

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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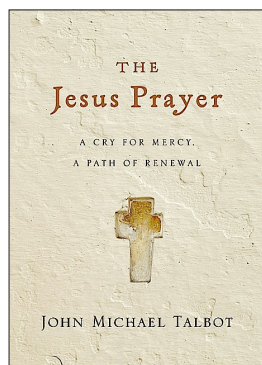
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION



THIRD ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT "THE JESUS PRAYER" Begins Monday, August 8th at 7:00pm

The summer season is a great time of year for stepping back from the business and busy-ness of daily life in order to focus on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave work, family, and friends for a real retreat from the world. For this reason, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce our Third Annual Summer Retreat!

From Monday, August 8th through Friday, August 12th, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a unique opportunity to experience the spiritual peace and renewal of a week-long retreat without leaving home! Our retreat will be based on John Michael Talbot's book, "The Jesus Prayer: A Cry for Mercy, A Path for Renewal." For centuries, the Jesus Prayer has led countless disciples toward a deeper and more intimate experience with Christ and his gifts of love and mercy. Talbot's book offers readers a step-by-step and word-by-word approach for understanding the Jesus Prayer and for making it a central component of our spiritual lives.

Each evening of our retreat will begin promptly at 7:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After that, Father Jim and Cliff will lead our community in a period of reflection, discussion, and faith sharing. We will conclude each evening at 8:30pm with Night Prayer. Between each retreat session, participants will be asked to read brief selections from John Michael Talbot's book and to engage in a daily prayer exercise. During each day of the retreat, Saint Anthony Chapel will open at 12:00pm for silent personal prayer and reflection.

In order to adequately plan for the retreat, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com if you plan to join us. A donation of \$25 is requested from those who can afford it. Copies of the book, along with coffee, tea, and cold water will be provided. Please join us! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FATHER JIM'S SUMMER ART CONTEST Calling Young Disciples!

All young disciples (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in Father Jim's Summer Art Contest by creating an original work of art based on the theme that "Jesus Is Our Teacher!" Submissions should be no smaller than 8 by 11 inches and no larger than 18 by 24 inches; created, colored, drawn, or painted by hand; and depicting one of the following images of Jesus:

Christ the Teacher
Christ the Good Shepherd
The Divine Mercy
The Face of Christ

All original art projects are due by Friday, September 2nd and will be judged by Father Jim and a committee of judges! The winning submission will be professionally framed and displayed prominently in our pastoral office! Coloring sheets (for younger children) and suggested icon images (for older children) can be found on our website at ccgronline.com/formation. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS

Amazing! Awesome! Very cool! These are just some of the great things that I heard about the good work done during our recent Second Annual Summer Catholic Kids Camp: "The Vatican Express, Part II." During this week-long program, fourteen young disciples learned about the Miracles of Jesus and the Holy Eucharist through interactive activities, crafts, music, and video. Everyone involved in this special program (children, parents, and volunteers) agree that it was a big success!

The success of this special program depended on a team of dedicated ministers and volunteers. Our young disciples wish to sincerely thank the following parishioners who volunteered their time and talent to this program: Rizza Anderson (age 12), Fernanda Brown, Mary Duran, Angelica Duran (age 14), Grace Figuerido, Michael LePenna, MaryEllen McLeod, Jean Madruga, Ann Marie Noble, and Vivien Sheng. Most of all, they wish to thank Betsy Works for her creative, energetic, and innovative approach to teaching children about the teachings and traditions of the Church!

Our next Summer Catholic Kids Camp is scheduled for August 23rd through August 26th! Mark your calendars! More information coming soon! For more information about youth faith formation, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com.

CELEBRATING SAINT BENEDICT

SAINT BENEDICT, PRAY FOR US!

On Monday, July 11th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia. He was the founder of western monasticism and a great teacher in the discipline of balanced living. Although written for sixth century monks, the Rule of Saint Benedict is all about achieving and maintaining balance in our lives. It remains vitally relevant today. Here are two passages from his ancient rule for our prayer and reflection:

Hour by hour,
keep careful watch on all that you do,
aware that God's gaze is upon you,
wherever you may be.

The Lord waits for us daily to translate into action,
as we should, his holy teachings.

