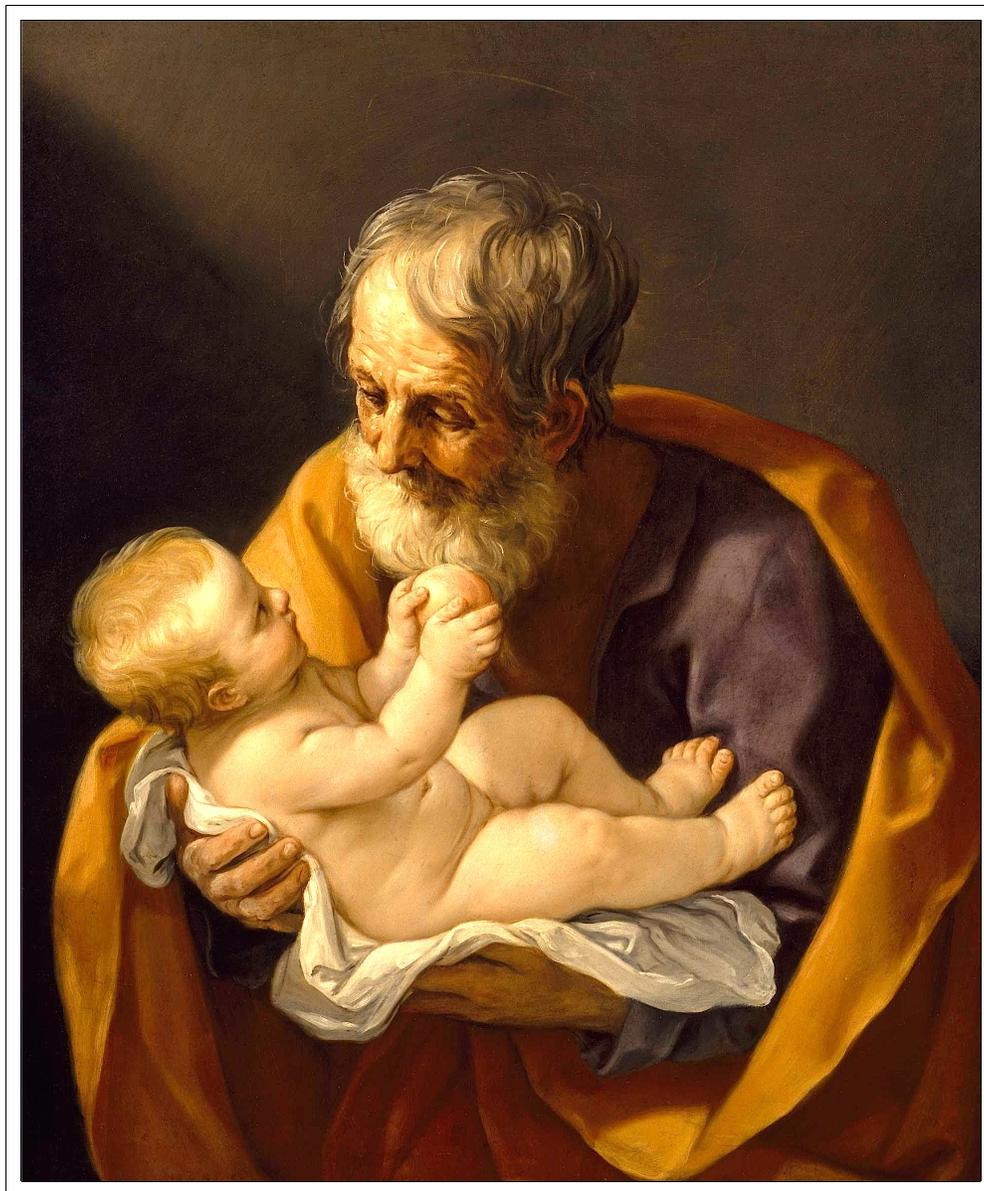


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Celebrating Two Years as a Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
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## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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## PASTORAL TEAM NEWS

### PASTOR'S NOTE WELCOME, CLAIRE MURPHY!

As your pastor, I am responsible for both the spiritual and temporal well-being of our parishes. That means that in addition to being a shepherd of souls, I am also accountable for the financial stability of our parishes. Before my ordination to the priesthood, I studied math in college and worked at a bank. In addition, my hardworking parents taught me a great deal about how to balance a family budget, make ends meet, and save for the future. Although I am not an accountant or a financial expert, these experiences help me to appreciate the financial challenges and opportunities facing our two parishes.

