

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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OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH



CROWNING FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT **Monday, May 29th through Sunday, June 4th**

All are invited to join Father Jim, Father Alves, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in celebrating our Annual Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit from Monday, May 29th through Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. Crowning Week will begin on Monday, May 29th in Our Lady's Church, when the Crown is entrusted to this year's Emperor, Jaime Faria, and his wife, Conceição, as part of the traditional ceremony that began many decades ago. The festivities will continue according to the following schedule of events throughout the week:

Monday, May 29th

Imperator Ceremony & Rosary
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 30th

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 31st

Rosary & Mass in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:30pm

Thursday, June 1st

Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Friday, June 2nd

Sung Rosary in Our Lady's Hall at 6:30pm
Supper in Our Lady's Hall at 7:00pm

Saturday, June 3rd

Rosary in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 5:30pm
Mass in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 6:00pm

Pentecost Sunday, June 4th

Mass & Crowning Ceremony in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 11:45am
Luncheon in Our Lady's Hall at 1:00pm

Tickets for Sunday's Luncheon are now available in our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) during regular business hours. Tickets are also available before and after the Rosary each evening during Crowning Week. Donations for our Annual Auction & Grand Raffle, which will take place right after the luncheon, are much appreciated! For more information about tickets and donations to the auction, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to participate in this beautiful annual celebration of the coming of God's Holy Spirit! Please join us! All are welcome! Come Holy Spirit!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!



Almost three years ago, as I was preparing to become pastor of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, the Gloucester Daily Times published a story about my devotion to various cultural and religious traditions. For the most part, the article was accurate. Since childhood, the traditions of the Catholic Church and the traditions of my family's Portuguese heritage have been a large part of my life. And yet, as numerous summer feasts and festivals approach, we would be wise to pray about and reflect on the enduring value of these traditions in our lives. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, a tradition is a custom or practice that is passed from generation to generation. For me, this raises a simple but sometimes challenging question: Why? Why is this custom or that practice passed from one generation to the next? Why do we continue to carry on certain traditions and not others?

The dictionary's definition of tradition misses the point. Customs, practices, and traditions (whether cultural or religious) can only endure when they serve some good purpose: when they help us to grow in faith, hope, and love; when they bring us closer together in a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service; and when they inspire us to live the Gospel, share God's love, and build up our parishes (and the wider community). If we continue a particular tradition for reasons of pride, fundraising, or blind devotion to the past, then we rob that tradition of its meaning and purpose. So, we owe it to our ancestors, ourselves, and our children and grandchildren to pass on not just rites and rituals, but also the deep meaning and value of every custom, practice, and tradition.

This coming week, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for the Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit, which begins on Monday, May 29th, continues throughout the week, and concludes on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. Each evening, we will gather as a community of faith to pray together, eat together, and build friendships under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. This beautiful week-long feast does not belong to any one group, heritage, or organization. Rather, it belongs to all of God's people! It is a unique opportunity to come together in prayer for the intercession of Our Lady and for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, homes, communities, and workplaces.

So, please join me, Father Alves, Our Lady's Guild, the Holy Name Society and the good and faithful parishioners at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for this wonderful annual tradition that culminates in the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. As the Crowning Feast begins, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire us with a renewed zeal for prayer, fellowship, and service! And let us join our hearts and hands and cry out with one voice: Come, Holy Spirit! Enkindle in us the fire of your love! Amen! Alleluia!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, into my heart,
so that I might see
the things that are of God.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, into my mind,
so that I might know
the things that are of God.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, into my soul,
so that I might belong only to God.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, into my life,
sanctify all that I think, say, and do,
so that all will be for the glory of God.*

Amen!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 3rd · 9:00am-2:00pm**

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!

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" with hand-made ceramic mugs and a snack bar featuring pulled-pork sandwiches, Italian Cookies, Mickey's Muffins, Papa's Biscotti, Cindy's Scones, Jam from the Jam Ladies, and our famous strawberry shortcake. Mahroussie Jabba will also be serving middle eastern food. And as always, vintage treasures will be offered for sale in our "Granny's Attic!"

Whether you're a crafter or a carpenter, a knitter, baker, or basket-weaver, 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! All proceeds from the Strawberry Festival benefit Holy Family Parish. For more information, please contact Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD
Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00pm**

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 many fundraising events and social gatherings, including our famous bake sales, the Christmas Fair, and the upcoming Strawberry Festival (see above).

The Guild's final meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This will be a time to socialize, brainstorm ideas for the upcoming year, and collect membership dues. Dinner will be served. Reservations are required; and a \$10 donation is requested per person. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. All are invited! All are welcome!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
BANKING FOR THE COMMUNITY
Cast Your Vote: BankGloucester.com!**

For the tenth consecutive year, BankGloucester is sponsoring its "Banking for the Community" campaign, which could potentially provide much needed funds to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Since 2007, BankGloucester has donated more than \$160,000 to community organizations through its "Banking for the Community" program. This year, they will donate \$20,000 to nineteen local charities and community service organizations, including our Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

All parishioners, friends, and visitors of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are encouraged to cast your vote for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! Just visit BankGloucester.com.com/ballot and vote for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! It's easy, free, takes less than a minute, and supports a very good cause! Voting ends at 5:00pm on May 31st! Thank you in advance for your assistance and support! 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! Don't forget to vote at BankGloucester.com!

