

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

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LIVING GOSPEL LIVING JESUS**Youth Faith Formation
Catholic Kids Camp****THE WAY OF THE CROSS
BEGINS FEBRUARY 18TH AT 8:00AM**

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our next Catholic Kids Camp: Living Gospel, Living Jesus from Tuesday, February 18th through February 21st from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of fun, fellowship, and prayer, our young disciples will encounter the men and women who met Jesus on the Way of the Cross. Our learning plan features active and engaged participation in games, music, prayer, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 18th
Pilate and the Temple Leaders

Day II: Wednesday, February 19th
Veronica & Simon

Day III: Thursday, February 20th
The Soldiers and the Women of Jerusalem

Day IV: Friday, February 21st
Mary, John, and Joseph of Arimathea

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. Catholic Kids Camp is an exciting educational program that you children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during the winter school vacation is just \$30 per child for the entire week. Scholarships are available for those families that cannot afford tuition. In addition, adults and children (age 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available at ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Spirit of God,
Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity,
there was a day when by your love and mercy,
a bishop called me by name and said:
"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit!"
That was the day on which I was confirmed.

On that blessed day,
the spirit of courage and reverence,
wisdom and understanding,
knowledge and right judgment,
and wonder and awe of you, O Lord,
was called down upon me.

On that blessed day,
when the holy oil was traced
in the form of a cross upon my forehead,
my soul was sealed with the Holy Spirit,
and was marked with a forever blessing.
I was made a temple of the Holy Spirit,
in both my body and my soul.

My God, thank you
for the amazing grace of confirmation!
Let me never do anything
that would violate or desecrate
the temple that you have dedicated and consecrated.
Let me never be ashamed of my Christian faith.
Let me serve you faithfully and bravely
no matter what, all the days of my life.

Lord, help me to realize
that as long as I stand with Jesus,
I can be certain of your love and mercy,
and so find perfect happiness
with God in heaven for ever and ever.
Come Holy Spirit! Amen!

Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us!
Saint Anthony, pray for us! Saint Francis, pray for us!
Saint Joseph, pray for us! Saint Peter, pray for us!
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

Adapted from the Rural Life Prayer Book.

CALL TO FELLOWSHIP**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

**A BRAIN TEASING SPECIAL EVENT
TRIVIA NIGHT with FATHER JIM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 7:00PM**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for a brain-teasing, mind-blowing, and fast-paced “Trivia Night with Father Jim” on Saturday, February 8th from 7:00pm until 10:00pm in Our Lady’s Hall. Throughout the evening, Father Jim (who secretly longs to be a game show host) will ask a series of questions on a wide array of topics including music and sports, movies and television, books and history, politics and religion!

Participants will be organized into teams of eight. All are welcome to organize a team in advance or join a team when you arrive! Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the door, in our parish office, or by contacting Father Jim. All are invited to bring their own food and snacks. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and soft drinks will be offered for sale (along with a cash bar). Father Jim also promises raffles with some very cool prizes!

Don’t miss this opportunity to impress your friends and fellow parishioners with your knowledge of facts, figures, and trivia! Don’t miss the chance to share a few laughs! Don’t miss the chance to win a great prize! And don’t miss the chance to raise some much need funds for Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**PASTOR’S NOTE
WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**

For the latest information about weather related cancellations during the winter season, please visit our website: ccgronline.com. Announcements will also be made via WBZ1030 and cbsboston.com. All parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are reminded that if public schools are closed due to inclement weather on a particular day, then our weekday Mass and all parish programs (including all adult and youth faith formation programs) will be cancelled, too. Peace and blessings! Stay safe! Stay warm! –Father Jim

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com!

LIVING THE GOSPEL

**PASTOR’S NOTE
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Saturday, January 18th**

Along with Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism through the outpouring of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Right Judgment, Understanding, Wisdom, and Wonder & Awe. These gifts seal or “confirm” the mystical union between the candidates and Christ and prepares them to actively participate in the prayer, worship, and apostolic ministry of the Catholic Church.

This year, fifty high school students from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish have successfully completed the requirements of our Confirmation Preparation Program. During the past two years, they attended Mass together and completed a rigorous program of formation. In addition, they participated in the “New Spirit Evening of Reflection”; completed service projects; and prayed together as a community of young disciples. These students are now well-prepared to publicly renew their baptismal vows, profess their faith, and live as faithful and faith-filled Roman Catholics.

