

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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PRAYING WITH OUR PATRONS

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Little Flowers

On Retreat with Saint Francis & Pope Francis

**FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT
BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 7:00PM**

The summer season is a great time of year for stepping back from the business and busy-ness of daily life in order to focus on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave work, family, and friends behind for a real retreat from the world. For this reason, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce our Fourth Annual Summer Retreat!

From Monday, August 7th through Friday, August 11th, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a unique opportunity to experience the spiritual peace and renewal of a week-long retreat without leaving home! Each evening of our summer retreat will begin at 7:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After our shared prayer, Father Jim and Cliff will lead our community in a period of reflection, discussion, and faith sharing. Each evening will conclude at 8:30pm with Night Prayer. During each day of the retreat, the chapel will open at 12:00pm for silent personal prayer and reflection.

This year, we will explore “The Little Flowers” of Saint Francis and Pope Francis. After his death in 1226, nearly eight centuries ago, the early followers of Saint Francis of Assisi wrote a series of little stories about his life and the miracles that he performed. These “Little Flowers” serve now as the foundation of our knowledge and understanding of Saint Francis and his lasting impact on the Church. In our own time, Andrea Torielli, a journalist who covers the papacy, has assembled the so-called “Fioretti” or Little Flowers of Pope Francis, a heartwarming collection of stories about how the Holy Father lives the Gospel each and every day.

Between each night of the summer retreat, participants will be asked to read brief selections from both the “Little Flowers of Saint Francis” and the “Little Flowers of Pope Francis.” In this way, we will gain a better appreciation of these two holy men and their impact on the Church; and we will grow closer to Christ by learning from their good deeds and good works among God’s people. If you would like to join us for our Fourth Annual Summer Retreat, please be sure to contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com by Sunday, August 6th. A donation of \$30 is requested from those who can afford it. Copies of both books, along with cold drinks, will be provided. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Praying with Our Patrons

On Wednesday, July 26th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim. An old story dating from the first centuries of the Church's existence recalls how Ann and Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah, were scorned by their neighbors because they had no children. Years of disappointment did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray. Ann remained at home and wept because she had no child of her own. A young girl saw Ann's distress and reminded her to place her trust in God alone. So Ann went into the garden and pleaded with God for a child. During this time of prayer, angels appeared to Ann in the garden and Joachim in the wilderness. The angels promised that despite their advanced ages, they would conceive a child who would be known throughout the world. Ann and Joachim ran to meet each other at Jerusalem's Golden Gate where they kissed and rejoiced in the new life that God promised them. Their child, of course, would become the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

More than two thousand years later, Saint Ann and Saint Joachim are powerful patrons for all married couples; married couples who are having difficulty conceiving a child; expectant mothers; all parents and grandparents; and the elderly. Saint Ann is also venerated as patroness of homemakers, sailors, and single women. In addition, the Basilica of Saint Ann de Beaupre (Quebec City, Canada) is regarded as a place of miracles, especially for those who suffer from physical disabilities and paralysis. As we celebrate the feast of our patrons, let us pray together for the intercession of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim and their child, the Blessed Virgin Mary! Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

A NOVENA TO SAINTS ANN & JOACHIM

Saint Ann and Saint Joachim,
 you are the good parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 and blessed grandparents of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 When we are afraid: Help us to trust in the Lord.
 When life seems barren: Help us to trust in God's mercy.
 When we are confused: Help us to find the way to God.
 When we are ashamed: Remind us that we are God's children.
 When we are selfish: Teach us to cling only to what lasts.
 When we sin: Lead us to do God's will.
 When we are lost in the desert: Lead us to those God has called us to love.
 You know God's will for the family: Keep all families close to you.
 You know God's will for husband & wife: Help us to live in chastity & fidelity.
 You trusted God's will: Help us to respect God's gift of fertility.
 You suffered without children: Intercede for married couples who seek to conceive.
 You gave birth to the Blessed Mother: Inspire married couples to be co-creators with God.
 You taught Mary, the Mother of God: Teach us to nurture children in faith, hope, and love.
 You trusted in God: Pray for all married couples.
 You trusted in God: Pray for all parents.
 You trusted in God: Pray for all grandparents.

