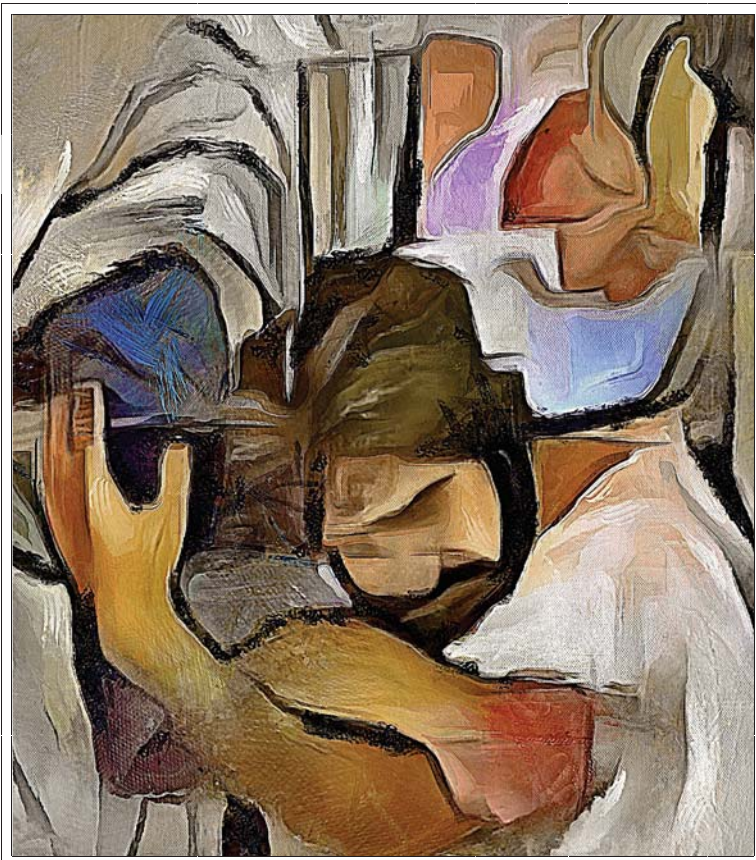


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Fourth Sunday of Lent · March 30, 2025



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

A PRAYER OF PRODIGAL CHILDREN

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SEASON OF LENT

The Light Is On For You!

LENT EVENINGS OF PRAYER & ADORATION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

On six consecutive Wednesdays during the Holy Season of Lent (March 12th through April 16th), all are invited to join us for *The Light Is On For You!* These evenings of prayer and adoration will begin with Mass at 5:30pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, we will offer Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; and finally the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available for those who feel called to participate.

For some, this may be a time for sacramental confession and reconciliation. For some, it may be a period of silent prayer and adoration. And for others, it may be an opportunity to begin or renew the spiritual journey. All are reminded that confessions are also heard by appointment. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Save the dates! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

The Way of the Cross

THE TRADITIONAL LENT DEVOTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

For more than five hundred years, the Way of the Cross has been one of the most moving devotions in the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our humble prayers with the sufferings of the Poor Christ with both words and sacred images, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with the Lord Jesus as he carries the burden of our sins and experiences the Passion of the Holy Cross.

During the Holy Season of Lent, all are friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Way of the Cross on seven consecutive Friday afternoons from March 7th through April 18th at 12:00pm in Saint Ann Church. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or fjim@ccgronline.com. Save the dates! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

The Way of the Cross

A CONTEMPORARY INTERPRETATION WITH MUSIC
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

During an Apostolic Journey to Poland in 2016, Pope Francis said: "The Way of the Cross alone defeats sin, evil, and death, because it leads us to the radiant light of Christ's resurrection and opens the horizons of a new and fuller life. It is the way of hope, the way of the future. Those who take up the Way of the Cross with faith and generosity offer us hope and a bright future to all humanity (Address in Krakow, Poland; 7-3-16)."