The Very Reverend Mark O’Connell, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston for the North Region, will join us as special guest celebrant and homilist for our annual celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday, January 18th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church and Saturday, February 1st at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

As always, the success of our youth faith formation program depends on volunteers. So, on behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, Father Jim gives God great thanks and praise for Betsy Works, Associate Minister for Youth Faith Formation and for this year’s dedicated and hardworking team of catechists: Peter Brau, Jennifer Dort, Mary Duran, and Doug Greenfield. Their generous gifts of time and talent have ensured that all of our candidates are ready to accept and embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation. Thank you! May God bless you!

As we begin our celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please pray for our candidates and for their parents, sponsors, and families. For more information about youth faith formation in Holy Family Parish, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy at bworke@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Peace, blessings, and congratulations to all! – Father Jim

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THE ASSISI PROJECT MIRACLE AT THE MADDALENA Saturday, January 25th · Begins at 8:00am

On Saturday, January 25th, the Assisi Project will begin the new year with a special program called "Miracle at the Maddalena" during which we will share our recent experience of blessed happenings at the little chapel in Assisi that is dedicated to Saint Mary Magdalen, a holy place where Saint Francis and Saint Clare ministered to the sick more than eight centuries ago.

A miracle can be defined as a surprising event that cannot be explained by reason or science and is considered the work of God or the saints. Translated from Latin, a miracle is a "sight to behold" or "object of wonder." Our "Miracle at the Maddalena" is a simple gift of prayers offered, prayers answered, promises made, and promises kept. It is a story of one poor sinner who felt called to confess his faith and profess private vows of prayer, service, and solitude.

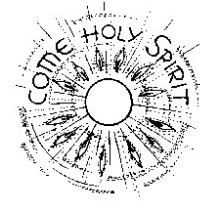
All are invited to join us for this special event which begins with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Father Jim and Cliff Garvey will share their experiences at the Maddalena Chapel. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information, please see Father Jim or contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. 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 or 978-281-4820. For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please be sure to visit our website: assisiproject.com! May the Lord give you peace!

ASSISI PROJECT ONLINE
THE LEGEND OF THE WINTER ROSES
A Story of Saint Francis & Saint Clare
Join us: assisiproject.com!
May the Lord give you peace!

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM YEAR 1 BEGINS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH!

For many teenagers, the Sacrament of Confirmation has become a kind of graduation *from* the Catholic Church, rather than the joyful beginning of life as an adult disciple *within* the Church. We hope to end this sad situation by transforming our sacramental preparation program into an engaging process for the whole family.

First, we place primary importance on attending Mass. For more than a century, the Church asked every parish to offer sacramental preparation programs for children and teenagers. During recent decades, however, we neglected to remind parents of their baptismal promise to be the first teachers of their children in all matters related to faith and morals; and that the most important part of that responsibility is attending Mass as a family.

In our increasingly busy world, it has become common for parents to entrust their children to us for an hour of instruction, but then not join us for Mass on the weekend. We will continue to ask parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education by joining us for one of our seven weekend Masses!

In addition, all high school students (beginning in the ninth grade) are asked to actively participate in our two-year preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the first year, students will attend seven interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. These sessions begin on Sunday, February 9th. During the second year, students will attend seven additional workshops and a mini-retreat that are designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; prepare them to receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and jumpstart their spiritual lives as faithful and faith-filled young disciples.

If your child is now in high school and sincerely wants to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete a registration form at return it to us as soon as possible! Registration forms are available from our website: ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about our youth faith formation programs in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 18—JANUARY 26, 2020

Saturday, January 18	Vigil · 2nd Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Lois Libro & Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Anthony & Elsie Marks
Sunday, January 19	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Herman J. Surette
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mary "Gerry" Oliver
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Richard Reed
11:45am · OLGV	Michael Chandanais
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Peace in Our World
	2nd Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, January 20 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, January 21 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, January 22 8:00am · OLGV	Estela Grace
Thursday, January 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Vincenza Ferrara
Friday, January 24 8:00am · OLGV	Ann & Amy Slocum
Saturday, January 25 8:00am · OLGV	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, January 25	Vigil · 3rd Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Garrisi Family
6:00pm · OLGV	John Orlando
Sunday, January 26	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Eleanora T. Tarr
10:00am · Saint Joachim	John & Mary Herlihy
11:45am · OLGV	Giuseppina & Francesco Passalacqua
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Intentions of Pope Francis

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of January 11th & January 12th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,797.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,675.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,306.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of January 11th & January 12th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,235.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,315.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,259.00

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 Charles DeCoste
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Paul Makowski
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Dana Surette
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Matteo Russo
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 or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

THE POWER OF ONE

"What if every person who comes to Mass this week offers one prayer this week for our young disciples? Just imagine what we could accomplish together!"

Father Jim