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
New Members Always 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. And 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, Ham, Stew, or Tuna
Crackers · Canned Juice · Chicken or Tuna Helper
Mayonnaise · Instant Potatoes · Hot & Cold Cereals
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup · Chef Boyardee
Peanut Butter & Jelly · Jarred Pasta Sauce

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 our Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you!

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS

MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 29, 2017

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th, we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in service to their country and to the causes of freedom, peace, and justice around the world. As a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, let us raise our hearts and voices in prayer for all who have served our nation, for all who have died, and for the cause of peace:

Almighty God and Father,
on this Memorial Day, we pray for those
who courageously gave their lives
for the cause of freedom.

May their example of sacrifice inspire in us
the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We also pray for the families of our fallen troops.
We ask you to fill their hearts with strength and peace.
In union with people of goodwill throughout the world,
help us to answer the call to work for peace and justice,
and to seek an end to conflict and violence.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Almighty God and Father,
those who take refuge in you will be glad
and forever shout for joy.

Protect our troops as they discharge their duties.

Protect them with the shield of your strength
and keep them safe from all evil and harm.

May the power of your love enable them
to return home safely, so that all who love them
may always praise you for your loving care.

We offer these prayers through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR ENEMIES

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
you asked us to love our enemies
and to pray for those who persecute us.

We pray for our enemies and for those who oppose us.

With the help of the Holy Spirit,
may all people learn to work together
for that justice which brings true and lasting peace.

To you be glory and honor for ever and ever.

Amen.

Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us!

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY Saturday, June 3rd at 5:00pm

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community is hosting its next Ultreya-Potluck Supper on Saturday, June 3rd beginning at 5:00pm in Saint John the Baptist Church Hall (located at 52 Main Street in Essex). All are invited to join us for great food, good cheer, prayer, and fellowship. You need not have already participated in a Cursillo Retreat in order to join us for this event. For more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

ASSISI PROJECT SPRING RAFFLE SWEET KISSES HAND PAINTED ICON Tickets Available Through June 11th!

Now through June 11th, the Assisi Project is sponsoring a Spring Raffle for a beautiful hand painted icon called "Sweet Kisses" which beautifully depicts Our Blessed Mother holding her Son. Throughout the Christian world, icons are venerated as windows into heaven and are known to be powerful instruments of divine grace and miracles. This particular icon was handcrafted in Greece using traditional tempera paint and gold leaf. It was blessed on the relics of Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker, a third century saint whose incorrupt relics are believed to be the source of many miracles.

All proceeds from the Assisi Project's Spring Raffle will be donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. A donation of \$1.00 per ticket is requested. We hope to raise \$2,000! Tickets can be purchased after various daily and weekend Masses; at our parish offices; and by contacting Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. The icon can be viewed online at assisiproject.com. Thank you for your generous support of the Assisi Project's Spring Raffle and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society!

PASTOR'S NOTE GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTIONS

As we begin the final month of the fiscal year, all parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider giving to the Grand Annual Collection in either Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. These fundraising campaigns are essential components of our parish budgets and are vitally important to ensuring the financial stability of each of our parishes. Donation envelopes are available from the office or at the entrances of our churches. For more information about the Grand Annual Collection in your home parish, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Peace and blessings to all! — Fr. Jim

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**MAY 27 – JUNE 4, 2017**

Saturday, May 27	Vigil · Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Al & Renee Sarofeen
6:00pm · OLGV	Herb Hultin
Sunday, May 28	Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	Sandra Ann Colbert
8:15am · Saint Ann	Francesca Gianna Maggiore
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Captain Salvatore & Sarina Barbara
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima and Sons
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Seventh Week of Easter
Monday, May 29 8:00am · OLGV	Priscilla O'Neal
Tuesday, May 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Richard Stranger Feller
Wednesday, May 31 8:00am · OLGV	Peter & Catherine Asaro and Family
Thursday, June 1 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend Robert G. Pollis
Friday, June 2 8:00am · OLGV	Richard Devlin
Saturday, June 3 8:00am · Saint Ann	Antonio DiMercurio
Saturday, June 3	Vigil · Pentecost Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Mortillaro
6:00pm · OLGV	George Medeiros
Sunday, June 4	Pentecost Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Herman J. Surrette
8:15am · Saint Ann	Pietro & Grazia Palazzolo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Salvatore & Loiacano and Family
11:45am · OLGV	Crowning Mass of the Holy Spirit
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of May 20th – May 21st

Weekly Offerings	\$5,467.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,345.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$43,944.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$220,917.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of May 20th – May 21st

Weekly Offerings	\$3,497.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,557.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$30,618.00

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 Richard Cusick, Sr.
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Dorothy Hayes
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Carolyn Nicastro
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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