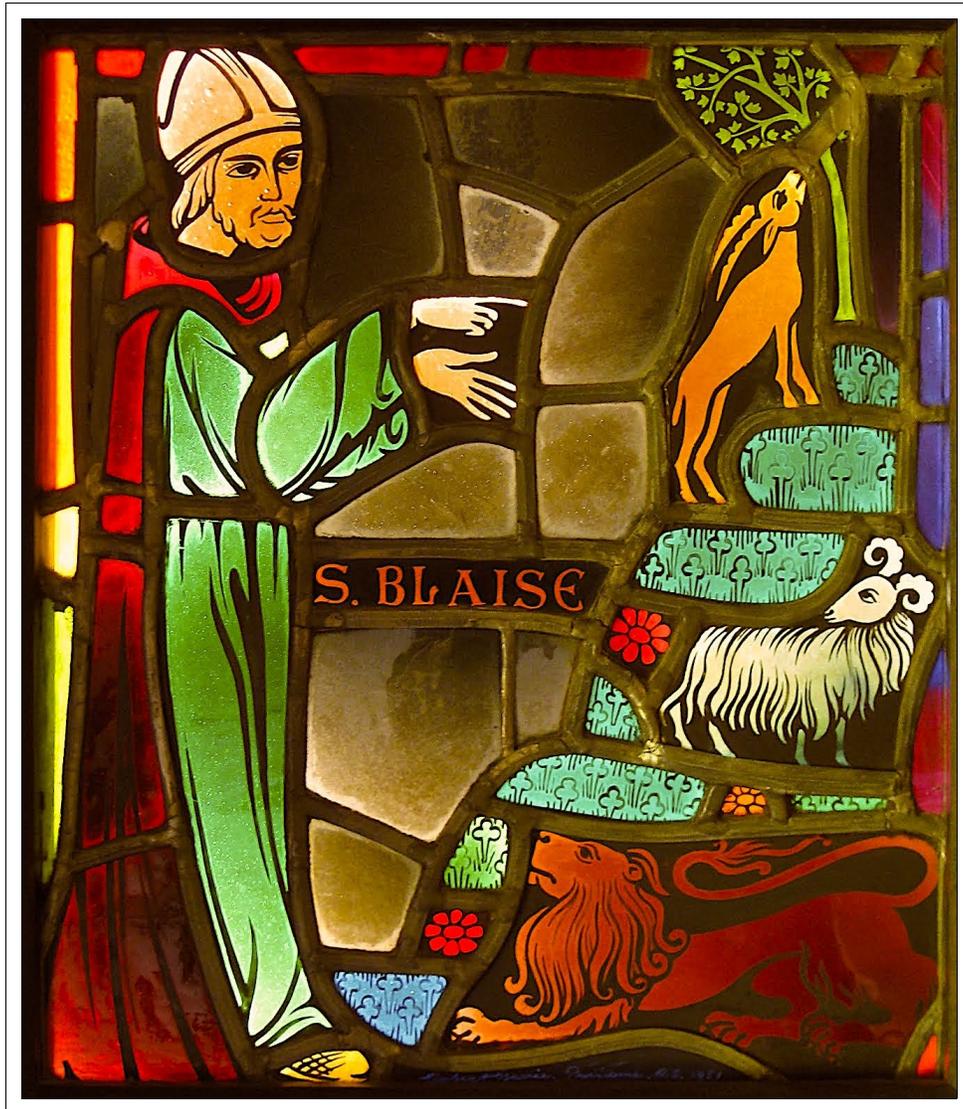


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time · January 29, 2017



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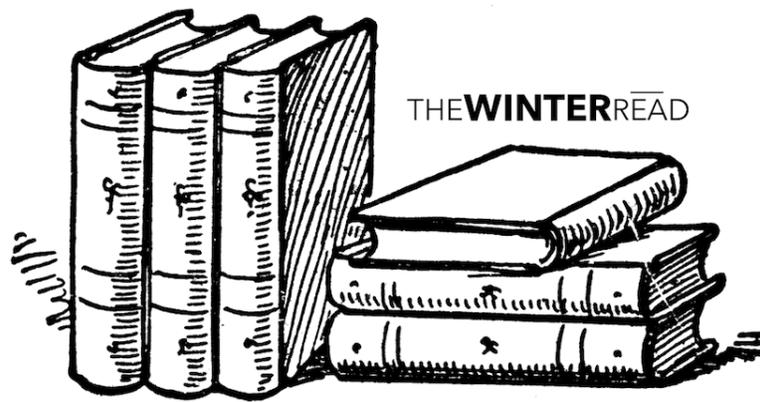
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RELUCTANT SAINT: THE LIFE OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**A Book Study & Faith Sharing Group for Adults
Begins Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm**

The winter season is a great time to curl up with a hot cup of tea and a good book. It's also a great time to refresh and renew our spiritual lives. This year, in celebration of the Assisi Project's 10th Anniversary (2007-2017), Father Jim and Cliff will offer a series of adult faith formation programs designed to help us better understand the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi, his influence on Pope Francis and the Roman Catholic Church, and the timeless traditions of Franciscan prayer and spirituality.

