

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, November 1st

Since late antiquity, the People of God have honored the holy men and women who have been canonized as saints in the Roman Catholic Church. The Solemnity of All Saints honors all saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us in faith and pray for the salvation of souls. In commemoration of this Holy Day of Obligation on Tuesday, November 1st, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Monday, October 31st · Vigil Mass

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 4:00pm

Tuesday, November 1st · Holy Day Masses

Saint Joachim Church · 8:00am

Saint Ann Church · 12:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 7:00pm

For more information about the Solemnity of All Saints in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or see a member of our pastoral team. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MONTH OF ALL SOULS Masses of Remembrance

During November, which is also known as the Month of All Souls, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate three Masses of Remembrance for those from our parishes who have journeyed home to the Lord during the past year and whose funerals were celebrated in our churches. These Masses will be celebrated according to the following schedule:

Mass of Remembrance I

Saturday, October 29th at 4:00pm

Saint Ann Church

Mass of Remembrance II

Sunday, November 13th at 10:00am

Saint Joachim Church

Mass of Remembrance III

Sunday, November 20th at 11:45am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

At each Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and fellow parishioners will be read aloud. During this upcoming Month of All Souls, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for those we have lost. For more information about the Month of All Souls, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820; or see a member of our pastoral team. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTES

WELCOME FATHER PATRICK UNIVERSAL MISSIONARY VISIT TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH Weekend of November 5th-November 6th

During the weekend of Saturday, November 5th and Sunday, November 6th, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish is blessed to welcome Father Patrick Universal of the Saint James Society, who will celebrate Masses and preach about his missionary work in South America.

In support of the Saint James Society, a second collection will be taken at all Masses in Holy Family Parish on November 12th & 13th. Your generous support will be much appreciated by all who are served by Father Patrick and his ministry. Welcome, Father Patrick! Thank you for joining us! May God bless you and your ministry!

THE ASSISI PROJECT NINTH ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE November 4th – November 12th

On Friday, November 4th, Cliff Garvey and I, along with fifteen pilgrims from the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport and other parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, will journey to Assisi, Italy and literally walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. During our ninth annual small-group pilgrimage, we will celebrate Mass at the tombs of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, venerate the latter's uncorrupted relics, pray in the cathedral where both saints were baptized, and travel to Mount La Verna (where Francis received the stigmata).

At each and every holy site along the way, our pilgrims will offer prayers and petitions for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport – that through the intercession of Saint Francis, Saint Clare, and Our Lady of Angels, the Lord will continue to unite us in prayer, fellowship, and service; and to give us the courage and strength to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church.

As we pray for you during this pilgrimage, please pray for us and for our safe travels. For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com; or visit our website: assisiproject.com. If you have a special intention for which you would like us to pray in Assisi, please contact either Father Jim or Cliff no later than Thursday, November 3rd by 5:00pm. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! May the Lord give you peace!

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

LEARNING TO LOVE WITH FRANCIS OF ASSISI

By Cliff Garvey

Saint Francis of Assisi often said: "I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, then he can work through anyone." I love these words. Indeed, I love many things about Saint Francis. I love his hometown, his simplicity, his humility, and his humanity. I love his faith, his perseverance, and his struggle for holiness. Did you know that Saint Francis was easily frustrated? That he had high expectations for himself and for those around him? That he struggled with anger, lust, and pride? Most of all, I love stories about his life and ministry.

Maybe you have heard or read some of these stories: How Christ spoke to Francis through a crucifix in a long-neglected Church. How Francis and Clare transformed the Church by faithfully working within it. How Francis received the stigmata (the five wounds of the Crucified Christ). In fact, Saint Francis was blessed with the stigmata because of his great love for the Crucified Christ; and because of his great love for those among us who are crucified on the crosses of addiction and bigotry; illness and suffering; loneliness and poverty.