In this spirit, all are invited to join Father Jim on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 5:30pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church for a contemporary interpretation of the Way of the Cross with both word and music. We will combine traditional prayers and scripture passages with music from various genres to help us grow closer to the Crucified Christ. For more information, please contact Father Jim. Save the date! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

A Prayer of Prodigal Children

BY BROTHER PATRICK

Most High and Glorious God,
you are creator of heaven and earth,
father of all people everywhere.

We are your prodigal children:
sons and daughters, young and old, rich and poor,
from all creeds, colors, and callings.

In our hearts, at the core of our being,
whether we know it or not, we long to be close to you,
to be engulfed by your love and mercy.

And yet, in thought, word, and deed,
we turn away from you,
and we turn away from each other.

We indulge in the world
and its coarse and selfish ways.
We trade timeless grace for fleeting pleasure.
We squander our inheritance,
which is eternal life with you in heaven.

All good and gracious God,
help us to see that to be prodigal children
is to be sinful, wasteful, and disrespectful
toward you and your gifts.

Help us to see, too, that to be a prodigal parent
is to be generous and self-sacrificing,
forever eager to embrace us
with your boundless and forever mercy.

With your closeness, compassion, and tenderness,
bless us with the grace and courage
to seek you, to live for you, to die for you,
and to open our hearts to your endless love.

We ask this through the Poor Christ,
our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother,
who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit;
God for always and evermore. Amen.

THE CALL TO HOPE



**The Assisi Project
Becoming Pilgrims of Hope**

**PRAYING WITH DIETRICH BONHOEFFER
SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 8:00AM**

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, Pope Francis calls us to become “pilgrims of hope.” He beckons us to be hopeful, to be peacemakers, and to be what he calls “weavers of communion” in our sick, suffering, and war-torn world.

The Holy Father writes: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us. We must help everyone gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, trusting heart, and prophetic vision. The jubilee can contribute abundantly to the restoration of an atmosphere of hope and trust, and to the rebirth and renewal of all that we so urgently desire.”

One such pilgrim of hope was Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945). As a pastor, writer, and theologian, Bonhoeffer never wavered in his quiet opposition to Adolph Hitler’s reign of terror. As a founding member of the so-called Confessing Church, Bonhoeffer remained hopeful that Christianity could and should serve as the bulwark against hatred, violence, and tyranny perpetrated by his country’s government. For this, he was hanged.

Throughout this year, the Assisi Project is focusing all of its prayers and reflections on men and women from across the ages, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who have fulfilled the pope’s call to be pilgrims of hope. Our celebration of the jubilee continues on Saturday, April 5th beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Brother Patrick and Father Jim will lead us in a reflection and conversation about the life and legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Brother Patrick at brpatrick@assisiproject.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of the Angels pray for us! May the Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization that is dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work through Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and the needy. Help us help others! Donations can be pushed through the mail slot in the parish office, dropped in the collection basket at any Weekend Mass, or mailed to:

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New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parishes and hometowns, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-8672 or Robert Weeks at svdpmember1@gmail.com. If you or someone you know needs our help, please call 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! May God bless you!

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

**OUR NEW CLOTHES CLOSET
OPEN SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH SATURDAYS**

The all-new Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet is now open for business in Saint Ann Church Hall on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of every month from 9:00am until 12:00pm. All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are welcome to drop by and check out the All New Clothes Closet by entering through the Pleasant Street doors of Saint Ann Church Hall.

Donations of gently worn clothing and shoes are now gratefully accepted during our regular hours and in the bin located in the Saint Ann School parking lot. Please note that we cannot accept donations of books, toys, or household items. For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet, please contact Bridget Nelligan at 781-572-4752 or Cathy Kyrouz at 978-290-1756. Thank you for your generous support!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE**Our Weekly Gifts**

WEEKEND OF MARCH 22ND & 23RD

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$4,882
Electronic	\$1,182
Total	\$6,064

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$2,871
Electronic	\$333
Total	\$3,204

Thank you for your generous support
for Holy Family Parish
& Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

Holy Family Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale

WEEKEND OF APRIL 12TH & 13TH

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a Palm Sunday Bake Sale before and after all Masses in Saint Ann Church and Saint Joachim Church on Saturday, April 12th and Sunday, April 13th.

