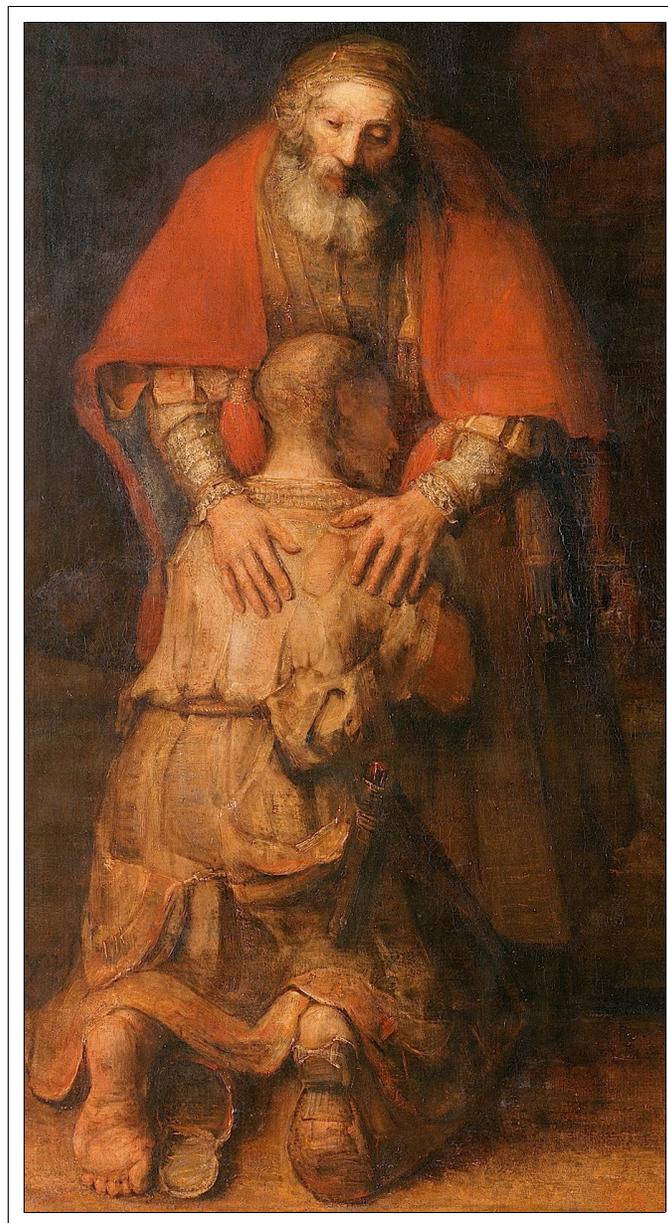


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
Fourth Sunday of Lent · March 6, 2016



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## THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

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### 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@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend or neighbor! All are welcome!

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER OUR PRAYER & WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 20th – March 27th

**Palm Sunday, March 20th**  
Regular Mass Schedule

**Monday, March 21st – Wednesday, March 23rd**  
Regular Mass Schedule

**Holy Thursday, March 24th**  
Morning Prayer · 8:00am · Saint Joachim Church  
Mass of the Lord's Supper · 7:00pm · Saint Ann Church

**Good Friday, March 25th**  
Morning Prayer · 8:00am · Our Lady's Church  
Stations of the Cross · 12:30pm · Saint Ann Church  
Good Friday Service · 3:00pm · Saint Joachim Church  
Good Friday Service · 7:00pm · Our Lady's Church

**Holy Saturday, March 26th**  
Morning Prayer · 8:00am · Saint Ann Church  
Easter Vigil Mass · 7:00pm · Saint Ann Church  
Note: No Sunday Vigil Masses

**Easter Sunday, March 27th**  
Regular Mass Schedule

For more information about the prayer and worship schedule during Holy Week and Easter in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com.