We will begin with "The Winter Read", a four-week book study and faith sharing program during which participants will read together and share their reactions to "Reluctant Saint: The Life of Francis of Assisi" by Donald Spoto. This contemporary and best-selling biography of Saint Francis chronicles the life of the "Poor Man of Assisi" in a straightforward and sometimes painfully honest way. By reading this book, we will learn about life in the Middle Ages and we will come to know Francis of Assisi as a man, as a sinner, and ultimately as a saint.

All adult parishioners are invited to join us for this special program which will run on four consecutive Thursday evenings: February 9th; February 16th; February 23rd, and March 2nd in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each week, participants will be asked to read approximately 70 pages from the book so that we can complete it by our final session. Each evening will begin promptly at 7:00pm with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After our time of prayer, Cliff will briefly introduce the readings for the week. This will leave our group plenty of time for discussion, questions, and faith sharing. Our gatherings will conclude with Night Prayer and a Final Blessing.

A donation of \$20.00 is requested from those who can afford it, along with a sincere commitment to read the book and come prepared to ask questions and offer your impressions and insights about the life and times of Saint Francis of Assisi. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. In order to ensure that we have an adequate number of books on hand, please register by Monday, February 6th. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION Begins Sunday, January 29th

If you have an adult friend, neighbor, or loved one (age 18 and over) who has not received one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation) in the Roman Catholic Church, then please invite them to join our adult faith formation fellowship which will begin on Sunday, January 29th after the 8:15am Mass in Saint Ann Parish House. During the next four months, our program will meet regularly to prepare interested adults for reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15th. We will learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church and address the challenge of living a life of faith in the modern world. If you or someone you love would like to join us in preparing for the Sacraments of God's Holy Church, then please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

GIVING & DISCIPLESHIP SAINT ANN CHURCH RESTORATION UPDATE

Our Goal: \$310,000 · Donations So Far: \$196,296

On the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi presented the Christ Child with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we are reminded about the link between giving and discipleship. We are reminded that part of our journey with Jesus is our stewardship of the temporal goods entrusted to our care, especially our church buildings. I am asking again for your help to repair and restore Saint Ann Church. As you know, masonry leaks in the bell tower have allowed water to travel from the steeple, through the tower, and into spaces between the exterior stonework and interior plaster. These leaks have caused the tower, east wall, and parts of the church interior (especially the vestibule and choir loft) to deteriorate at an accelerated and dangerous pace, causing noticeable damage to the front doors, ceilings, walls, and woodwork.

During the past two years, Saint Ann Church has been poked, prodded, checked, and double-checked by local and regional experts to ensure that we have found all problems that might affect the building's long-term structural integrity. Competitive bids to complete the necessary repairs and restoration of the bell tower and steeple were submitted by four respected contractors. After studying these bids and consulting with our finance and parish councils, representatives of our parish ministries and organizations, and archdiocesan officials, we contracted with Aniceto Historical Restorations of Milford, Massachusetts, a construction company with a strong reputation, to complete the project by next summer.

Work began during the fall, has been suspended for the winter, and will resume this spring. The overall cost of this project is approximately one million dollars. Needless to say, the success of the Saint Ann Church Restoration Project depends on your prayers and support. In order to save our beloved church for future generations of faithful parishioners like you and your family, we must do three things. First, we must pray every day for the grace and strength to meet our sacred obligation to lovingly care for God's house. Second, we must rededicate all donations from the so-called elevator project to complete this project. And third, although we have now raised more than \$195,000 in new donations (more than \$35,000 during the past month), we must still raise an additional \$120,000 to cover the cost of the restoration project and preserve the integrity of our parish savings account.

According to our records, approximately three thousand families are currently enrolled in Holy Family Parish. If every registered parish family managed to give \$50, then we would easily reach our goal. As the son of working class parents, I know that not every family can afford that much. So, every donation, whether it's \$5, \$50, or \$500 will be much appreciated and will go a long way toward helping us repair and restore our beautiful and historic church. Offertory envelopes were mailed last month to every parish family and are available at the church's entrances and from our parish office. Please feel encouraged to place your offering in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to me at your earliest possible convenience. If you have questions or need more information about this project, please remember that you are always welcome to make an appointment to meet with me; to talk with me before or after Mass; or to contact me by phone at 978-281-4820 or by e-mail at frjim@ccgonline.com.

As our work together continues, please pray for me, for our pastoral team, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Please pray for those who will complete the hard work of repairing and restoring Saint Ann Church. And last but not least, please pray for the success of this important fundraising effort. And as always, be assured of my prayers for you and your family. Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

Peace and blessings to all!
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE THE BLESSING OF THROATS Friday, February 3rd · 8:00am & 6:30pm

On Friday, February 3rd, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr. Little is known about Saint Blaise except that he was Bishop of Silvas (Turkey) and was martyred in the fourth century during the Roman persecution of Christian believers. Tradition holds that as Blaise was being arrested, a mother approached him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child coughed up the bone and was healed. Bishop Blaise was executed for refusing to abandon his Christian faith. For more than one thousand years, Saint Blaise has been venerated as Patron Saint of those suffering from illnesses of the throat. He is also venerated as a patron of animals, veterinarians, infant children, and Sicily.