During the past four months, I have become (by necessity) more intimately involved in the day-to-day financial management of our two parishes. This time of transition was made easier by the very able and dedicated members of our Finance Councils: Patricia Bertero, Jean Madruga, and Ann Marie Noble at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish; and Joseph Grella, Robert Krause, Rosa Ladd, Sheila McCarthy, and the late Rudy Macchi at Holy Family Parish. Their gifts of time and talent should be applauded and much appreciated by every single parishioner in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

I am now delighted to announce that Claire Murphy has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for Finance. Claire has more than thirty years of experience in banking, consulting, fundraising, and non-profit management. She has been a small business owner, community volunteer, and catechist in her home parish's youth faith formation program. Claire and I have known each other for more than ten years. And I am confident that she will make an outstanding addition to our pastoral team.

Finding the right person to assist me and our Finance Councils in ensuring the long-term financial stability of our parishes was not an easy task. And I am grateful for the advice, assistance, and support of many fellow parishioners and pastoral team members who helped with this process, especially Patty Bertero, Cliff Garvey, Joe Grella, and Rosa Ladd. I am also grateful to Jane Russo and Lori Thorstensen who have worked very hard during the past month to envision and prepare an office for Claire.

On behalf of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, I warmly welcome Claire Murphy to our parishes and pastoral team. I ask you to pray for her as she begins her all-important ministry as our Administrative Assistant for Finance. And I ask you to continue to pray for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## HOLY FAMILY CEVICOS MISSION NEWS

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH MISSION AND SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

You probably know that our parish mission to the Dominican Republic brings needed medical care and supplies to the town of Cevicos three times each year. However, there are children for whom the vitamins and Tylenol that we bring are not enough. Fortunately for children with greater needs, we have formed a partnership with Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston: a place where medical miracles happen.

With God's help and with your donations, we have been able to bring three children to Boston for treatment over the past couple of years. You may have seen these girls at Mass or around town during their visits. Typically, they need to stay here for treatment at Shriners anywhere from one to eight weeks. The wonderful doctors at Shriners take care of all their medical treatment, which is a great blessing. Our mission pays for their airfare and our missionaries host them while they are here. We hope to have two or three more children visit us later this year or next.

The kids we have brought to Shriners from Cevicos suffer because they are poor. For example, Marialis required surgery to replace her esophagus because as a hungry seven year old, she ingested caustic liquid, thinking that it might be something good to drink. Elizabeth suffered terrible burns when she got too close to the cook fire in the family's outdoor kitchen and her dress caught on fire. She was four years old and she almost died. And Milagros suffers from the many birth defects that are the direct result of a poor diet and an unsafe environment.

These children and their parents take a tremendous leap of faith by leaving all they know behind in the hope that their child's life might be changed for the better. Our friend Elizabeth and her mother will be returning to us for a month or more this summer. She is now a growing eleven year old and must continue to return repeatedly for surgery to release the scar tissue from the burned area that does not grow along with her. When you see her, please stop and say "Buenos dias!" In return, you will probably get a big hug because she is so grateful for what our mission has done and continues to do for her.

A month is a long time to be away from home, so if you are able to share a meal with our guests, or spend some time with them (especially if you speak some Spanish), please let us know. There are many ways to help and every one of us is a missionary in our own way. For more information about how you can help with our Shriners' patients, please contact us at [info@holyfamilycevicos.com](mailto:info@holyfamilycevicos.com) or call Jean Dugan at 978-283-9256. For more information about the Holy Family Cevicos Mission, please join us online at [holyfamilycevicos.com](http://holyfamilycevicos.com)! Thank you!

