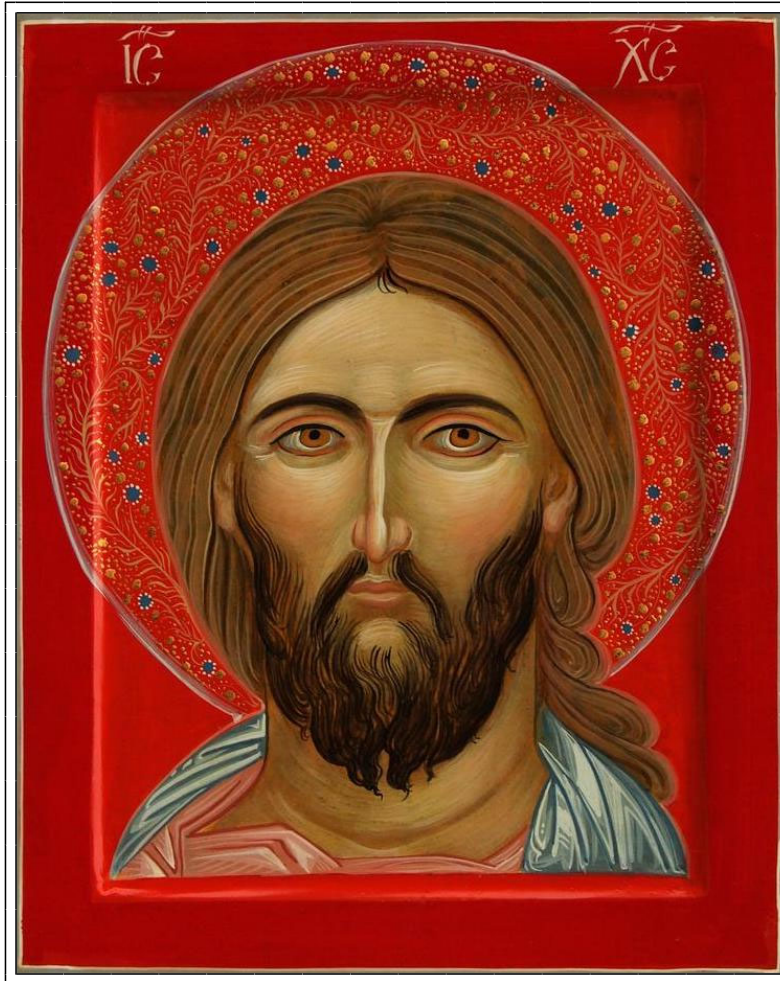


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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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 ccgrounline.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@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

He comes not for angels!

BY CLIFF GARVEY

Unlike other letters in the New Testament, the author of Hebrews does not identify himself or his intended audience. However, the Church teaches that the Letter to the Hebrews was written by a friend or follower of Saint Paul; and that it was written to Jewish converts who were tempted to leave the new Christian community and return to the more traditional Jewish faith. Why? Many Christian converts were pressured by their families, friends, and neighbors. Some Christians suffered bullying, discrimination, and disinheritance. Because Christian worship was then comparatively simple, others missed the more elaborate customs and ceremonies of the temple and local synagogues. Others may have been Jewish faith leaders (and their families) who longed to regain lost influence and prestige. Whatever the reasons, the anonymous author of Hebrews begs believers to remember that the Christian faith was announced by angels, verified by witnesses, and confirmed by the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit.

More importantly, the author of the Letter to Hebrews reminds readers that despite our differences, all of us are ultimately brothers and sisters. We share the same human flesh and blood. And Jesus shares in our human condition. Like so many people, then and now, Jesus was born poor. His family fled their homeland in search of a better life. He walks the same streets, eats the same food, savors the same joys, and endures the same struggles and temptations. At the same time, Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. Jesus suffers like us, but unlike us, he is never defeated by life's petty tyrannies, never defeated by human sins and shortcomings, never defeated by death itself. Indeed, Jesus does not just overcome or transcend death. Jesus defeats death! By his life, passion, and resurrection, Jesus defeats death for all time so that we can be liberated from the bondage of this one short mortal existence (Hebrews 2:14-15).

In our lives, we may endure betrayal, frustration, and deep disappointment, but these troubles do not last. We may suffer unspeakable grief, pain, and torment, but we will be delivered into eternal life by the power of Christ who came among us for the salvation of the whole world. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus comes not to save angels, but to save us: you and me, broken, battered, sinful, wounded, warts and all. Like the ancient Christian converts, we are reminded: "Because [Jesus] himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested (Hebrews 2:18)." Jesus is tempted. Jesus is tested. Jesus suffers. Because of this, he identifies with our struggles. He understands our faults and failures. He feels our pain. He knows that life can be hard; life can be painful; life can be cut short in an instant. But Jesus also knows what comes next. And what comes next is eternal life!

