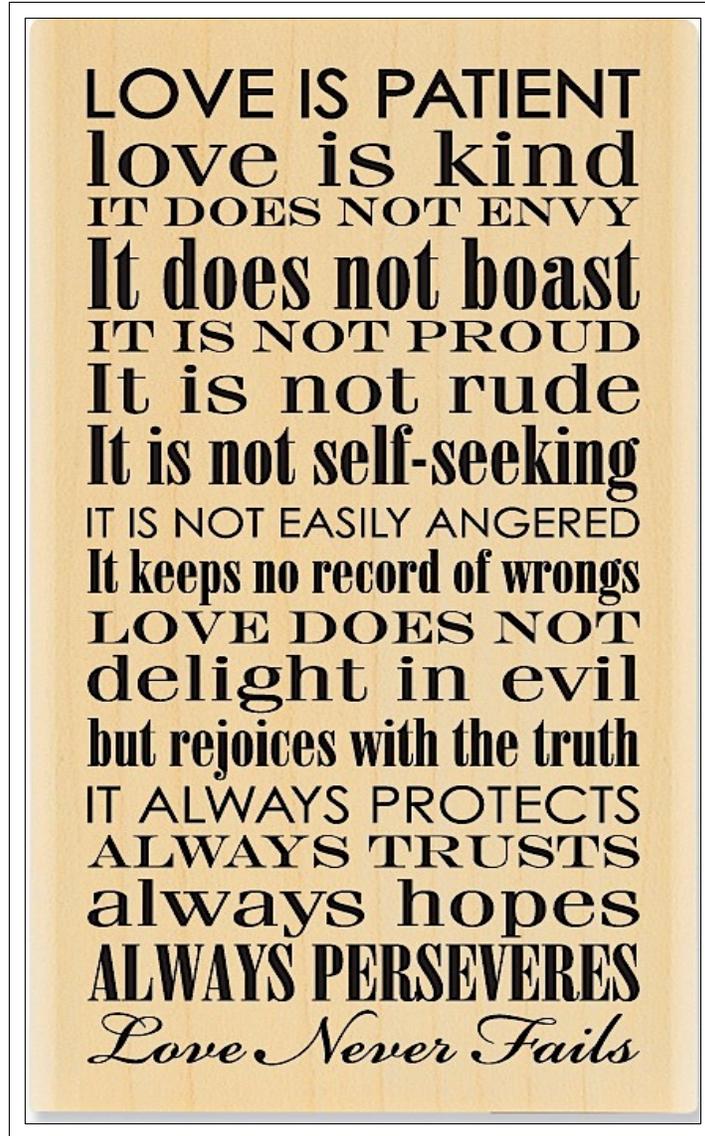


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time · January 31, 2016



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The Holy Season of Lent

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For more information about these and other programs and events during Lent, please visit our websites: ccgrounline.com or twitter.com/ccgrounline!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Worship Schedule · February 10th

The Holy Season of Lent is a time of prayer, penance, and charity during which all Catholics are called to renew their faith in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 10th, a holy day of fasting and abstinence. Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes according to the following schedule:

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Mass at 8:00am

Saint Ann Church
Mass at 12:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Mass at 7:00pm

In addition, we will celebrate two Services of the Word (with the distribution of ashes) at 4:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church and at 5:30pm in Saint Joachim Church. For more information about Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website at ccgrounline.com; or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Please join us as we soon begin our Lenten journey! All are welcome!

STATIONS of the CROSS Fridays During Lent

The Stations of the Cross are one of the most enduring and moving devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with the sufferings of Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with the Lord on his way to the Cross. During Lent, all are invited to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on six consecutive Fridays (February 12th through March 18th) according to the following schedule:

Saint Ann Church
Fridays at 3:30pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Fridays at 7:00pm (with Mass)

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm before we pray the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Good Voyage. For more information about Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website at ccgrounline.com; or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Please join us as we soon begin our Lenten journey! All are welcome!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

CONFESSIONS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesday Evenings During Lent

During the Holy Season of Lent, all Catholics are invited to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession). On five consecutive Wednesdays during Lent (February 17th through March 23rd), at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church from 6:00pm until 8:00pm, all are invited to join us for "The Light Is On For You!" These special evenings of prayer will include Evening Prayer and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours; Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and two full hours of confessions for those who feel called to participate. Please note that this program will be preempted on Wednesday, March 9th for our Lent Mission & Retreat.

