Readers of Mark 2:1-12 or Luke 5:18-26 know how the story ends. The four friends who lower the paralytic through the roof into Jesus' astonished face may have chosen an unconventional route, but they bring their friend to Jesus. Mark responds generously: "When Jesus saw their faith," he cured their friend and forgave his sins (Mark 2:5).

We are like Nick's friends because we also ask: Who? Me? We may also reach the same insight: I don't need all of the answers. I simply need to share the struggle. An ordinary act of kindness might bring someone to Jesus. And that is my goal.

Saint Paul VI declared: "The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church...Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 14)." There is no doubt about the importance of this mission. The Church does not exist for the sake of pastoral councils, schools, choirs, publications, hospitals, or religious orders – wonderful as those things may be. We exist to bring the good news to those hungering for a positive message with eternal consequences.

How does that call affect us personally? Most of us are not going to ring doorbells, trying to persuade unwilling listeners that we have a corner on the truth. Instead, we follow the model of Jesus, who amazed his listeners by "the gracious words that came from his mouth (Luke 4:22)." Clearly, he was not judging or hammering away at a point. The job description of Christians is not to be dour, cantankerous, or punitive, but to be a people who "announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9)." We do that primarily by the example of how we live: with confidence, reverence, and compassion. Are we convinced that we have good news to share? Or are we focused on our troubles, fears, and negativity? For the ordinary person, what form might evangelization take?

Some are called to foreign missions but most respond to the call at home. Dire conditions in Africa can seem more appealing at times than dealing with a stubborn toddler, patiently helping a needy friend, or caring for an elderly parent. But the Second Vatican Council called laypeople to do their work well in the world – whether as parents, plumbers, attorneys, or farmers.

Opportunities arise naturally; we do not need to look far. It may mean sending a birthday card, eating a meal with a lonely friend, driving the children's carpool yet again, remembering and celebrating another's milestones, attending a funeral, visiting a hospital or retirement center, or volunteering in your home parish. To be effective, we match our talents to the needs of others. The days are past when people did work they weren't suited for or a ministry they loathed "for the glory of God." It is far better to honor and use the gifts that God gave us!

Kathy Coffey is an award-winning author, educator, and retreat leader. She is also a regular contributor to "Bringing Home the Word." Check it out at ccgronline.com!

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

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, October 6th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is a service organization of men which was founded to support our faith community through volunteering and fundraising. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by the officers. Annual dues of \$20.00 will be collected. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD

Monday, October 7th at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through fundraising, good works, prayer, and social events. The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. A delicious potluck supper will be prepared by our members. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at 978-790-0196 or jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! Spread the word! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD BAKED BEAN SUPPER

Friday, October 18th · Begins at 5:30pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for its Annual Baked Bean Supper on Friday, October 18th from 5:30pm until 8:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. A donation of \$10 is requested for each adult; and \$6 each for each child (age 10 and under). Tickets will be available at the door.

Our menu will include hot dogs, linguica, baked beans, coffee, soft drinks, and homemade desserts. Proceeds support Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For more information about this special evening of good food, fun, and fellowship, please contact Beth Fosberry at 978-790-0196 or jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring your family! Bring your friends! All are invited! All are welcome!

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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



HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH
AN EVENING OF PRAYER with SAINT JOHN XXIII
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH - 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 our suffering world.

In this spirit and in appreciation for the ongoing crisis facing the Catholic Church in our own time, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport has gathered together in commemoration of various feast days and memorials to pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild our wounded church. In addition, we have begged the saints to pray for us and 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, October 10th in celebration of the Feast of Saint John XXIII, who served as pope from 1958 until 1963, opened the Second Vatican Council in 1962, was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014, and is venerated around the world as patron of Christian unity. 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 7:15pm, we will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction.

During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a brief reflection on the life and legacy of Saint John XXIII. 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 about this special event, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATES!
ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT

December 11th through December 13th at 7:00pm
 All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**OCTOBER 5 – OCTOBER 13, 2019**

Saturday, October 5	Vigil · 27th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Madonna del Rosario Society
6:00pm · OLGV	Maurice & Mary Landry
Sunday, October 6	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Michael Boutchie
8:15am · Saint Ann	La Madonna del Lume
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Matthew & Josephine Shallow
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel F. Garcia
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family
	27th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 7 8:00am · OLGV	Marion Barchard
Tuesday, October 8 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Sam & Marge Rizzo
Wednesday, October 9 8:00am · OLGV	Fitz Lufkin
Thursday, October 10 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Ann & Amy Slocum
Friday, October 11 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, October 12 8:00am · OLGV	Sr. Mary Souza
Saturday, October 12	Vigil · 28th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph Barbagallo
6:00pm · OLGV	Josephine & Capt. Salvatore Santuccio
Sunday, October 13	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	The Doyle Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Paul Frontiero
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Jim Contri & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Pauline & Joseph Piscitello
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 28th & September 29th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,620.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,498.00
Second Collection (Saint Vincent de Paul)	\$4,366.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of September 28th & September 29th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,631.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,711.00
Second Collection (Saint Vincent de Paul)	\$1,562.00

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:

For Living & Deceased Members
of the Madonna del Rosario Society
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Thomas "Tom" Lupo, Jr.
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Thomas "Tom" Lupo III
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Herman & Marie Bouchie
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Fitz Lufkin
Sanctuary Flowers · 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 our parish office at office@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

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