Now consider three more incidents in the life of Saint Francis: He embraced a leper. He tamed a wolf. He made peace with a sultan. During Francis's lifetime (1187-1226), leprosy was an incurable disease and lepers were stripped of their citizenship, freedom, and rights under the law. They were forced to live in camps. They were segregated from the rest of the community. And they were forced to wear bells that announced their approach along roads and pathways. Saint Francis did not just overcome his fear and embrace a single leper. He lived among a community of lepers; brought them food; nursed their wounds; and advocated for better treatment for them and their families. If Francis lived among us now, whom would he love like the leper?

Francis also tamed a wolf. According to tradition, a nearby village was being terrorized by a wolf that lurked in the shadows of the community; committed crimes; and could not be caught. But history and perhaps human nature suggest that this so-called wolf may not have been a wolf at all. In fact, the wolf may have been just a stranger in town. Perhaps the wolf was an immigrant, seasonal worker, or someone who just didn't look like everyone else. Or perhaps the wolf was an addict, a homeless person, a person of a different race, religion, or ethnicity – or just someone from Maine, like me! Whoever or whatever the wolf was, Saint Francis approached, offered a hand in friendship, and welcomed him (or her) like a brother or sister into the community. If Francis lived among us now, whom would he love like the wolf?

In addition, Francis made peace with the sultan, the commander of Muslim armies that controlled the Holy Land; ordered the execution of Francis's friends who had served as missionaries; and captured children and sold them into slavery. Yes, Francis even made peace with this man! Francis approached him in a spirit of peace and fellowship and attempted to convert him to Christianity. The penalty for this crude attempt at evangelization might have been death. But the sultan was so taken aback by Francis's authentic and simple faith that he embraced him; fed him; and gave him safe passage home. Surely, if Francis can reach out to the sultan, then we can reach out to a neighbor, colleague, friend, or relative against whom we hold an age-old grudge. If Saint Francis lived among us now, whom would he love like the leper, the wolf, or the sultan? The homeless man who begs for a buck? The single mother who asks for a helping hand? The divorced parishioner who pleads to be welcomed? The Alzheimer's patient who longs to remember? The cancer patient whose hand needs holding? Or the AIDS patient who needs to be bathed but is too weak to bathe herself?

Saint Francis often said: "I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, then he can work through anyone." And so, God does. He works through sinners like us. He calls on us to give faithful witness to his love and mercy: to the leper, to the wolf, to the sultan, and to whomever they may be in our own lives. Just as he did more than 800 years ago, Christ calls to us from the Cross. He calls on us to listen for the leper's bell, to approach, embrace, serve, and welcome. Like Saint Francis, Christ calls on us to live the Gospel, share it with love, and rebuild the Church one person at a time. Bell by bell. Leper by leper. Wolf by wolf. Sultan by sultan. Person by person. Life by life. May God give us the grace to listen for the bells, answer the calls, and embrace the lepers.

Pastor's Note: This week's message is a transcript of a talk that Cliff gave to the Holy Family Women's Guild on October 5th in celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. On behalf of the Women's Guild, we wish to thank Cliff for sharing this reflection with us and with all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD

Monday, November 7th at 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 fundraising, good works, prayer, and social events. Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7th beginning with our Annual Memorial Mass at 6:30pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church (followed by a business meeting and refreshments in Our Lady's Hall).

Our co-chairpersons for this special evening are Joyce Lacerda and Mary Ann Horne. Musical entertainment will be provided by Mark Davis. Donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Linda Galvin at 978-281-4820 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH FRIED DOUGH BREAKFAST Saturday, November 12th · Begins at 9:00am

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for its Annual Fried Dough Breakfast on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00am until 11:00am in Our Lady's Hall. Coffee, tea, and our delicious fried dough and sweetbread will be served. In addition, freshly baked homemade sweetbread will be available for purchase. For more information, please contact Matt Parisi at 978-281-4820 or mparisi101@gmail.com. Please join us for a special morning of fried dough and fellowship! All are welcome!

THE LEGION OF MARY Living the Corporal Works of Mercy

Each week, members of the Legion of Mary from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish reach out to our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. They visit people in their homes and apartments, hospitals, and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship, and share God's love and mercy with those who are so often lonely and forgotten. Last week, the Legion of Mary visited 76 parishioners!