Every time you begin a good work,
you must pray to him most earnestly
to bring it to perfection.

Serve one another in love,
for such service increases reward and fosters love.

If there are artisans among us,
they should practice their craft with all humility.

Relieve the lot of the poor, clothe the naked,
visit the sick, bury the dead,

help the troubled, and console the sorrowful.

Refrain from too much eating & sleeping. Do not be lazy.

In his goodness,

God has already counted us as his children,
so we should not grieve him with our actions.

Remember that with his good gifts within us,
we must obey him at all times.

Day by day,
remind yourself that you will pass from this life.

Do not show too great a concern
for the fleeting and temporal things of this world.

One must not be excitable, anxious, extreme,
obstinate, jealous, or overly suspicious.

Such people are never at rest.

There are times when good words
are to be left unsaid out of esteem for silence.

Diligently cultivate silence at all times, especially at night.

There should be specific periods
for both work and spiritual reading.

All things should be done with moderation.

Nothing is so inconsistent
with the life of any Christian as overindulgence.

Show forethought and consideration in all things,
and whether the task at hand concerns God or the world,
be discerning and moderate.

Arrange everything so that the strong have something
to yearn for and the weak have nothing to run from.

Saint Benedict, pray for us!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

THE BALANCED LIFE

During my days off this summer, I have been digging, designing, and planting a perennial garden at my little house in rural Maine. For a son of the city who grew up in a crowded neighborhood and in a house with a very small back yard, becoming a weekend gardener is a new and often back-breaking experience! But I love it!

In my garden on a large flat rock rests a small stack of stones that I brought home from a vacation in Iceland. The stones are dark, flat, almost perfectly round, and are balanced one on top of the other. Sometimes I envy these stones. Nothing disturbs their balance and serenity. For more than three years, they have stood undisturbed by rain, snow, wind, and the occasional mischievous critter that finds its way into the garden.

As you know, I love being a priest and a pastor. I love my family and my friends. And I love my work. But sometimes I feel like something is a bit off; like life is somehow out-of-balance. If you have a spouse, children, grandchildren, endure a long commute, or work hard to make ends meet, then you may sometimes feel this way, too.

One year ago this week, I wrote to you about finding balance in our lives by creating a practical plan to reconcile the competing demands of work, rest, family, and prayer. Last year's summer retreat, based on the life and writings of Saint Benedict, offered realistic suggestions to achieve, maintain, and restore balance in our increasingly busy lives. We read and prayed with Robert Benson's book, "The Good Life", in which he writes that "prayer is not meant to be an attachment to the life that you live; it is meant to be the center of the life that you live."

For a busy person in a busy world, this may seem impossible. But consider some ways by which we can truly make prayer the center of our lives: Daily Mass, the Holy Rosary, or the Liturgy of the Hours; grace before meals, turning long commutes into times of prayer or spiritual reading; or transforming the routine chores of daily life (gardening, grocery shopping, or folding laundry) into moments of grace through humble and simple prayers. Making prayer the center of our lives does not necessarily mean praying during every moment of the day. It means praying during those precious opportunities that are given to us by our good and gracious God.

On Monday, July 11th, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia, founder of western monasticism and apostle of the good and balanced life. Let us celebrate his feast by taking full advantage of those few quiet moments, by transforming them into prayer, and by finding some sense of balance and stillness in our lives.

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

THE ASSISI PROJECT Need Prayers?

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" with friends and followers on four continents. Members of the Assisi Project from around the world pray for those who ask for prayers. If you need prayers for yourself or a special intention, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. For more information about the Assisi Project, please contact Cliff or Father Jim; or join us online: assisiproject.com. Pax et bonum! May the Lord give you peace!

BRINGING HOME THE WORD Join us: ccgonline.com/news/

Bringing Home the Word is a weekly, lectionary-based newsletter for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each two-page issue includes food for thought from Pope Francis, along with prayerful reflections about the scriptures, spirituality, and the lives of the saints. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word is posted on our website at ccgonline.com/news. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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. Our "Clothes Closet" is open 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 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

A PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY Let Us Pray with Our Holy Father!

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!