For some, this may be a time for sacramental reconciliation. For some it may be a time for silent prayer and reflection. And for some, it may be a time to begin or renew a life of faith. Wherever you are on your faith journey, please join us! All are welcome! For more information about the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website: ccgrounline.com; or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY LENT MISSION & RETREAT March 8th – March 10th

All are invited to join us for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Lent Mission & Retreat from Tuesday, March 8th through Thursday, March 10th at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer at 7:00pm, followed by Mass. Each evening will also feature a reflection centered on the themes of Lent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our special guest and spiritual director will be Sister Ellen Dabrieo, SND. Sister Ellen is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame. For many years, she has served the Church in both parish ministry and as a missionary in Brazil. Sister Ellen currently serves as a hospital chaplain in Salem and as a lay minister to the Brazilian Community of Saint Thomas Church in Peabody.

The Lent Mission & Retreat is free but donations will be gratefully accepted at Mass during each evening of the retreat. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend or neighbor! All are welcome!

Jubilee Year of Mercy

MERCY FRIDAY A YEAR OF MERCY SPECIAL EVENT Friday, February 5th · Begins at Noon

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for our next "Mercy Friday" on Friday, February 5th from 12:00pm until 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. This special day of devotion and prayer in celebration of the Jubilee Year will begin at noon with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. At 3:00pm, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. From 5:00pm until 6:00pm, Father Jim will hear confessions. And at 6:30pm, we will conclude with Evening Prayer (with Homily) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information about this and other Year of Mercy programs and events, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us for all or part of this special day of devotion and prayer as we celebrate God's love and mercy for each and everyone of us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE PARABLES OF MERCY A YEAR OF MERCY SCRIPTURE STUDY Begins Friday, February 12th at Noon

During the Holy Season of Lent, all are invited to join Father Jim for a weekly lunchtime scripture study based on the "Parables of Mercy." Each Friday during Lent (February 12th through March 18th) in Our Lady's Hall, Father Jim will lead a one hour discussion and study on various parables of Jesus that focus on God's love and mercy for his people, including the Two Debtors & Their Creditor; the Good Samaritan; the Widow & the Judge; the Rich Man and Lazarus; and the Lost Sheep.

Interested friends and parishioners are welcome to bring their own lunch and to join us for as many sessions as they can. If you would like to join us for this special scripture study series, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. A donation of \$20.00 per person is requested from those who can afford it. All participants will be provided with a copy of the book, "The Parables of Mercy", along with coffee, hot tea, or bottled water. Please join us! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

For the latest information about weather related cancellations during the winter months, please visit our website at ccgronline.com. Announcements will also be made on WBZ1030 and cbsboston.com; WHDH-TV 7; and Fox 25. Also, parents are reminded that if the public schools are closed on a particular day, all youth faith formation classes will be canceled. Thank you!

Our Pastor's Message

LOVE NEVER FAILS!

In this weekend's second reading, Saint Paul writes about the true meaning and nature of love (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13). He reminds us that no matter what we do with our lives (our ministry, work, or family life), it amounts to nothing if it is not founded on and fueled by love. Saint Paul tells us: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails (1 Cor 13:4-8)."

During my first twenty months as your pastor, I have been called upon to make many decisions. Some of these decisions have been easy. Some have been very difficult. I can only pray that my decisions were guided by the Lord, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and influenced by my own longstanding devotion to Saint Paul and his writings. This week, I share with you some appointments that fill me with great confidence and joy!

First, I am pleased to announce the creation of a new Finance Council for Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. This council will advise me and our business manager on all aspects of parish finances, oversee the parish budget, and help ensure the long-term financial security of our parish. I have asked Patricia Bertero, Jean Madruga, and Annmarie Noble, all active parishioners at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, to serve as voting members of the council.