### THE PARABLES OF MERCY A YEAR OF MERCY SCRIPTURE STUDY Friday, March 11th 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." As part of our community's commemoration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, each Friday during Lent (February 12th through March 18th) in Our Lady's Hall, Father Jim will lead a one hour discussion 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.

Father Jim's next scripture study session is scheduled for Friday, March 11th at 12:00pm! 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 frjim@ccgrronline.com. A donation of \$20.00 per person is requested from those who can afford it for the entire series. 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 invited! All are welcome!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday Afternoons & Evenings During Lent

The Stations of the Cross is one of the most beloved, enduring, and moving devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with the sufferings of Jesus Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with Lord as he suffers his passion and death on the Holy Cross. During this Holy Season of 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 Afternoons at 3:30pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Fridays at 7:00pm  
Begins with the Celebration of Mass

On Friday evenings in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, Father Jim will celebrate Mass at 7:00pm before we pray the Stations of the Cross. For more information about Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please join us at ccgrronline.com/len; or contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. As our Lenten journey continues, please join us for the Stations of the Cross! All are invited! All are welcome!

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### PALM SUNDAY MASS FOR FAMILIES COME & MEET CARDINAL SEAN!

**Saturday, March 19th · 4:00pm · Saint Ann Church**

All parents, grandparents, godparents, and children are invited to join Father Jim for our Palm Sunday Family Mass on Saturday, March 19th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Our special guest celebrant and homilist will be His Eminence Seán Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. During Mass, Cardinal Seán will offer a special Palm Sunday homily and blessing for all of our families and children in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

In addition to bringing your family and friends, please bring the Campaign Cans for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society that were distributed to our parish children at the beginning of Lent. All donations from the Campaign Cans will be given to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a service organization in our parishes that provides food and financial assistance to local families in need. We hope to raise \$1,000 during Lent for this worthy cause!

For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com; or Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please pray for our young disciples, for their families, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

Together, let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our Teacher! Every child and every family in our pews is a gift from God! Please spread the word! Please join us! Come and meet Cardinal Seán! All are welcome!

### SPRING VACATION CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE VATICAN EXPRESS

**Begins Tuesday, April 19th 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 first-ever Spring Vacation Catholic Kids Camp, entitled "The Vatican Express", from Tuesday, April 19th through Friday, April 22nd from 8:00am until 12:30pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, children will learn about the traditions and treasures of the Vatican through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and easy-to-make crafts.

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program for children is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available to those who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are invited to join us as volunteers! For more information, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### THE LOVING FATHER

This weekend at Mass, we hear the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). In simple and sparse language, Saint Luke relates the story of a son who leaves home with his inheritance, wastes it on the pleasures of the world, and returns home in search of forgiveness for his profligate and sinful lifestyle. The son is embraced by his father, forgiven his excesses, and warmly welcomed back into the family.

A prodigal is defined as someone who spends money in reckless or extravagant ways. In this scriptural context, however, we might understand the prodigal son as a lost soul, as a person who has lost his way, as one bruised and broken by sin, as one who has hit the proverbial rock bottom. Inside each of us, there is a prodigal son. Inside each of us, there is a person who sometimes cannot resist the selfish pleasures of the world. Inside each of us, there is a person who may not acknowledge his sins until we have confronted the darkest depths of sin and despair. After all, we are all children of Adam and Eve. We are all capable of great charity and good works, but we are also capable of great malice and destruction.

At the same time, we are also children of a Loving Father. We are children of the God who is perfect friendship, perfect love, and perfect mercy. We are children of the God, who like the father in the gospel parable, searches the horizon and hopes that we will return home. We are children of the God, who like the father in the gospel parable, sees us, is filled with compassion and love, runs to us, embraces us, and kisses us.

No matter where we have been, no matter how long we have been away, no matter what we have done, God longs for and listens for our prayer of contrition. Like the prodigal son, we cry: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son (or daughter)." Our God hears us. Our God forgives. Our God forgets. He washes clean our hearts and our souls. He feeds us, nourishes us, and strengthens us with his love and his merciful spirit. Our God helps us to begin again and again and again. He never tires of welcoming home his prodigal children.

