

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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Jubilee Year of Mercy An Invitation to Experience God's Love

THE WORKS OF MERCY SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

The Works of Mercy are actions that extend God's compassion, love, and mercy to those in need. More specifically, the Spiritual Works of Mercy are those actions through which we help others meet their emotional and spiritual needs. The Corporal Works of Mercy are those actions through which we help others meet their temporal or material needs.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry
Give Drink to the Thirsty
Clothe the Naked
Shelter the Homeless
Visit the Sick
Visit the Imprisoned
Bury the Dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counsel the Doubtful
Instruct the Ignorant
Comfort the Afflicted
Forgive Offenses
Bear Wrongs Patiently
Pray for the Living and the Dead

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God (2447)."

Likewise, in his announcement of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said: "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love."

For more information about upcoming programs and events commemorating the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or visit our website at ccgronline.com.

A PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

In honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has written a special prayer to bring us closer to our merciful Lord through the inspiration of the scriptures and the grace of the Triune God. So, together with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and with fellow Christians and people of goodwill around the world, let us raise our hearts and voices in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful
like the heavenly Father,
and you have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew
from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Mary Magdalene
from seeking happiness in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all
by forgiveness and mercy.
Let the Church be your visible face in the world,
its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers
would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those
in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Holy Spirit
and consecrate every one of us with his anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus Christ,
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
you who live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE YEAR OF MERCY!

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Our Pastor's Message

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: THE REAL WORK BEGINS NOW!

This year, sixty-four high school students from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish successfully completed the requirements of our Confirmation Preparation Program. During the past two years, our students attended classes together. They attended Mass together. They participated in our "New Spirit Evening of Reflection." They completed community service projects. And they prayed together as a community of young disciples. I can personally attest that our students are well prepared to renew their Baptismal vows, to publically profess their faith in Christ, and to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is vitally important, however, for our students, their parents and sponsors, and for all of us to remember that Confirmation should never be considered as graduation from youth faith formation or the end of their participation in the life of God's Church. Instead, Confirmation is just the beginning of a mature person's spiritual journey. It is just the beginning of one's work as a faithful and faith-filled disciple of Christ and his Church. In short, the real work begins now!

As our young fellow parishioners receive the Sacrament of Confirmation both this and next weekend, I am mindful of the life and example of Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1991), an influential African-American educator, philosopher, and theologian. Dr. Thurman was a prolific author who wrote twenty books that influenced the spirituality and thinking of Martin Luther King, Jr. and other prominent civil rights leaders of the last century. I first learned about Dr. Thurman during my years as an undergraduate at Boston University where I studied both mathematics and religion. For many years, Dr. Thurman had served as the first-ever African-American Dean of Marsh Chapel (1953-1965); and the University's cultural center is now named in his honor. What remains with me after these many years is this short poem that Dr. Thurman wrote about "The Work of Christmas."

Now the work of Christmas begins:
when the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks.
The work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

In this beautiful poem Howard Thurman reminds us that the real work of Christmas begins after the celebration is over, after the pomp and circumstance of the holiday season, and after all of the decorations have been packed away in our basements, attics, and sheds. Likewise, the real work of discipleship for both our Confirmation candidates and for all of us begins now and begins anew each and every time we share the Sign of Peace; each and every time we receive the Eucharist; and each and every time that we are called to welcome the stranger, forgive our neighbor, or share our time, talent, and treasure with God's people. The work of discipleship is lifelong and will culminate when Christ himself asks us to account for ourselves and our lives. Did we help the Lord find the lost sheep? Did we help him feed the hungry? Did we help him bring consolation to prisoners and to the poor? Did we help him bring peace to our families, our neighborhoods, and our workplaces? Did we help him make beautiful music in a world so often filled only with the chaotic voices of anger and prejudice? Let us always remember that the work of Christ begins now!