We still have much in common with the ancient community of believers. We live during tumultuous times; during an era of deep division, worsening inequality, and obscene corruption. We live during a time when doing the right thing seems more complicated than ever. We live during a time when it is not cool to be a family of disciples. Given this, let us listen to the Letter to the Hebrews with the ear of an ancient faith. Let us be moved by the choir of angels. Let us be strengthened by the testimony of witnesses. Let us be inspired by the small miracles that surround us everyday. Most of all, let us stand up to the ways of the world by believing more deeply, loving more dearly, and forgiving more easily. Come what may, let us be steadfast in faith; let us remember that Jesus comes into the world not for angels, but for all of us! Amen!

LIVING THE GOSPEL



WELCOMING YOUNG DISCIPLES THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OUR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2020

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During the month of February, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 9th at 1:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 16th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 23rd at 10:00am Mass
Saint Joachim Church

The following children were recently baptized with holy water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Marley Janet Movalli
Savannah Elizabeth Suprey

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. For more information about the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church, please visit our website at ccgrronline.com/sacraments. May God bless our newly baptized young disciples and their families! Peace, blessings, and congratulations to all!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS!

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Join us: ccgrronline.com/sacraments!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

PASTOR'S NOTE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Saturday, February 1st

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 again as special guest celebrant and homilist for our second and final celebration for this year of the Sacrament of Confirmation this 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 continue our annual celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please pray for all of our candidates and for their parents, sponsors, and families. Please also pray in thanksgiving for our pastoral team and volunteers. For more information about our youth faith formation programs in Holy Family Parish, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy at bworks@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Peace, blessings, and congratulations to all! — Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, February 3rd at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages through prayer, good works, and fundraising events. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After our business meeting, we will hold a silent auction. All members are reminded to bring their food and auction donations.

All Guild members are also reminded that February is our "Cakeless Cake Sale Month." Donations can be offered at the upcoming meeting or mailed to Jean Madrugra. Andrea Bouchie and Linda Galvin will serve as co-chairs of this month's meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE Weekend of February 8th & 9th

The Holy Family Women's Guild will hold its famous Valentine's Day Bake Sale during the weekend of Saturday, February 8th and Sunday, February 9th. After all weekend Masses, the Women's Guild will sell biscotti, cakes, candy, and Italian cookies. All proceeds will support Holy Family Parish. Here's your chance to buy something sweet for someone you love and support Holy Family Parish at the same time! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com.

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to the parish and wider community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild sponsors various fundraising events and social gatherings. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Leeann Kennedy at 978-412-5405. New members are always welcome! Thank you for your generous support!

SAVE THE DATE! LENT DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION THE CALL OF LEVI

Saturday, February 29th · 8:00am – 12:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Learn more: ccgronline.com/formation/
Spread the word! Bring a friend!

REBUILDING THE CHURCH

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) also will be cancelled. Peace & blessings to all! Stay safe! Stay warm! – Father Jim

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Join us: ccgronline.com/

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**FEBRUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

Saturday, February 1	Vigil · Presentation of the Lord
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph & Angela Curcuru
6:00pm · OLGV	Antonio Ferrara
Sunday, February 2	The Presentation of the Lord
7:00am · OLGV	Father Eugene Alves
8:15am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Francesca Garcia
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Alfonso Millefogie
	4th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, February 3 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, February 4 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Antonio Brancaleone
Wednesday, February 5 8:00am · OLGV	Frank Souza
Thursday, February 6 8:00am · Saint Joachim	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday, February 7 8:00am · OLGV	Justin Harrington
Saturday, February 8 8:00am · OLGV	Celestino Goulart
Saturday, February 8	Vigil · 5th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Virginia G. Asaro
6:00pm · OLGV	José Morais
Sunday, February 9	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Captain James F. Parisi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Antonio Barbera
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William J. Vaughn
11:45am · OLGV	The Orlando Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Father Evan Harkins

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of January 25th & January 26th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,294.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,172.00
Second Collection (Youth Faith Formation)	\$1,516.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of January 25th & January 26th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,392.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,472.00
Second Collection (Latin America)	\$359.00

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 Anthony Giambanco
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Father Evan Harkins
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Clifford P. Garvey
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Estela Grace
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Father Eugene Alves
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@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

BRINGING HOME THE WORD

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