Our bake sale will feature delicious home-baked Italian cookies, brownies, breads, cupcakes, and much more. All proceeds will support Holy Family Parish. If you would like to bake or help sell the baked goods, please contact Lydia Bertolino at llbglosta1929@outlook.com or 978-281-4279. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Please join us! All are welcome!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

God is a father who awaits the return of the prodigal son:

God always waits for us.

He does not get tired. He does not lose heart.

Each of us is that reunited child.

Each of us is the rediscovered coin,
the caressed sheep that he puts back on his shoulder...

He waits every day for us to notice his love.

Pope Francis - September 2015

THE CALL TO HOLINESS**Saints for All Seasons****Praying with Saint Teresa of the Andes**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

Lent is a good time for us to step back from the business and busyness of daily life and to focus on our relationship with Jesus and those we are called to love. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave behind home, work, and family for a real retreat from the responsibilities of our lives. For this reason and for the fourth consecutive year, we are happy to announce a special series of mini-retreats called "Saints for All Seasons."

Pope Francis has always encouraged the faithful to learn about and pray with the saints. The Holy Father believes that the saints bring us closer to Christ, closer to the Church, and closer to each other. He says: "The saints are still here, not far from us; and their images [and relics] in our churches evoke the 'cloud of witnesses' that always surrounds us...The saints remind us that even in our lives, however weak and marked by sin, holiness can unfold."

In this spirit of unfolding holiness, all are invited to join us for a series of two hour mini-retreats. This year, these times of prayer, reflection, and adoration will focus on the lives of amazing holy men and women like Saint Frances of Rome, Saint Rita of Cascia, Blessed Jacopane of Todi, Blessed Helen Enselmini, and Saint Lazarus of Bethany.

Our next mini-retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th beginning with Holy Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage. After Mass, Father Jim and Brother Patrick will lead a reflection on the life and good works of Saint Teresa of the Andes who is the first Chilean saint and first Discalced Carmelite not from Europe to be canonized. After our reflection, we will pray in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. And we will conclude with the Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information about this special series of mini-retreats, please see Brother Patrick or contact him at 978-281-4820 or brpatrick@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

March 29th – April 6th

Saturday, March 29	Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Francesco Sanfilippo
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Maureen Cusumano
Sunday, March 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Vito Asaro
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Domenic Taormina
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Steve Zazenski
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Mario Costa
	Season of Lent
April 2 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Arthur Ferreira
April 3 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Terri Sanfilippo
April 4 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, April 5	Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	James & Catherine Burke
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Clifford Anthony Alves
Sunday, April 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Maria de Pires
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Gene Gagnon
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Bertha Maksimowicz
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Berta Silva

OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES
& SUPPORTING OUR HOME PARISHES

At each of our churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary candles and sanctuary gifts (hosts and wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a friend or loved one. The requested donation for both sanctuary gifts and candles is now \$25 per week. For the week of Sunday, March 30th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Terri Sanfilippo
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of William & Grace Budrow
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Father Mark Noonan
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of William Borge
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of William Borge
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage

For the Intentions of the Assisi Project
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle, sanctuary gifts, or sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one in any of our churches or chapels in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Melissa Joseph at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support! May God bless our departed brothers and sisters! Peace & blessings to all!

Lent Holy Hours

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
AND THE LITANY OF THE SACRED WOUNDS

Friday, April 4th · Begins at 3:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Friday, April 11th · Begins at 3:00pm
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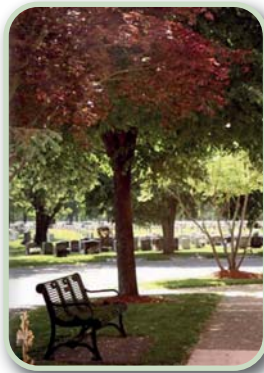
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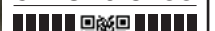


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