Howard Thurman once wrote: "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." My prayer for our newly Confirmed fellow parishioners is that they will fully embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; that they will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love; that they will continue to join our community in prayer, fellowship, and service; and they will "come alive" to live the Gospel, share God's love, and build-up and strengthen the Church. Please join me in praying for all of our Confirmation students, their parents, sponsors, and families, and for their catechists. And throughout this new year, let us remember to pray for each other and for all who live, work, and worship in our parishes. Amen!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

HOLY NAME SOCIETY PENNY SALE

Monday, January 18th · Our Lady's Hall · 7:00pm

The Holy Name Society is an organization of men which was founded to prayerfully support Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through fundraising and volunteer service. All are welcome to join them for their next "Penny Sale" on Monday, January 18th beginning at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. As always, the "Penny Sale" will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, delicious homemade sweet bread, along with other delicious foods and snacks. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our community, please contact Michael Horgan at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

THE OPEN DOOR

FEEDING PEOPLE, CHANGING LIVES

Call for Saint Patrick's Day Volunteers

The Open Door is non-profit service organization that operates a food pantry and thrift shop; and also provides nutritious meals to those in need of food or companionship. The mission of the Open Door is to alleviate the impact of hunger in our community. They use practical strategies to connect people to good food, to advocate on behalf of those in need, and to engage others in the work of building food security.

Parishioners in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport have a long history of volunteering with the Open Door. And this year, we are seeking volunteers to help with preparing and serving dinner on Saint Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th. For more information, please contact Sheila McCarthy at sheshecd@hotmail.com or 781-820-9025. Thank you in advance for your generous support of time and talent!

THE LEGION OF MARY

Tuesdays at 4:00pm · Parish Center

Founded in Ireland in 1921, the Legion of Mary is an international fellowship of lay men and women who volunteer their time, talents, and prayers under the banner of the Blessed Virgin Mary by practicing the "spiritual works of mercy" in our parish communities. The Legion's primary apostolate is to visit and pray with our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners.

Every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Campus) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of faith formation under the guidance of their spiritual director. For more information about the Legion of Mary, please contact Joan Foster at ajay7@verizon.net; Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a message by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

Sacrament of Confirmation

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, January 17th & Sunday, January 24th

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 an outpouring of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Knowledge · Understanding
Wisdom · Right Judgment
Courage · Reverence
Wonder & Awe

These Gifts seal or "confirm" the mystical union between the candidates and Christ Jesus and prepare them to actively participate in the prayer, worship, and apostolic ministry of the Catholic Church.

This year, sixty-four high school students in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport have successfully completed the requirements of our Confirmation Preparation Program. During the past two years, they attended both classes and Sunday Mass. They participated in the "New Spirit Evening of Reflection." They completed service projects. And they have prayed together as a community of young disciples. These students are now well prepared to publically renew their Baptismal vows, profess their faith, and live as faithful and faith-filled Catholics.

The Very Reverend Gerard Petringa, Episcopal Vicar for the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston will join us for our annual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, January 17th at 10:45am in Saint Ann Church; and Sunday, January 24th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

As always, the success of our youth faith formation program depends on our volunteers. So, on behalf of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, Father Jim gives God great thanks and praise for this year's dedicated and hardworking team of catechists:

Jennifer Dort · Martha Geraghty
Doug Greenfield · Michael Cimoszko

Their generous gifts of time and talent have ensured that all of our sixty-four candidates will be well-prepared to accept and embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation! Thank you! As our candidates and catechists make final preparations for our celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please pray for them, their parents, sponsors, and families. May the Lord bless them and may the Holy Spirit guide them now and always!

For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com.

Corporal Works of Mercy

HOLY FAMILY CEVICOS MISSION MISSION TRIP TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

It is said that how we care for the poor reflects what we believe about the Gospel. This week, fourteen missionaries from Holy Family Parish are visiting our sister parish in Cevicos (Dominican Republic) to bring medical care for the sick and dying; to repair homes for the homeless; to provide education to young people from poor families; and to improve the overall quality of life for the needy and neglected. In addition, our missionaries have recently forged a partnership with Shriners Hospital in Boston so that children with chronic or serious illnesses can receive lifesaving treatment.

Serving the poor in Cevicos has become a profound joy for our missionaries and a blessing for Holy Family Parish. Mother Teresa once said: "Most of us will not do great things in life, but all of us can do some things with great love." The greatest thing you can do for the Holy Family Cevicos Mission is to pray that God will continue to bless our missionaries and those we serve. It is prayer that has made our mission such a great success.

