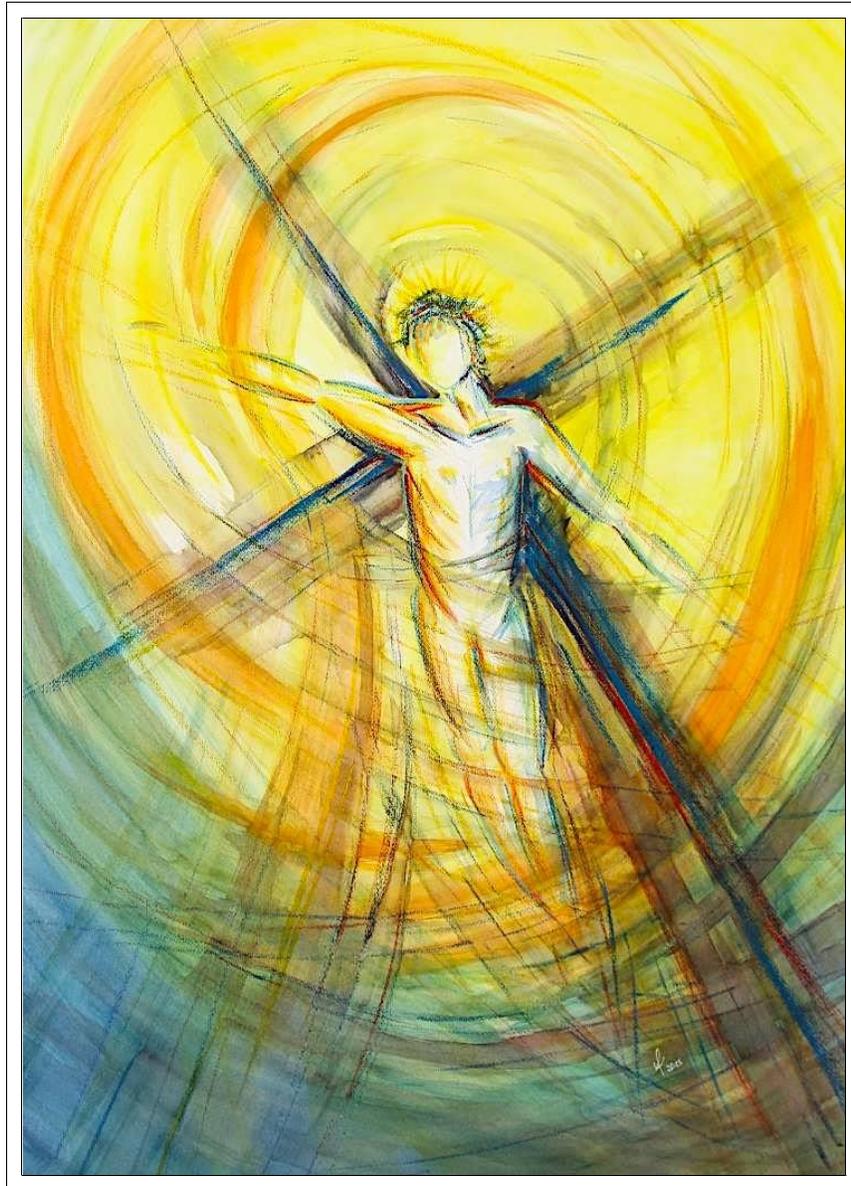


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord · April 16, 2017



WELCOME HOME FOR EASTER!

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EASTER: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THE HOUSE OF GOD WELCOMES EVERYONE!