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish center (located beside Saint Ann Church) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experience, and participate in a period of 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; Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a message at 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! All are invited! Please join us!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Schedule for the Month of November 2016

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

Baptism Preparation Workshop
Sunday, November 6th at 11:00am
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 13th at 11:00am
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 20th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, November 27th at 11:00am
Saint Joachim Church

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

Charlotte Coneys
Kaela Francis
Giorgia Napoli
Gray Njoroge
Daevin Rowe
Chase Sartwell
Anthony Sclafani
Vinicius Souza

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult (age 18 and over) who has not been baptized and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Congratulations! Please pray for these recently baptized young disciples, their parents, grandparents, and godparents! Thank you!

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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

MERCY FRIDAY A YEAR OF MERCY SPECIAL EVENT Friday, November 4th · 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 have been celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy with special programs and events throughout the year. For example, our next "Mercy Friday" is scheduled for Friday, November 4th 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. And at 6:30pm, we will conclude with Evening Prayer 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 have included 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@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us, sinners!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts various fundraising events and social gatherings, including the Palm Sunday Bake Sale, the Strawberry Festival, and the Christmas Fair (see below).

The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Refreshments will be served. During this meeting, we will collect donations and gifts to benefit our upcoming Christmas Fair (Saturday, November 19th), especially the Basket Wheel. All are encouraged to donate new items such as games, puzzles, toys, coloring books, crayons, markers, paints, hats, mittens, scarves, and gift certificates to the movies, McDonald's, Friendly's, or your favorite local café or restaurant.

For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish; or about how you and your family can help make this year's Christmas Fair our most successful event ever, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4820 or lbortolino4@msn.com. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR: DECK THE HALL! Saturday, November 19th · 9:00am-2:00pm

All are invited to join Holy Family Parish for its Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 19th from 9:00am until 2:00pm in the newly renovated Saint Ann Church Hall. This year's fair will feature various sales tables, including homemade baked goods and cookies, Christmas decorations, Santa's Corner, Chinese Raffle, White Elephant Table, and our famous Basket Wheel! In addition, raffle tickets are now available for cash prizes, an I-Pad, and a Red Sox Game Package.

We are very grateful for all donations! We are especially grateful to Greely Funeral Home and Pike-Newhall Funeral Home for their donations of our raffle prizes. The Christmas Fair Committee and the Women's Guild are working overtime to make this year's fair another great success! So, please support this important parish fundraising event by joining us on Saturday, November 19th! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or lbortolino4@msn.com. All are welcome!

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OUR MASS INTENTIONS**OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

Saturday, October 29	Vigil · 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass of Remembrance
6:00pm · OLGV	Francis, Elizabeth, and Peter Bruni
Sunday, October 30	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Dolores Kenney
8:15am · Saint Ann	Giovanna Frisella
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William & Paula Sydlowski
11:45am · OLGV	John & Phyllis Curcuru and John B. Curcuru, Jr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	31st Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, October 31 8:00am · OLGV	Michael LoGrande
Tuesday, November 1 Solemnity of All Saints	Robert DeRosa (8:00am) Fina Mocerri (12:00pm) Walter L. Wilkins (7:00pm)
Wednesday, November 2 8:00am · OLGV	Solemnity of All Souls
Thursday, November 3 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Allerio Brancaleone
Friday, November 4 8:00am · OLGV	John Priest
Saturday, November 5 8:00am · Saint Ann	Communion Service
Saturday, November 5	Vigil · 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Francesco Taormina
6:00pm · OLGV	The O'Brien Family
Sunday, November 6	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15am · Saint Ann	Deceased Members Of the Maggiore Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Carmelo Merenda
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of October 22nd – October 23rd**

Weekly Offerings	\$8,278.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$9,156.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$148,039.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of October 22nd – October 23rd**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,914.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$16,734.00

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 candle, 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 candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of John Priest
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Nancy Moura
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Deceased Members
of the Wilkins & Silva Families
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Helen Korpi
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary gifts in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE****Friday, November 11th · 1pm-6pm · Our Lady's Hall**

Register online: redcross.org
Register by phone: 1-800-RED-CROSS
Learn more about the Knights: kofc215.com
Thank you for your support!