Founded in 2001 by Deacon Bill Kane, the Holy Family Cevicos Mission offers direct medical, financial, educational, and spiritual support to the poor families of the village of Cevicos in the Dominican Republic. The Holy Family Cevicos Mission offers donors and volunteers an opportunity to participate in rewarding service work by answering Christ's call to love and serve the poor. For more information about the mission and its good work, please contact Deacon Bill at 978-546-7264; or Jean Dugan at 978-283-9256 or info@holyfamilycevicos.com; or visit the website at holyfamilycevicos.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE Help Us Help Others!

During these challenging economic times, Catholic Charities North provides basic needs assistance (grocery gift cards, utilities, and mortgage & rent) to families in need. Funds are also available to help our fishing community families with food, utilities, mortgage, and rental costs. If you can help us help others, please send your donation to: Catholic Charities North, Attention: Sarah Gindel, 60 Prospect Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930. Please make all checks payable to Catholic Charities North and write "basic needs" in your check's memo line. For more information or assistance, please contact Sarah Gindel at sarah_gindel@ccab.org or 978-283-3055. Thank you for your generous support!

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Prayer, Fellowship & Service

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Message of Thanks

It is with gratitude that the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wishes to acknowledge Father Jim, Cliff Garvey, and the Assisi Project. Thanks to their generous contribution of a beautiful hand painted icon of Our Lady of Humility for the Advent & Christmas Raffle, more than \$1,100 was raised to benefit our mission of providing help to any person or family in need on Cape Ann. We are truly thankful for their support!

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 on Cape Ann. During the winter months, our "Clothes Closet" is open on Saturday mornings only from 10:00am until 1:00pm. In addition, our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of all of our churches. The Food Pantry currently needs the following items:

Canned Chicken or Ham · Chicken or Tuna Helper
Mayonnaise · Instant Potatoes · Canned Stew
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup · Chef Boyardee
Jelly & Crackers · Juice · Jarred Pasta Sauce

Donation envelopes are also located at the entrances of our churches and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish center. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Annette Kennedy at 978-283-1268 or Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. For assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

DAILY PRAYER RESOURCES ONLINE Join us: ccgrounline.com/prayer

Our website now features a weekly schedule for praying the Liturgy of the Hours (along with links to praying the Hours online). Our site also includes links to Sharing the Word and Sunday Soundbites (which are 90 second reflections on the daily and weekend Mass readings). So, please join us everyday for a few moments of prayer, reflection, and inspiration at ccgrounline.com/prayer.

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday – Saturday after 8:00am Daily Mass!

Our Mass Intentions

JANUARY 16 – JANUARY 24, 2016

Saturday, January 16	Vigil · Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Patricia Garrisi & Garland (Son)
6:00pm · OLGV	Colonel Donald J. McCarthy
Sunday, January 17	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Adolfo & Bianca Capanna
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Vincenzo Russo
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima & Children
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Second Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, January 18 8:00am · OLGV	Ruth Burnham
Tuesday, January 19 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass for the People
Wednesday, January 20 8:00am · OLGV	Muriel Stack
Thursday, January 21 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Sydney Marie Ryan
Friday, January 22 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend Robert Costello
Saturday, January 23 8:00am · Saint Ann	John & Mary Garvey
Saturday, January 23	Vigil · Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Bob Cunningham and the Rioux Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Manuel & Maria Achadinha
Sunday, January 24	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Josephine & Salvatore Testaverde
8:15am · Saint Ann	William J. Mourey
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Gerald O'Connor
11:45am · OLGV	Sacrament of Confirmation
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Offerings

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of January 9th – January 10th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$5,949.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$1,408.00
Electronic Donations	\$778.00
Total Offerings	\$8,135.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$59,029.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of January 9th – January 10th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$2,198.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,304.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$23,754.00

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 lamps, and altar gifts (hosts and 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. And the requested donation for a sanctuary lamp is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Charles DeCoste
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of All Souls
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Elizabeth Lafata
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Helen & Donald Sutherland
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary gifts in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

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WINTER with SAINTS FRANCIS & CLARE

“The Legend of the Roses”

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May the Lord give you peace!