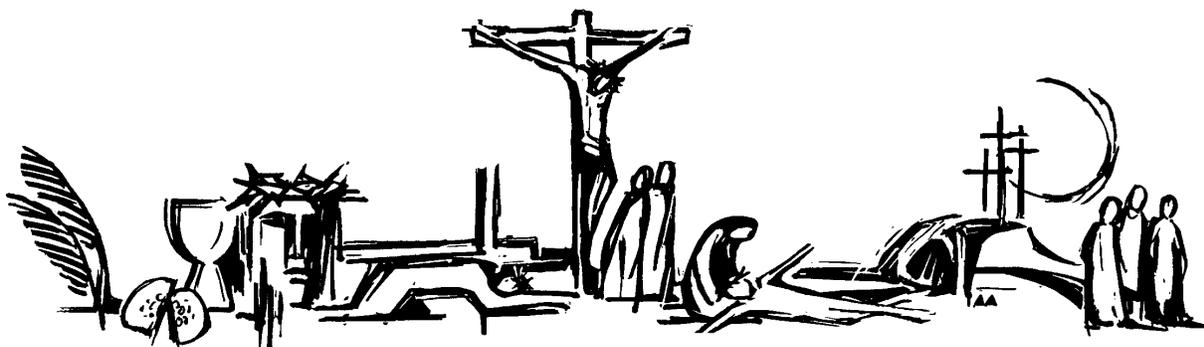
*An Easter Sunday Exhortation
By Pope Francis*

A Church that goes forth is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly into the world. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way. At times, we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it.

The Church is called to be the House of the Father, with its doors wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our churches should be open to all, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes to us looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door. There are other doors that also should not be closed. Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community. Nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for any reason. This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself a door: baptism. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of our sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently, we act as judges of grace rather than its agents. But the Church is not a toll-house; it is the House of the Father, where there is a place for everyone with all their problems.

If the whole Church takes up this missionary impulse, she has to go forth to everyone without exception. But to whom should she go first? When we read the Gospel, we find a clear indication: not so much to our friends and wealthy neighbors, but above all to the poor and sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, and those who cannot repay you. There can be no room for doubt or for excuses that weaken so clear a message. Today and always, the poor are the privileged recipients of the Gospel; and that it is preached so freely to them is a sign of the kingdom that Jesus came to establish. We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.

Let us go forth, then, let us go forth to offer everyone the life of Jesus Christ. Here I repeat for the entire Church what I have often said to both priests and lay people alike: I prefer a Church that is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church that is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the center and ends up being caught in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light, and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures that give us a false sense of security, within rules that make us hard judges, within habits that make us feel safe, while at our doors people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat (Mark 6:37)." — Source: *Evangelii Gaudium* (46-49)



OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

WELCOME HOME FOR EASTER!



*Brothers and sisters:
If you were raised with Christ,
seek what is above,
where Christ is seated
at the right hand of God.
Think of what is above,
not of what is on earth.
For you have died,
and your life is hidden
with Christ in God.
When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear
with him in glory!*

Colossians 3:1-4

As a child, I grew up in a household infused with religious belief and practice. As a family, we attended Mass on a weekly basis. We said grace before meals. We even prayed the Rosary together. And as a young adult, I volunteered with our parish's youth faith formation program. For me, the Catholic Church has always been a place of peace, a consolation during times of trial, and a second home. Sadly, we know that many people of faith and goodwill do not feel this way. During the past few decades, all too many people have left the Catholic Church behind. Some feel unable to join us at Mass for cultural, familial, financial, and personal reasons. Others simply feel unwelcome for reasons related to their marital status, sexual orientation, or simple lack of knowledge about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

At Easter, however, many of our brothers and sisters in faith come home to the Church to experience again the miraculous joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Even if they come for just one Easter Sunday Mass, they come in search of peace, consolation, and meaning in their lives. They come in search of something that the world cannot offer: God's endless love, limitless friendship, and boundless mercy. Whether they know it or not, they are called by the Lord to join us and to hopefully find their place in the Church, our spiritual home.