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

### WHAT MAKES A DAD?

God took the strength of a mountain,  
 the majesty of a tree,  
 the warmth of a summer sun,  
 the calm of a quiet sea,  
 the generous soul of nature,  
 the comforting arm of night,  
 the wisdom of the ages,  
 the power of an eagle's flight,  
 the joy of a morning in spring,  
 the faith of a mustard seed,  
 the patience of eternity,  
 and the depth of a family's need.  
 God then combined these qualities,  
 when there was nothing more to add.  
 God knew his masterpiece was complete,  
 and so, God called it...Dad!

### A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Almighty God and Father,  
 you govern and protect your people  
 and shepherd them with a father's love.  
 You place a father in a family as a sign  
 of your love, care, and constant protection.  
 May fathers everywhere be faithful  
 to the example shown in the scriptures:  
 steadfast in love and forgiveness,  
 sustaining the family, and caring for those in need.  
 Give your wisdom to all fathers,  
 so that they may encourage and guide their children.  
 Keep them healthy  
 so that they can support a family  
 Guide every father with the Spirit of your love,  
 so that they may grow in holiness,  
 and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen.

### A FATHER'S PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Good Saint Joseph,  
 I come to you with concern for my children.  
 Many dangers surround my children.  
 Out of loving concern to protect them,  
 I may sometimes seem demanding and stern.  
 Help me to remove the barriers  
 that often come between my children and myself.  
 I love my children with my whole heart,  
 and I desire only good things for them.  
 Good Saint Joseph,  
 watch over my children,  
 and inspire me to know how best to care for them,  
 how best to speak with them,  
 and how best to love them. Amen.  
 Saint Joseph, Patron of Fathers, pray for us!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### A FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION

By Cliff Garvey

During a recent visit with my parents, I complained about the aches and pains that come with middle age. And in all seriousness, I asked them: "Is it some sort of conspiracy? Nobody tells you that suddenly you'll be exhausted after lunch! Nobody tells you that suddenly you'll have arthritis in your hands! Nobody tells you that suddenly you won't be able to do what you had previously done without effort! You never complained about any of these things! You were never tired or weary after a long week!"

As I finished this rant, my parents just looked at each other and laughed. My mother showed me her arthritic right hand which looks shockingly like my newly arthritic right hand. My dad told me about how he would sometimes sneak an afternoon nap in a supply room near his office at work. They told me that they routinely arrived home from work exhausted and ready to collapse. And they told me that the aging process is just part of life. My mom said matter-of-factly: "It is what it is."

Despite their good humored assurances and sympathy, I can't help but think about my parents and those long years of hard work. In my dad's case, he began working full-time after high school graduation and continued working full-time (often more than full-time) for fifty years. I can remember him arriving home from work, having supper, and leaving for his second job. At the time, I thought it was great because that second job paid for a new ten-speed bicycle, a swimming pool in the backyard, and family vacations to places like Gettysburg, Williamsburg, Washington, D.C., and the Virgin Islands.

Looking back, it is hard to imagine how my dad could work morning, noon, and night for so many years. And it is equally hard to imagine how he managed to work so hard and to be such a good father. Despite those long hours, he was always available to coach little league baseball, help with homework, or just talk things through.

My dad is a tall man (six feet, six inches). He is still healthy and strong as his 75th birthday approaches later this year. He has been my hero and partner in crime for five decades. We make a lot of mischief together. It is hard for him to grow older. And it is hard to watch him grow older. Over coffee one recent afternoon, I blurted out: "Dad, whatever happens down the road, just don't forget me." He said simply: "Have I ever let you down?" And I realized and replied through tears: "No, Dad, never."

This weekend, let us pray together for our fathers and grandfathers: those unsung and much loved heroes who cared for us, sacrificed for us, worked hard for us, and never let us down. And let us say to them with full and grateful hearts: "Thanks, Dad! Happy Father's Day!"