In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise with the Traditional Blessing of Throats on Friday, February 3rd during Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and again during Evening Prayer at 6:30pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After the blessing of throats, Our Lady's Church will remain open for Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 7:30pm. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! And through the intercession of Saint Blaise, may God deliver us from every disease of the throat and from every other illness! Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, pray for us!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others! New Members Welcome!

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.

Our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Food donation baskets (for non-perishable boxed and canned foods) are located at the entrances of our churches. Donation envelopes are 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!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP PARADE AROUND THE OUR FATHER Begins Tuesday, February 21st 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 next Catholic Kids Camp: Parade Around the Our Father from Tuesday, February 21st through Friday, February 24th 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 Lord's Prayer through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's the schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 21st
God Listens

Day II: Wednesday, February 22nd
God Provides

Day III: Thursday, February 23rd
God Forgives

Day IV: Friday, February 24th
God Guides

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp 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 old and new. Catholic Kids Camp is a fun, exciting, and educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during winter school vacation is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families 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 next Catholic Kids Camp: Parade Around the Our Father, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgonline.com. Registration forms are available at ccgonline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM Begins February 5th! Registration Underway!

For too many teenagers, the Sacrament of Confirmation has sadly become a kind of graduation from the Catholic Church, rather than the joyful beginning of life as an adult disciple in the Church. We hope to end this tragic ambivalence by transforming sacramental preparation into an engaging process for the whole family.

First, we will place primary focus on attending Mass. For more than a century, the Church has asked every parish to offer a sacramental preparation program for children. During recent decades, however, we have neglected 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 world, it has become common for parents to entrust their children to us for an hour of instruction, 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 joining us for Mass!

In addition, all high school students (beginning in ninth grade) are invited to participate in our two-year program of formation that will prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the first year, students will participate in a series of six interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. These sessions will begin on Sunday, February 5th. During the second year, students will participate in additional workshops and a 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 faith-filled young adult disciples.

If your child is now in high school and wants to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete a registration form and return it as soon as possible! Registration forms are available at ccgrounline.com/formation. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Finally, all parishioners are reminded that the Very Reverend Mark O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop for the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston, will join us again for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday, February 4th at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. As our next celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation approaches, please pray for our candidates and their catechists, parents, sponsors, and families! Peace and blessings to all!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Parish 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 many fundraising events and social gatherings, including seasonal bake sales (see below), the Strawberry Festival, and the Christmas Fair.

The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our special guest will be Jean Dugan. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this event. Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE Weekend of February 11th – February 12th

During the weekend of February 11th – February 12th, the Holy Family Women's Guild will host a Bake Sale after the 4:00pm Mass in Saint Ann Church, 8:15am Mass in Saint Ann Church, and 10:00am Mass in Saint Joachim Church. As always, we will have homemade cakes and cookies, brownies and other baked goods for sale. Here's your chance to buy something sweet for someone you love and to support Holy Family Parish at the same time! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or lbortolino4@msn.com; or Janet Lucido at jml3485@aol.com. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Please join us! All are welcome!

MADONNA DEL ROSARIO SOCIETY VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION Saturday, February 11th · Begins at 1:00pm

The Madonna Del Rosario Society will host its Annual Saint Valentine's Day Celebration on Saturday, February 11th in Our Lady's Parish Hall. After a brief business meeting, we will enjoy some delicious desserts and a friendly game of bingo! Members are reminded that annual dues will be collected at this meeting. For more information about the Madonna Del Rosario Society and its good work in our parishes, please contact Grace at 978-281-1907 or Marie at 978-283-7820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

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OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

Saturday, January 28	Vigil · Fourth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Josephine & Salvatore Testaverde
6:00pm · OLGV	Paula Novello
Sunday, January 29	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Analia Vadala
8:15am · Saint Ann	Robert W. Low
10:00am · Saint Joachim	John J. Fahey, Jr.
11:45am · OLGV	Anna Adelfio
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
Monday, January 30 8:00am · OLGV	Mass for the People
Tuesday, January 31 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, February 1 8:00am · OLGV	Paul Anastasio
Thursday, February 2 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John Ambrulevich
Friday, February 3 8:00am · OLGV	John Barbosa
Saturday, February 4 8:00am · Saint Ann	Debbie Hinckley
Saturday, February 4	Vigil · Fifth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joyce Melanson
6:00pm · OLGV	Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday, February 5	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Analia Vadala
8:15am · Saint Ann	Eileen Donovan
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William J. Vaughan
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of January 21st – January 22nd**

Weekly Offerings	\$7,734.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,612.00
Second Collection	N/A
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$196,296.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of January 21st – January 22nd**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,886.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$2,916.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$21,205.00

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 candles, 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 William Scott Waddleton
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Colonel Donald J. McCarthy
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating a sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts for a special intention or 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! May God bless you and your family – now and always!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE
GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION UPDATE**

Our Goal: \$50,000 · Donations: \$21,205
Please help! Thank you for your generous support!