For some time now, I have been thinking and praying about Pope Francis, his message of mercy and inclusiveness; and his outreach to the poor, especially the poor in spirit. I have been praying for those among us, friends and family members, who might feel excluded from the beauty of our shared faith, the richness of our traditions, and the spirit of our parish life. When I became your pastor nearly three years ago, one of my first decisions was to ensure that every announcement about every event or program in our parishes included this message: "All are welcome!" However, we don't often fully explain what this means and to whom it applies. So, here goes!

Let's be clear. The celebration of Holy Mass is the source and summit of our community's joy and its life of prayer, fellowship, and service. All are welcome to join us for Mass and to receive Holy Communion in accordance with a personal examination of conscience and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. In this spirit, all are welcome means just that: "All are welcome!" So, whether you are a sinner or a saint, all are welcome! Whether you attend Mass every day, every week, or just every so often, all are welcome! Whether you know the difference between an Apostolic Letter and an Apostolic Exhortation, all are welcome! Whether you are healthy, living with a chronic illness, or suffering from a terminal illness, all are welcome! Whether you are fat or skinny or somewhere in between, all are welcome! Whether you are rich or poor or somewhere in between, all are welcome! Whether you are single, married, or divorced, all are welcome! Whether you are straight, gay, or not so sure, all are welcome! Again and again and again, all are welcome means all are welcome!

This Easter Sunday and beyond, let us join together in prayer, fellowship, and service to live the Gospel, to share God's love, and to rebuild the Church. Let us open wide the doors of our churches and our hearts! And let us exclaim with one voice for the glory of God, forever and always: "All are welcome!"

Peace and blessings to all for a Happy Easter,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: ccgonline.com/prayer/

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgonline.com/prayer/. Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are 90 second reflections based on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also features an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online.

In addition, please join us every week for a new edition of Bringing Home the Word, a lectionary-based newsletter for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each issue includes words of wisdom from Pope Francis, along with prayerful reflections about the scriptures, prayer and spirituality, and the lives of saints. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word is posted on our website: ccgonline.com/news/ Please join us!

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass!

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary every morning immediately after our 8:00am Daily Mass. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Risen Lord by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by asking for her powerful intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world.

Daily Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8:00am; in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturday mornings at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray!

Asked during an interview about his favorite way to pray, Pope Francis 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 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 & Thursdays at Saint Joachim Church (8:30am-10:00am). For more information, please contact Jane Russo at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

LIVE THE GOSPEL. SHARE GOD'S LOVE.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

An Afternoon of Prayer & Devotion Sunday, April 23rd · Saint Ann Church

On April 23rd, all are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for Divine Mercy Sunday from 2:00pm until 3:30pm in Saint Ann Church. This special afternoon of prayer and devotion will proceed according to the following schedule:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00pm

The Holy Rosary at 2:30pm

The Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

Daytime Prayer & Benediction at 3:30pm

Please join us for all or part of this special celebration of God's love and mercy! For more information, please contact Jane Russo at jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-430-7196. All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

THE JOY & POWER OF THE ROSARY

A Morning of Prayer & Reflection Saturday, May 6th · Begins with Mass at 8:00am

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Legion of Mary, the Assisi Project, and their spiritual director, Cliff Garvey, for "The Joy & Power of the Rosary" on Saturday, May 6th at Saint Anthony Chapel. During this four-hour mini-retreat, we will explore the spiritual significance of the Holy Rosary, with particular emphasis on the Franciscan "Crown Rosary" which focuses on seven joyful events in the life of Our Blessed Mother. This special morning of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule:

Holy Mass at 8:00am

Morning Prayer & Reflection at 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am

Daytime Prayer & Reflection at 11:00am

Angelus & Closing Prayer at 12:00pm

Throughout the morning, there will be scheduled breaks and time for faith sharing, fellowship, and refreshments. Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be available throughout the morning. And after our closing prayers, all are invited to remain for a picnic lunch. During Mass, a free will donation will be taken in support of our adult faith formation ministry. If you would like to join us for this special day of prayer and reflection, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820 (so that we can adequately plan for food and drinks). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP

JESUS IS RISEN!