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND

**Welcome, Father Adolfo!**

This weekend, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is blessed to welcome Father Geoffrey Adolfo of the Society of Saint James for our Annual Mission Appeal Weekend. Father Adolfo will celebrate all Masses at Our Lady of Good Voyage and will preach about his missionary work in Ecuador and Peru.

Founded in 1958 by Cardinal Cushing, the Society of Saint James sends diocesan priests to work with and minister to the poor in those countries. For more information, please visit their website: [socstjames.com](http://socstjames.com). Please note that a Second Collection will be taken this weekend at Our Lady's in support of the Society of Saint James. Your generous support will be much appreciated! Thank you, Father Adolfo! Welcome to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! May God bless you and your good work!

### SAINT PETER'S NOVENA

**Begins June 13th at 7:00pm · American Legion Hall**

In preparation for Saint Peter's Fiesta, the Annual Nine Day Novena to Saint Peter runs from Monday, June 13th through Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00pm in the American Legion Hall, which is located at 8 Washington Street in Gloucester. This beautiful annual tradition offers us an opportunity to offer our prayers, petitions, and songs for the intercession of Saint Peter, Apostle of the Apostles and Patron of Fishermen. For more information about the Saint Peter's Novena, please contact Joe Novello at 978-283-4367. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### SAINT PETER'S FIESTA OUTDOOR MASS & PROCESSION Sunday, June 26th · Begins at 10:00am

This year, Saint Peter's Fiesta runs from Wednesday evening, June 22nd through Sunday evening, June 26th! On Sunday morning, June 26th, all are invited to join Father Jim for an outdoor celebration of Holy Mass at Saint Peter's Square. After Mass, all are welcome to join friends and fellow parishioners for the annual procession through the streets of Gloucester. Trailers for procession floats with a religious theme are available from the Fiesta Committee. A stipend of \$200 is offered to cover the costs of decorations and flowers. For more information, please contact Rose Aiello at 978-283-1664; or visit the website: [stpetersfiesta.org](http://stpetersfiesta.org). Please join us! All are welcome!

### MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

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

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### THE MEANING OF MERCY WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

Often it seems that God does not exist:  
all around us, we see persistent injustice, evil,  
indifference and cruelty.  
But it is also true that in the midst of darkness,  
something new always springs to life  
and sooner or later produces fruit.  
On razed land, life breaks through,  
stubbornly yet invincibly.

Evangelii Gaudium  
Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis  
November 2013

### THE MEANING OF MERCY IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Old Testament, the gift of mercy is dependent on God (Deuteronomy 7:9); and God's message to the repentant sinner is mercy rather than punishment. Likewise, God calls upon his people to show the same mercy to others that He shows to them. Mercy is an attitude which calls us to help those in distress. In the New Testament, through Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, mercy is always present in the world (Hebrews 2:17).

The sinner should not presume that God automatically or mechanically offers divine mercy. It is only granted by God if and when the sinner acknowledges that mercy is incalculable and beyond human understanding. Mercy does not override justice; it transcends justice and it converts the sinner into a just person by bringing about repentance and openness to the Holy Spirit.

Human mercy is an expression of divine mercy. Mercy sees the distress of others, identifies with it, and seeks to overcome it as one seeks to have one's own suffering, guilt, and burdens overcome with the aid and assistance of others. Human mercy manifests divine mercy because of Christ's identification with our plight through His passion, death, and resurrection.

The Christian must forgive seven times seventy times, and Christian mercy is an expression of the double commandment to love both God and neighbor. Mercy united with love fulfills the command of perfection (Colossians 3:14), showing the same hospitality to others that is shown to Christ (Source: Our Sunday Visitor's Revised Catholic Encyclopedia, 666-667).

### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ONLINE!

For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, including our easy-to-use guides to the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, please visit our website: [ccgronline.com/mercy](http://ccgronline.com/mercy). All are invited! All are welcome! Join us!