I am also delighted to announce that Sheila McCarthy has agreed to serve on the Holy Family Parish Finance Council. Sheila will fill an empty seat on the council and serve with Joseph Grella, Robert Krause, Rosa Ladd, and Rudy Macchi. This incredible group of dedicated parishioners deserves our sincere thanks for their part in helping to ensure the financial stability of Holy Family Parish.

What all of these fellow parishioners have in common is their deep and sincere love for God's Church. Their common bond is that their service to our parishes is built upon a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service and a firm commitment to the Lord's Great Commandment to love God and to love each other. If and when you see these good and decent people at Mass or in the grocery store, please thank them for their service to our parishes.

Finally, let us continue to pray for each other and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport: that each one of us will embrace the true meaning of love in our families, in our workplaces, and in our parishes. Love never fails!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Four Opportunities Each Week!

Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient and prayerful devotion of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers four opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Monday Evenings at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm-8:00pm); Thursday Evenings at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm-7:30pm); and Tuesday and Thursday Mornings at Saint Joachim Church (8:30am-10:30am). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD "Father Jim's Journey to the Priesthood" Wednesday, February 3rd · 7:00pm

On Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, the Holy Family Women's Guild will hold its first meeting of the new year! Our special guest will be our pastor, Father Jim, who will talk with us about the Sacrament of Holy Orders and share with us his journey to the priesthood. All parishioners, friends, and visitors to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this special event. Refreshments will be served. Please join us! All are welcome!

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages in prayer, fellowship, and service to the parish and wider community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts various fundraising events and social gatherings, including the Palm Sunday Bake Sale, the Strawberry Festival in June, and the Christmas Fair in November. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish community, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or Janet Lucido at jml3485@aol.com; or leave a message with the parish office by calling 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE Weekend of February 13th – February 14th

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! The Holy Family Women's Guild will host a Valentine's Day Bake Sale on Saturday, February 13th after the 4:00pm Mass in Saint Ann Church and on Sunday, February 14th after the 8:15am Mass in Saint Ann Church. We'll have homemade cakes and cookies, quick breads, and other delicious baked goods. Here's your chance to buy something sweet for someone you love and support Holy Family Parish. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or Janet Lucido at jml3485@aol.com. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Please join us! All are welcome!

Youth Faith Formation Update

PASTOR'S NOTE CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES!

As we begin to reimagine, restructure, and rebuild our youth faith formation programs, it is important to remember that all children and teenagers are invited to fully participate in the life of our parishes as altar servers, as players in our Live Stations of the Cross (see below), and as singers or instrumentalists in our Youth Choir & Music Ministry (see below). These are not just seasonal events but formative and unique opportunities for our young fellow parishioners to gather in prayer, to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church, and to truly live their faith in a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or Betsy Works at bworks@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your ongoing support!

CCGR YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesdays at 5:00pm · Saint Ann Church

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for practice and rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. The Youth Choir, along with an ensemble of talented young instrumentalists, sings every weekend during Mass at one of our three churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our Youth Choir & Music Ministry welcomes new members (ranging in age from kindergarten through eighth grade). Singing in the choir is a great way to make new friends and participate in the life of our parishes! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or leave a message by calling 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Rehearsals Begin Thursday, January 28th!

All young disciples (grades three and up) from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are invited to participate in our 18th Annual Live Stations of the Cross which will be presented on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Youth participants are expected to memorize their parts and attend eight weekly rehearsals which will begin on Thursday, January 28th from 4:00pm until 5:30pm in Saint Ann Church. Adult volunteers are also needed and most welcome! So, if you or your child would like to participate in this deeply moving annual program that helps to bring us all closer to Christ Jesus as he carries the Holy Cross, please contact Sue Demetri at sdemetri@yahoo.com or 978-283-5096. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Upcoming Special Events

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE THE BLESSING OF THROATS Wednesday, February 3rd

On Wednesday, February 3rd, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr. Little is known about Blaise except that he was Bishop of Silvas (Turkey) and was martyred in the fourth century during the Roman persecution of Christian believers. Tradition holds that as Blaise was being arrested, a mother approached him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child coughed up the bone and was healed. Blaise was executed for refusing to abandon his Christian faith. For more than one thousand years, he has been venerated as Patron Saint of those suffering from illnesses of the throat.

Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we will celebrate the traditional blessing of throats on Wednesday, February 3rd during Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church and during Evening Prayer at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, may God deliver us from every disease of the throat and from every other illness! Amen!

LENT MASS FOR FAMILIES Weekend of February 13th – February 14th

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 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all parents, grandparents, godparents, and children are invited to join Father Jim for a Lent Mass for Families on either Saturday, February 13th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church or Sunday, February 14th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about the Holy Season of Lent and a special blessing for all families and children. In addition, because Lent is a season for prayer, penance, and charity, every child and family will be asked to help us raise \$1,000 during Lent for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a service organization in our parishes that provides food and financial assistance to local families in need. During the Family Mass, each child will receive a "campaign can" to collect coins for this effort. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

As our Lent Mass for Families approaches, let us reaffirm: Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! And every family in our pews is a gift from God! For more information about the Mass for Families, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Please spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

THE HOLY ROSARY Every Morning After Daily Mass

All are invited to join us every morning after Daily Mass in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Risen Lord by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by begging her prayers for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world. Please join us! All are welcome!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, January 31st · 6:30pm · Our Lady's Hall

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is an organization of men which was founded to prayerfully support the parish through fundraising and volunteer service. Our next meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, January 31st at 6:30pm. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Michael Horgan at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, February 1st · 6:30pm · Our Lady's Hall

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1st at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After our business meeting, we will hold a silent auction. Beth Fosberry and Andrea Bouchie will serve as co-chairwomen; and all members are reminded to bring their food and auction donations.

Members are also reminded that February is the "Cakeless Cake Sale." Donations can be brought to our February meeting or mailed to Jean Madruga. For more information about becoming a member of Our Lady's Guild, please contact Linda Galvin at lingalv2010@gmail.com. All are welcome!

MADONNA DEL ROSARIO SOCIETY Annual Valentine's Day Celebration Saturday, February 13th · 1:00pm · Our Lady's Hall

The Madonna Del Rosario Society will host its Annual Valentine's Day Celebration on Saturday, February 13th at 1:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. After a brief business meeting, we'll enjoy delicious desserts and a friendly game of bingo! Members are reminded that annual dues will be collected at this meeting. For more information about the Madonna Del Rosario Society and its good work in our parishes, please contact Grace at 978-281-1907. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

Our Mass Intentions

JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Saturday, January 30	Vigil · Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Manuel & Maria Matos
6:00pm · OLGV	Paula Novello
Sunday, January 31	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Teresa & Andrew Murphy
8:15am · Saint Ann	Michael E. Trainor
10:00am · Saint Joachim	George & Josephine Piacitelli
11:45am · OLGV	Richard & Evelyn Fioravanti
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, February 1 8:00am · OLGV	Sebastian & Olimpia Scola and Deceased Family Members
Tuesday, February 2 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, February 3 8:00am · OLGV	Humberto Mota
Thursday, February 4 8:00am · Saint Joachim	William J. Vaughan
Friday, February 5 8:00am · OLGV	Angelina Matos
Saturday, February 6 8:00am · Saint Ann	Reverend Philip Conroy
Saturday, February 6	Vigil · Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Joseph & Angela Curcuru
6:00pm · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
Sunday, February 7	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Alan Feener
8:15am · Saint Ann	Caterina & Leonard Russo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Matthew Kane
11:45am · OLGV	Francisca Garcia
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Offerings

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of January 23rd – January 24th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$3,970.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$372.00
Electronic Donations	\$778.00
Total Offerings	\$5,120.00
Second Collection (Latin America)	\$1,432.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$60,294.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of January 23rd – January 24th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$1,761.00
Confirmation Offering	\$1,045.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$2,836.00
Second Collection (Latin America)	\$474.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$23,764.00

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 Richard & Evelyn Fioravanti

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@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

CCGR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, February 5th · 6:30pm

Father Jim will meet with the combined parish councils of both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish on Friday, February 5th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. All are welcome!