Begins Tuesday, April 18th at 8:00am

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport invites all children (ages 5 through 11) to participate in our next "Catholic Kids Camp: Jesus Is Risen!" from Tuesday, April 18th through Friday, April 21st from 8:00am until 12:00pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, our young fellow parishioners will learn about the Lord's Resurrection and the Holy Season of Easter through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, April 18th
The Easter Story

Day II: Wednesday, April 19th
Merciful as the Father

Day III: Thursday, April 20th
Saint Faustina

Day IV: April 21st
Divine Mercy Prayers

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 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 experience that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during school vacation week is just \$25 for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families that cannot afford tuition. 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: Jesus Is Risen!", please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820; or visit our website: ccgonline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE ASSISI PROJECT NEED PRAYERS?

Members of the Assisi Project from around the world pray for those who ask for prayers. If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. May the Lord give you peace! Happy Easter!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE OUR LADY'S GUILD SPRING FAIR Saturday, April 29th · Begins at 9:00am

All are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Highlights include our famous fried dough breakfast and our equally famous linguica and hot dog lunch! Sale tables will include jewelry, religious items, and the general store. We'll have homemade sweet bread, baked goods, and fudge for sale! And we'll also have raffles and prizes throughout the day! Donations and volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Joyce Lacerda at 978-283-3465 or Jean Madruga at 978-281-4820. Happy Easter!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Saturday, June 3rd · Volunteers Needed!

On Saturday, June 3rd, the Holy Family Women's Guild will host the Annual Strawberry Festival from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This year's theme is "Life on Cape Ann" because everyone who lives here knows that there isn't a better or more beautiful place on earth to live, work, worship, or raise a family! The success of this special event depends on volunteers! So, whether you're a crafter or a carpenter, a knitter, baker, or basketweaver, we need your help! Whether you're an artist, gardener, or handyman, we need your help! And if someone is willing and able to volunteer with setting up or cleaning up, we need your help, too!

This year's Strawberry Festival will feature art, homemade baked goods and preserves, crafts of all kinds, and all things related to the garden (including annuals and perennials)! We'll have a mug-up and snack bar featuring our famous strawberry shortcake and mugs made here on Cape Ann by local potters! And as always, vintage treasures from your spring cleaning can be donated and sold at our "Granny's Attic" table! Each and every parishioner, young and old, has something to offer! Creativity doesn't stop with retirement! Let your imagination run wild! All proceeds from the Strawberry Festival benefit Holy Family Parish. For more information about the Strawberry Festival, please contact Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**APRIL 15 – APRIL 23, 2017**

Saturday, April 15	Easter Vigil
7:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
Sunday, April 16	Easter Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Mass for the People
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass for the People
11:45am · OLGV	Mass for the People
	Octave of Easter
Monday, April 17 8:00am · OLGV	Sam & Marge Rizzo
Tuesday, April 18 8:00am · OLGV	Debbie Hinckley
Wednesday, April 19 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Ciaramitaro
Thursday, April 20 8:00am · OLGV	Eugene Crescenzi
Friday, April 21 8:00am · OLGV	Lee Harty
Saturday, April 22 8:00am · Saint Ann	Arthur & Leona Marshall
Saturday, April 22	Vigil of Divine Mercy
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Fontana
6:00pm · OLGV	Agnes Sliwa
Sunday, April 23	Divine Mercy Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Herman J. Surette
8:15am · Saint Ann	Ralph Martin, Sr.
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Elvino Gaspar da Silveira
11:45am · OLGV	Louis F. Linquata
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of April 1st – April 2nd

Weekly Offerings	\$5,808.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,886.00
Second Collection	N/A
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$215,242.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of April 1st – April 2nd

Weekly Offerings	\$2,996.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Total Offerings	\$3,026.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$23,600.00

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 Orlando & Rubino Families
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

For Peace in Syria
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Benedetto & Rosaria Favazza
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating 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@ccgronline.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!

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