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ONLINE!
Join us: ccgonline.com/mercy

PASTOR'S CHALLENGE



SAINT ANN CHURCH HALL FUNDRAISER THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Goal: \$7,500 · Raised: \$9,086

Since last fall, Michael Horgan, our buildings and facilities manager, and a team of dedicated local carpenters, masons, painters, and technicians have been working hard to repair and renovate Saint Ann Church Hall for both our use and for future generations of parishioners.

During the last six months, our team identified and repaired cracks in the foundation of the church that allowed moisture and water to leak into the church building threatening to undermine both the structural integrity of the hall and our priceless stained glass windows. They painted the hall for the first time in many decades. A new heating system and a new tile floor were professionally installed. This project was funded largely by rental income from the former parish school and was unanimously approved by our finance council.

Please keep in mind that renovations to the entrances, bathrooms, and kitchen will come next (after necessary repairs to the church tower). But at this point, our renovation of the church hall is nearly complete! We now need your help to finish the job! Our current stock of folding chairs and event tables are in poor condition and should be replaced for both aesthetic and safety reasons. Each new chair will cost approximately \$30 and each new table will cost approximately \$100.

Our goal was to \$7,500. During the past month, we have raised more than \$9,000! Your generosity and support for this fundraiser is simply overwhelming. Thank you! Additional donations are still most welcome and can be sent directly to the "Pastor's Challenge" c/o Father Jim at 60 Prospect Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. Your prayers and support for this "Pastor's Challenge" fundraiser will be much appreciated by all who visit our hall and by all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

Thank you for your prayers and incredibly generous support of this Pastor's Challenge Fundraiser! If you have any questions, please contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Thank you again! May God bless you and your family!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays at 6:30am · Parish Center

The Men's Fellowship meets every Saturday morning at 6:30am in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus). New members are always welcome to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work on deepening our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

CAMPS: CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR Christian Summer Camp · August 1st-6th

C.A.M.P.S. (Christ As My Personal Savior) is a summer camp experience for high school students that seeks to bring participants closer to the Lord; to teach that the Christian community is both formed and lived; and to continue faith formation and spiritual growth. This summer, from August 1st through August 6th, more than 300 campers and staff will gather at Camp Lakeside in Pittsfield, Massachusetts for campfires, games, and sports; music, spiritual talks, and faith sharing. CAMPS is an amazing experience for high school students! For more information about CAMPS, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com; or visit the website at campsministry.com. Scholarships are available!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM Registration Underway!

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance & Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church, then please consider joining our adult faith formation program which will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on Sunday, October 2nd in Saint Ann Parish House.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a seven-month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Our group will meet bi-weekly to learn about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Catholic Church. As part of this same process, our Adult Confirmation Program prepares adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation and focuses on the challenges of living a life of faith in the modern world.

If you would like to join us for this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgrounline.com!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 9 - JULY 17, 2016**

Saturday, July 9	Vigil · 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Jack & Mary MacEachern
6:00pm · OLGV	James Movalli
Sunday, July 10	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Paul Frasier
8:15am · Saint Ann	Maria Ackerman
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Josephine Terranova
11:45am · OLGV	Rudy Macchi
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	15th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 11 8:00am · OLGV	Paul Frasier
Tuesday, July 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Carmelo Merenda
Wednesday, July 13 8:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
Thursday, July 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend Gerard Brennan
Friday, July 15 8:00am · OLGV	Humberto Mota
Saturday, July 16 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
Saturday, July 16	Vigil · 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Deceased Members of the Achadinha Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Rosario Grillo
Sunday, July 17	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Margaret Horgan
8:15am · Saint Ann	Pietro, Josephine & Finella Taormina
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rico Strescino and Sons Richard & Donald
11:45am · OLGV	Bart & Mary Piscitello 50th Wedding Anniversary
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of July 2nd - July 3rd**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$7,555.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,433.00
Second Collection (Chairs & Tables)	\$3,106.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of July 2nd - July 3rd**

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$3,784.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,301.00

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

PARISH PAY**Safe & Easy Electronic Giving**

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. And it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. For assistance or more information, please see Father Jim or contact Claire Murphy at cmurphy@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. May God bless you and your family! Peace and blessings to all!

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 Charles DeCoste
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Assisi Project
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

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!