

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES, PART 2

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The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport
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WELCOMING YOUNG DISCIPLES!**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
Schedule for the Month of September

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During the month of September, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Baptism Preparation Workshop
Sunday, September 4th at 11:00am
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 11th at 1:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 18th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 25th at 11:00am
Saint Joachim Church

During the month of August, the following nine children received the Sacrament of Baptism here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Anella Agosto
Yarilenny Agosto
Salvatore Baldassano
Braden Harrington
Clayton Harris
Matthew Lykins
Amelia Numerosi
Madysen Porter
Michael Testaverde

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult who has not been baptized and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism or the other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist, Penance & Reconciliation, and Confirmation) in the Roman Catholic Church, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Congratulations! Please pray for these recently baptized young disciples, their parents, grandparents, and godparents! Thank you for your prayers! May God bless you and your family!

GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES!**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**
FATHER JIM'S SUMMER ART CONTEST
Calling Young Disciples! Deadline Extended!

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 23rd 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!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Registration Now Underway!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is now offering a creative and innovative way for young children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for the sacraments, encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, and help families grow in prayer, fellowship, and service.

Our program is simple and family friendly! First, we will continue to place primary focus on inviting families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses. Second, all second grade children and their parents are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season; and three 90 minute workshops during winter-spring seasons. Each "Faith & Family Workshop" is offered at three different times, so each family can choose which option works best for them!

Our program begins in October! Registration for all "Faith & Family Workshops" is now underway! All calendars and registration materials are now posted on our website: ccgronline.com/formation. If you have questions or need assistance, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES, PART II

As you know, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport has embarked on a journey to reimagine, rebuild, and restructure our youth faith formation programs. After much prayer, research, and consultation with parents and catechetical leaders from across the country, we learned that the traditional way of teaching our children and grandchildren about Christ and His Church (the classroom model) is no longer an effective way of sharing the faith or forming young disciples. We also learned that a consensus is growing throughout the Catholic Church that we should focus our energies on sacramental preparation, family-friendly liturgies, lifelong faith formation, and creative ways of welcoming people of all ages and generations back into our parishes. Earlier this month, I shared with you that we have reimaged the way that we will prepare children for the Sacraments of First Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. The details of our new program for second grade students & their families are now posted on our website: ccgronline.com/formation. It is now time to share our program of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For too many teenagers, Confirmation has sadly become a kind of graduation from the Church, rather than the joyful beginning of life as an active adult disciple in the Church. We hope to end this tragic transition from enthusiasm to ambivalence by transforming sacramental preparation into an engaging process for the whole family. First, we will continue to place primary focus on attending Mass. For more than a century, the Church has required every parish to provide some kind of religious education to children. During recent decades, we have asked parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education by enrolling them in a faith formation program. Unfortunately, we failed to remind parents of their baptismal promise to be the first teachers of their children in all matters related to faith and morals; and that the most important component of that responsibility is attending Mass as a family. In our increasingly busy, stressful, and over-scheduled world, it has become common for parents to entrust their children to us for an hour of instruction each week but not join us for Mass each weekend. So, we will continue to ask parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education — by bringing them to church!

We also will no longer ask teenagers to spend countless hours in a classroom in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Beginning in the ninth grade, all high school students will be invited to participate in our two-year program of formation that will prepare them to receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. During the first year, our students will participate in a series of interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. These sessions will be scheduled on Sunday mornings to coincide with our weekend Mass schedule. During the second year, our students will participate in six additional workshops (and a four-hour mini-retreat) designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; to prepare them to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and to jumpstart their lives as faithful and faith-filled young adult disciples. Our complete schedule and a packet of necessary forms is posted on our website: ccgronline.com/formation.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gives his disciples the Great Commission and says to them: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20)." Ever mindful of the Lord's promise, let us renew our dedication to the Great Commission by celebrating the sacraments, by teaching our children and grandchildren, and by creating new generations of disciples that will pass on the beliefs and traditions of God's Church until the end of the age. Change is never easy. I truly understand and appreciate that this new approach to youth faith formation may still be difficult for some to accept. In my heart, however, I am convinced that our mission is not to make "theologians" by teaching our children about just the doctrines and practices of the Church. Our mission must be to make, grow, and nurture "disciples" by engaging our children in new and creative ways, by teaching them to pray, and by helping them to build lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ, with God's Church, and with their brothers and sisters in faith. Thank you in advance for your ongoing encouragement, prayers, and support for our youth faith formation programs at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Please continue to pray for me and our pastoral team, for our children and grandchildren, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

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 at Saint Ann Church Campus. New members are always welcome to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work to deepen our personal relationships with Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Al Mitchel at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES!

YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 5:00pm · Saint Ann Church

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's 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 instrumentalists, sings each weekend during Mass at one of our three churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Children and teenagers from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are welcome to join us! Singing in the choir is a great way for young disciples to make new friends and to participate in the life of our parishes! New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or 978-281-4820. Please join us!