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



### SUMMER VACATION CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE VATICAN EXPRESS, PART II Begins Tuesday, June 28th 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 Second Annual Summer Catholic Kids Camp: The Vatican Express, Part II from Tuesday, June 28th through Friday, July 1st from 8:00am until 12:00pm 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:

Day I: Tuesday, June 28th  
Miracles of Jesus

Day II: Wednesday, June 29th  
Miracles of the Eucharist

Day III: Thursday, June 30th  
The Miracle of the Mass

Day IV: Friday, July 1st  
The Miracle of Eucharistic Adoration

Each day of the Vatican Express, Part II will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are welcome 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 new and old. The Vatican Express, Part II is a fun, exciting, and educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative summer vacation youth faith formation program 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 welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! For more information about our Summer Vacation Catholic Kids Camp: The Vatican Express Part II, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline. Please join us! All are welcome!

#### MORE ONLINE!

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

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### CONGRATULATIONS, CLAIRE WHOLLEY! ASSISI PROJECT SPRING RAFFLE WINNER

The Assisi Project and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society wish to congratulate Claire Wholley of Gloucester, who won the spring raffle for the beautiful handpainted icon of the Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus. Thanks to the generosity of our fellow parishioners, this raffle raised more than \$1,200 for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please see Father Jim; contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com); or visit our website: [assisiproject.com](http://assisiproject.com). Congratulations, Claire! May the Lord give you peace!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray

Pope Francis was asked recently in an interview about his favorite way of praying. In response, the Holy Father said: "What I truly prefer is Eucharistic Adoration...In the evening between seven and eight o'clock, I pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient and prayerful devotion to the Real Presence of Christ Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers four opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm-8:00pm); Thursdays at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm-7:30pm); and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Saint Joachim (8:30am-10:00am). For more information, please contact Jane Russo at [jlrusso333@hotmail.com](mailto:jlrusso333@hotmail.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

### 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 both of our parish communities. The Legion's primary apostolate is to visit and pray with our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. Members also serve in many other volunteer ministries in both Holy Family Parish & Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the parish center, which is located beside Saint Ann Church, 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 and its good work in our parishes, please contact Joan Foster at [ajay7@verizon.net](mailto:ajay7@verizon.net); Sue Demetri at [sdemetri2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sdemetri2000@yahoo.com); or leave a message by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**JUNE 18 - JUNE 26, 2016**

<b>Saturday, June 18</b>	<b>Vigil · 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for All Fathers
6:00pm · OLGV	Mass for All Fathers
<b>Sunday, June 19</b>	<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Mass for All Fathers
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mass for All Fathers
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass for All Fathers
11:45am · OLGV	Mass for All Fathers
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for All Fathers
	<b>12th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, June 20 8:00am · OLGV	Antonio José Carreiro
Tuesday, June 21 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Sally Costello
Wednesday, June 22 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, June 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Friday, June 24 8:00am · OLGV	Scott & Linda Bolcome
Saturday, June 25 8:00am · Saint Ann	Vito & Benjamin Asaro
<b>Saturday, June 25</b>	<b>Vigil · 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Claude Souza & Dick Hesse
6:00pm · OLGV	Anthony Piraino
<b>Sunday, June 26</b>	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Antonio, Angela & Salvatore Mistretta
8:15am · Saint Ann	Virginia Mondello
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
11:45am · OLGV	Francis Lewis, Sr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Scheduled Mass

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Weekend of June 11th - June 12th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$6,511.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,389.00
Pastor's Challenge (Chairs & Tables)	\$5,345.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**

**Weekend of June 11th - June 12th**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$2,754.00
Second Collection (Father's Memorial)	\$953.00

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 & 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 Antonio "Tony" & Mary Militello and Richard J. Camille, Jr.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS BOOK**

**Wednesday, June 22nd · 11:00am-2:00pm**

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Mass Intentions Book (July 2016-December 2016) will be opened on Wednesday, June 22nd from 11:00am until 2:00pm at our Pastoral Office (74 Pleasant Street). On that day, all parishioners are welcome to book one Sunday Mass and one weekday Mass at Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, or Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Please note that on June 22nd, all Mass intentions must be booked in person. No email, fax, or phone requests will be accepted. No exceptions! Any remaining Masses can be booked on or after June 23rd. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your cooperation and support!