

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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## WHY TRUTH IS SACRED

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## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

### Advent Faith & Family Mass

A YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 4:00PM - SAINT ANN CHURCH

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 9:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all children, parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are invited to join Father Jim for our Fifth Annual Advent Faith & Family Mass on Saturday, November 30th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about the Christmas Tree and a special blessing for all of God's children and their families. In addition, every child will receive a small gift.

Please save these dates for our upcoming Faith & Family Masses: 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. For more information about our Advent Faith & Family Mass, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrounline.com. Let us affirm once again that Mass is our class! Jesus is our Teacher! Every child is a precious gift from God! And all families are always welcome to join us for Mass! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

### Advent & Christmas Concert

AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 2:00PM - SAINT ANN CHURCH

All parishioners, friends, and guests of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are invited to join Tom Misuraca, Lucy Pallazola, Patricia Natti, and our Adult & Youth Music Ministries for our Fifteenth Annual Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church. As always, this year's musical selections have been carefully chosen to help prepare our hearts to celebrate more faithfully the Holy Season of Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. For more information about this beautiful holiday tradition in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Tom Misuraca, Associate Minister of Music, at 978-281-4820 or tmisuraca@ccgrounline.com. Please join us as we share the gift of sacred music during the upcoming holiday season! Spread the good news! Bring your families and friends! All are invited! All are welcome!

### ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT "PUNCHING HOLES IN THE DARKNESS"

Wednesday, December 11th through Friday, December 13th  
Begins with Mass at 7:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Please join us! Spread the Good News!  
All are invited! All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

# Why Truth Is Sacred

BY KATHY COFFEY

Aunt Martha sports a hideous new dress that accentuates her bulges. What do you say? Perhaps you cop out: "Fuchsia is certainly your color!" Maybe you describe the hidden reality with these words: "You are so cheerful!" But in this case, the truth, "That's the ugliest dress I have ever seen!" is cruel. Even the most honest person wouldn't insult his or her aunt. This example may oversimplify the complex situations in which we find ourselves today. We have recently seen deception by people we have placed our trust in. Countries go to war based on wobbly intelligence. Priests with a history of child abuse have been placed in parishes without concern for the need to protect possible new victims.

But we cannot point our fingers at others until we turn it on ourselves. As children, we may have figured out that small lies were "okay" as long as we did not get caught. As adolescents, we learned to protect our fragile egos by broadcasting the positives and concealing the negatives about ourselves. As adults, we struggle to maintain a balance between privacy and intimacy. We don't want to "tell all" as on a talk show. But we also know that those we love deserve the full truth about ourselves, even when it is painful to reveal.

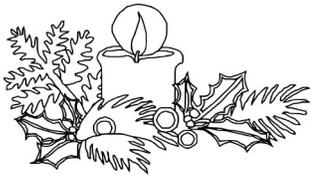
Here are two examples. Brendan is the life of the party, an Irish storyteller. No one minds when he exaggerates. It makes the stories better. Unfortunately, that strategy carries into his personal life. His ideas about himself grow grandiose and far from reality, but sadly, he believes them. Brendan gets caught up in the fiction. He always stars in the latest exploit. But by now, no one is sure it really happened.

Molly, on the other hand, gives flesh to the saying: "She knows who she is." People needing an honest opinion count on her to give it. She trusts them with the truth because she believes that they can handle it. She openly admits that she has done her time in therapy. Without boring people too much, Molly will explain that alcohol is poison for her system. She knows the dark side as well as her assets, and conveys a hard-won authenticity. So this business of truth-telling gets more complex than Aunt Martha's dress. The biblical origins of our tradition show why truth is revered as sacred.

The perfect example of inner solidity comes from Jesus. When the soldiers approach him in the Garden of Olives, he does not hide. In fact, he initiates the conversation: "Who are you looking for?" When they answer: "Jesus the Nazorean," he says simply: "I am (John 18:4-5)." What if Jesus fudged? Suspecting what was to come, he could have said: "Oh, no, you have the wrong guy. I just look like him." He might have escaped. Instead, he stands firm in the truth, despite all that it will cost him.

What does Jesus model for us? When, like Brendan, we create myths about ourselves to impress others, we deny what is far more wonderful about us: our likeness to God. When we perpetuate the falsehoods of advertising, we prefer appearance to reality. When we tolerate phoniness, we refuse God the praise that even a blade of grass or an honest dandelion might give. Thomas Merton says that our response to God's initial word is to become God's words: God's answer and echo. To do that, we must hone our words to the most honest and accurate ones that we can find. Thus, we honor the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness against a neighbor (Exodus 20:16)."

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD · 9:00AM-2:00PM

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Holy Family Parish for our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This year's fair will feature many sale tables, including homemade cookies and cakes, Christmas decorations, Santa's Corner, a Chinese Raffle, White Elephant Sale, and the Basket Wheel. In addition, raffle tickets are now available for cash prizes, an Apple iPad Basket, and a Nintendo Switch Basket.