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS

An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition

Saturday, August 27th at 5:00pm

An annual tradition continues this summer at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our Summer Carillon Recitals are scheduled for this Saturday, August 27th at 5:00pm and next Saturday, September 3rd at 5:00pm (rain or shine). Once again, LuAnn Pallazola, our own very talented organist-keyboardist has prepared programs that include familiar classical and international pieces, popular hymns, patriotic melodies, and even children's tunes!

Installed in 1922, the carillon bells in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church were the first toned set of carillon bells in the United States. Although our bells can be heard from several blocks away, the sound is best near the church.

These recitals are free and open to the public! So, bring a cold drink or coffee! Bring a friend! Enjoy this wonderful summer tradition! Don't forget that Mass begins at 6:00pm! And please remember that the final carillon recital of the summer season is next Saturday, September 3rd at 5:00pm! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

MERCY FRIDAY

A YEAR OF MERCY SPECIAL EVENT

Friday, September 2nd · Begins at Noon

In March 2015, Pope Francis announced that the Roman Catholic Church would celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (last December 8th) and concluding on the Feast of Christ the King (this coming November 20th). And last December, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year of Mercy by opening the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Overall, the theme of this extraordinary jubilee year is "Merciful Like the Father" and its primary focus is an ongoing invitation to all people to experience God's forgiveness, love, and mercy through prayer, penance, worship, and the Sacraments of the Church.

The tradition of the jubilee year is rooted in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus (Lev 25:8-13). In 1300, Pope Boniface VII convoked the first jubilee year in the Roman Catholic Church and offered all believers an opportunity for the universal forgiveness of sins. Since then, such holy or jubilee years have been celebrated every 25 or 50 years. The Catholic Church last celebrated a Jubilee Year in 2000 to mark the beginning of a new millennium. This Jubilee Year of Mercy is "extraordinary" because the Holy Father broke from tradition and announced it without advance notice or planning.

In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we are celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy with special programs and events throughout the year. For example, our next "Mercy Friday" is scheduled for Friday, September 2nd in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our vigil of prayer will begin at 12:00pm 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. Please join us for all or part of this special day of devotion, prayer, and worship. All are welcome!

Throughout the Year of Mercy, other programs and special events for adults include scripture study, a summer retreat, and our Advent and Lent Missions. All of these programs offer our parishioners opportunities to deepen their personal relationships with the Lord and to experience God's love and mercy in their own lives. Throughout the year, let us pray for each other and for our parish communities: that the Lord will bless us with his boundless love and mercy. For more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us, sinners!

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: ccgronline.com/mercy

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Friday, October 14th · Cape Ann Golf Course

All are invited to join the Knights of Columbus (Council 215) for its Second Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 14th at the Cape Ann Golf Course. Tee off at 1:00pm. Registration forms are available at kofc215.com and at the doors of Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All proceeds benefit the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. For more information, please contact Mark Natti at info@kofc215.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesdays at 4:00pm · New Members Welcome!

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 Wednesday 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 Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please contact Joan Foster at ajay7@verizon.net; Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a message by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Pastoral Care of the Aged, Disabled & Homebound

"Is there anyone sick among you?" This question, found in the Letter of Saint James (James 5:24) serves as an invitation for the sick and those who care for them to call upon the ministers of the Church during times of real need. All parishioners are welcome to ask for prayers and for the Sacrament of the Sick before surgery or when diagnosed with a serious illness. This sacrament should not be regarded as "last rites" but as a powerful instrument of the Lord's healing presence. If you or a loved one would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home (due to age, illness, or disability), please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820.

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

Saturday, August 27	Vigil · 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Salvatore & Mary Nicastro; and James & Joseph Nicastro
6:00pm · OLGV	Bessie Tortorici
Sunday, August 28	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Andrew & Teresa Murphy
8:15am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Peter Coley
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel & Maria Bagaço
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	22nd Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 29 8:00am · OLGV	Veronica Naves
Tuesday, August 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, August 31 8:00am · OLGV	Dorothy Buckley
Thursday, September 1 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Jay Stuart
Friday, September 2 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Wilkins
Saturday, September 3 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
Saturday, September 3	Vigil · 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Robert & Dorothy Benham
6:00pm · OLGV	Lillian Novello
Sunday, September 4	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Anthony Testaverde
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Fred & Josephine Sallah
11:45am · OLGV	Manual F. Garcia, Jr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 20th - August 21st**

Weekly Offerings	\$8,343.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$9,121.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of August 20th - August 21st**

Weekly Offerings	\$4,178.00
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PARISH PAY**Electronic Giving Made Safe & Easy**

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. At ParishPay.com, it is safe and simple to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time only or on-going basis. And it takes just a few minutes to create a secure personal account. So, please prayerfully consider supporting your parish by giving electronically! For more information, please see Father Jim before or after any daily or weekend Mass; or contact Claire Murphy at 978-281-4820 or cmurphy@ccgonline.com. Thank you for your generous support! May God bless you!

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 John & Mary Garvey
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Manuel & Maria Achadinha
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@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!