Brothers and sisters, we must never be afraid of coming home to God's house. We must never be reluctant to ask for His love and mercy. God longs to see us. He longs to embrace us. He longs to free us from the bondage of a world that offers us only passing pleasures. Wherever you are on your faith journey, please remember always that our God is a loving father who stands ready to welcome you home. Amen!

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### THE HOLY ROSARY

#### Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass

All are invited to join us every morning immediately after our 8:00am 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 asking for her intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world. For more information, please see Father Jim or a member of our pastoral team. Please join us!

### THE OPEN DOOR

#### FEEDING PEOPLE, CHANGING LIVES

##### Call for Saint Patrick's Day Volunteers

The Open Door is a non-profit organization that operates a food pantry & thrift shop; and it also provides nutritious meals to those in need of food & companionship. Our parishioners have had a long history of volunteering with the Open Door. This year, we seek volunteers to prepare & serve 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!

### 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 only on Saturdays 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 needs the following items:

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

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. 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!

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### LIVING THE WORKS OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has said that mercy is the "fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life." This Year of Mercy is an invitation for us to look sincerely into the eyes of those around us, to recognize their needs, and to act accordingly.

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called us to rediscover these Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as a way of living more deeply as disciples of Christ Jesus in the true spirit of the Gospel. Each month, Pope Francis asks us to pray for both a "universal" prayer intention and an "evangelization" prayer intention.

During this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis will also offer us "spiritual exercises" or ways of living out the Works of Mercy in communion with his monthly intentions, with fellow parishioners, and with believers throughout the world. The Holy Father's monthly intentions and spiritual exercises will be printed in our bulletin and posted online at [ccgronline.com/mercy](http://ccgronline.com/mercy).

#### March 2016

##### Universal Prayer Intention for Needy Families

We pray that families in need may receive necessary support and that their children may grow up in health & peaceful environments.

##### Corporal Work of Mercy: Visit the Imprisoned

Volunteer or support an after school program that serves children in need;  
cook a meal or provide respite care for a family with a sick child; pray for all families.

#### March 2016

##### Evangelization Prayer Intention for Persecuted Christians

We pray for Christians throughout the world who because of their faith are targeted for discrimination or persecution.

##### Spiritual Works of Mercy: Comfort the Afflicted

Learn more about Christians in the Holy Land; pray daily for all persecuted Christians.

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and live out the Works of Mercy under the Holy Father's guidance, let us pray for the grace to live the Gospel, to share God's love and mercy, and to build up the Church!

#### MORE ONLINE!

Join us: [ccgronline.com/mercy](http://ccgronline.com/mercy)

For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, including easy-to-use guides for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation, all are encouraged to visit our website: [ccgronline.com/mercy](http://ccgronline.com/mercy).

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

### HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND CAKE SALE March 19th – March 20th

After all weekend Masses at Holy Family Parish on Saturday, March 19th & Sunday, March 20th, the Women's Guild of Holy Family Parish will sponsor its Fifth Annual Palm Sunday Cake Sale. Our offerings will include Easter Cakes, along with our usual selection of delicious cookies and pastries. So, don't make a mess in your kitchen! Let the Holy Family Women's Guild bake for you! All donations will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds will benefit Holy Family Parish. For more information, please contact Janet Lucido at [jml3485@aol.com](mailto:jml3485@aol.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome! And thank you for your ongoing support!

### EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join our young disciples (grades 3 and up) for our Eighteenth Annual Live Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

All are welcome to pray with us as a faithful and faith-filled group of our young fellow parishioners reenact Christ's journey to the Holy Cross using traditional readings, prayers, and beautiful music. For more information about this deeply moving annual tradition, please contact Sue Demetri at [sdemetri2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sdemetri2000@yahoo.com) or 978-282-5096. Please show your support for our young disciples! Please join us! Bring your family and friends! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE ASSISI PROJECT PALM SUNDAY WITH SAINT FRANCIS Sunday, March 20th · Begins with Mass at 11:45am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit that is dedicated to helping adults more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. Our next gathering is scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 20th beginning with Mass at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, we will adjourn to Our Lady's Hall for a light lunch. At 3:00pm, we will gather again in Our Lady's Church where Cliff will offer a brief reflection about Saint Francis's devotion to the Crucified Christ and we will conclude by praying "A Franciscan Way of the Cross." If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff at [cgarvey@ccgonline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820 by March 18th. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, March 7th · 6:30pm

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. The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After regular business, nominations will be made for officers and board members. Yvonne Davis, Carol Burns, and Jean Jacobson are co-chairwomen for the next meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Linda Galvin at [lingalv2010@gmail.com](mailto:lingalv2010@gmail.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members welcome!

### OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE Monday, March 14th · Our Lady's Hall · 7:00pm

All parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, March 14th 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 food and snacks. Donations will be accepted at Our Lady's Rectory on Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am until 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Galvin at [lingalv2010@gmail.com](mailto:lingalv2010@gmail.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th · 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of men that remains true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Founded in 1882, the Knights remains an organization dedicated to the mutual assistance of members and their families, but also reaches out to the disabled, the sick, and the needy. In addition, the Knights sponsor educational, charitable, and religious programs. Council 215 serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Council 215's next meeting and quarterly social hour is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th beginning at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus). New members are always welcome! For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please visit our website at [kofc215.com](http://kofc215.com); contact us at [info@kofc215.com](mailto:info@kofc215.com); or leave a message by calling 978-281-4820. Please join us!

### MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE

Join us: [ccgonline.com](http://ccgonline.com)!  
Follow us on Twitter: [@ccgonline](https://twitter.com/ccgonline)!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**MARCH 5 - MARCH 13, 2016**

<b>Saturday, March 5</b>	<b>Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Capt. Salvatore & Josephine Santuccio Capt. Stephen & Catherine Demetri
6:00pm · OLGV	Deceased Members of Our Lady's Guild
<b>Sunday, March 6</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Peter Cahill
8:15am · Saint Ann	The Smith Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mary & John Ahern
11:45am · OLGV	José & Julia Goulart and Children
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>Fourth Week of Lent</b>
Monday, March 7 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Tuesday, March 8 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John Walsh, Jr.
Wednesday, March 9 8:00am · OLGV	William & Catherine Gindel and Leola Lynch
Thursday, March 10 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Sister Mary Souza
Friday, March 11 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend Philip Conroy
Saturday, March 12 8:00am · Saint Ann	Gerald Kochansky
<b>Saturday, March 12</b>	<b>Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Lillian Morendo
6:00pm · OLGV	Claudia Greely
<b>Sunday, March 13</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Reverend Cornelius Mullaney
8:15am · Saint Ann	Rosaria & Giuseppe Cambria
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William, Rose, Charles & John Morrison
11:45am · OLGV	Lena, Michael & Sebastian Lovasco
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Weekend of February 27th - February 28th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$7,130.00
Electronic Donations	\$994.00
Total Offerings	\$8,124.00
Second Collection (Cevicos)	\$3,648.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$61,018.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**

**Weekend of February 27th - February 28th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$2,673.00
Second Collection (Easter Flowers)	\$1,470.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$29,575.00

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

**PARISH PAY**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING: SAFE & EASY**

**Now Offered at Both Parishes!**

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. At parishpay.com, donations can be made on a one-time or ongoing basis. It takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. Please prayerfully consider supporting your parish by giving electronically! For more information about electronic giving in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit parishpay.com or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Thank you for your support!

**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 Dr. Gerald Kochansky  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

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