On behalf of a grateful parish, the Holy Family Women's Guild thanks Greely Funeral Home and Campbell Funeral Home for the generous donation of the raffle prizes. The Christmas Fair Committee and Women's Guild are working overtime to make this year's fair another great success! So, please support this all-important fundraising event by joining us on Saturday, November 23rd! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR BASKET WHEEL Now Accepting Donations!

The Basket Wheel is our biggest money-maker at our biggest fundraising event of the year! The success of the Basket Wheel at the Christmas Fair depends on donations from our friends and fellow parishioners. So, all are invited to create and donate at \$25 theme basket for arts & crafts, children's fun & games, family nights, movie nights, holiday gift wrap, snowy days, or summer barbecues. Creating a basket can be both fun and affordable when families, friends, and neighbors work together! Last year, more than one hundred baskets were donated and won at the Basket Wheel! Help us keep the Basket Wheel spinning! Donations are now being accepted! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

## MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: [ccgrounline.com](http://ccgrounline.com)!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### MONTH OF ALL SOULS FINAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Sunday, November 17th at 10:00am

All are invited to join us for our Final Mass of Remembrance during the Month of All Souls on Sunday, November 17th at 10:00am in Saint Joachim Church. During Mass, the names of our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and fellow parishioners will be read aloud. Let us continue to unite and hearts and voices in prayer for those we have lost during the past year. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccronline.com. Please join us! Spread the good news! Bring your family & friends! All are invited! All are welcome! May all the faithful departed rest in peace!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH ANNUAL TURKEY GIVEAWAY Monday, November 25th at 7:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway on Monday, November 25th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. This year, we will have turkeys for raffle, along with our famous homemade sweetbread, cider, vegetables, and all the trimmings for a delicious holiday feast! In addition, we will have a 50-50 Raffle! Pizza and soft drinks will be available, too! So, please join us for this fun and exciting holiday tradition! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE November 27th & November 28th

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us as we gather as God's family for the celebration of Holy Mass in commemoration of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday according to the following schedule:

Thanksgiving Eve  
Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 28th at 8:00am  
Saint Joachim Church

For more information, please see Father Jim or contact him at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. We pray that you and your family will join us in giving praise and thanks for God's abundant blessings on our community! Please join us! Spread the good news! All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Thanksgiving!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## REBUILDING THE CHURCH



MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT

**SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 8:00AM

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey after their first pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Africa, and Europe. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the God's Holy Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of every month in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" is scheduled for November 30th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will continue our discussion and study of Father Murray Bodo's beautiful book of spiritual reflections, "Surrounded by Love: Seven Teachings from Saint Francis of Assisi."

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us this month and every month! You don't need to travel with us to be part of the Assisi Project! For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Cliff at [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820; or visit our website: [assisiproject.com](http://assisiproject.com). Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE ASSISI PROJECT

Need Prayers?

Members of the Assisi Project range in age from 17 to 94; and we live in Holy Family Parish, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, all across the United States, and also in Canada, Brazil, Italy, Spain, and Angola. Part of our work together is our prayer together. So, we pray each and every day for all who ask for our prayers all around the world. If you would like the Assisi Project to pray for you, your family, your special intention, or the soul of a deceased friend or loved one, please see Father Jim before or after any Mass; or contact Cliff at [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. May the Lord give you peace!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****NOVEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

<b>Saturday, November 16</b>	<b>Vigil · 33rd Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph & Rose Misuraca
6:00pm · OLGV	Eleanor Salah
<b>Sunday, November 17</b>	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Laudalino R. Ferreira
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass of Remembrance
11:45am · OLGV	Mary & Michael Frontiero
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Mortillaro
	<b>33rd Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, November 18 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, November 19 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Sebastian & Frances Scola
Wednesday, November 20 8:00am · OLGV	Gaetano & Ninfa Trupiano
Thursday, November 21 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, November 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, November 23 8:00am · OLGV	Kevin Teixeira
<b>Saturday, November 23</b>	<b>Vigil · Christ the King</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	William & Unis Smith
6:00pm · OLGV	Robert & Dorothy Benham
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>	<b>The Solemnity of Christ the King</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Teresa & Andrew Murphy
8:15am · Saint Ann	Charles Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Phyllis Toppan & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Carole Sears
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Special Intention

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of November 9th & November 10th**

Weekly Offerings	N/A
Electronic Offerings	N/A
Total Offerings	N/A
Second Collection	N/A

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of November 9th & November 10th**

Weekly Offerings	N/A
Electronic Offerings	N/A
Total Offerings	N/A
Second Collection	N/A

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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 Andrew & Margaret Orlando  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Flora Quealy  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Larry Misuraca  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Helen Korpi  
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 our parish office at [office@ccgrounline.com](mailto:office@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE!****OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Saturday, December 7th · 9:00am – 2:00pm

Our Lady's Hall

All are invited! All are welcome!