Almighty God and Father,
 you bestowed on Saint Ann and Saint Joachim this singular grace:
 that their daughter, Mary, should become the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Through their intercession, grant us the salvation that you promised to your people.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us!
 Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

**THE ASSISI PROJECT
TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR · 2007-2017
Saturday, July 29th at 8:00am**

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is a fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" with friends and followers around the world. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel in the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of each month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, formation, and fellowship.

Our next "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" is scheduled for July 29th at 8:00am. If you are interested in growing closer to Christ through the guidance and intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, please prayerfully consider joining us! For more information, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. All are invited! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD
SALTY FRANK'S FUNDRAISER
Thursday, August 3rd · 2:00pm-8:00pm**

On Thursday, August 3rd, all are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a fundraising afternoon at Salty Frank's (located at 6 Rogers Street in Gloucester). From 2:00pm until 8:00pm, Salty Frank's will donate 10% of all proceeds to Holy Family Parish! Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers for a great meal, fellowship, and fundraising for our parish! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and the community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts various fundraising events and social gatherings. New members are always welcome! For more information about the Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com.

**PARISH PAY
Safe & Easy Electronic Giving**

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. At parishpay.com, donations can be made on a one-time or ongoing basis. And it takes just a few minutes to create a secure personal account. For more information about electronic giving in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Clare Murphy at 978-281-4820 or cmurphy@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your generous support! Peace and blessings to all!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FEAST OF SAINTS ANN & JOACHIM
Annual Crowning Ceremony · Sunday, July 23rd**

In anticipation of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, all parishioners, friends, and guests of Holy Family Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for the Annual Crowning of Saint Ann and the Blessed Virgin Mary after our 8:15am Mass on Sunday, July 23rd. As a community of faith, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for the intercession of our patrons: Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! For more information about this special annual event, please contact Mary Rubino at 978-281-0009. Please join us! All are welcome!

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Saturday, July 29th at 3:00pm**

In commemoration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, all are welcome to join us on Saturday, July 29th for a period of prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Ann Church. This special holy hour will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 3:00pm. At 3:30pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners, friends, and guests of Holy Family Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for this special time of prayer. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
ANNUAL SUMMER BARBECUE & PICNIC
Saturday, July 29th · Begins with Mass at 4:00pm**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Holy Family Parish for our Annual Summer Barbecue & Picnic in celebration of the Feast of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim on Saturday, July 29th beginning with Mass at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. After Mass, our barbecue and picnic will be held in the courtyard behind the Parish Center and on the lawn of the Saint Ann House of Prayer.

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) will cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Soft drinks will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring lawn chairs and a side dish to share with the community (chips, baked beans, summer salads, and desserts). We will also have fun activities for kids! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Bring your family! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CALL FOR YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS Help Father Jim Serve God's People!

Father Jim is full of energy and excitement, but as the only full-time priest assigned to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, he sometimes needs our help! This summer, he is hoping to form a corps of youth altar servers to help him at Mass! All young disciples, ages 8 through 17, are invited to participate on a weekly or monthly basis. Training is available! Being an altar server is a great way to continue learning about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. All are invited! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FATHER JIM'S SUMMER ART CONTEST Through Sunday, September 3rd!

All young disciples, ages 5 through 12, are invited to participate in Father Jim's Second Annual Summer Art Contest by creating an original work of art based on the theme of "Our Blessed Mother Mary." 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 an image of Our Blessed Mother.

All original art projects are due by Sunday, September 3rd and will be judged by Father Jim and a committee of judges! The winning submission will be professionally framed and displayed prominently in our parish offices. For more information about our Second Annual Summer Art Contest for Children, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Calling young disciples! All are invited! All are welcome!

CAMPS: CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR CHRISTIAN CAMP EXPERIENCE July 31st through August 5th

CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior) is a summer camp experience for high school students that seeks to bring participants closer to our Risen Lord; to teach them that the Christian community is both formed and lived; and to continue faith formation and spiritual growth beyond sacramental preparation.

From July 31st through August 5th, more than 300 campers will gather at Lakeside Campsite in Pittsfield for campfires, games and sports, music, spiritual conferences, and faith sharing. CAMPS is an amazing experience for high school students! For more information, please visit campsministry.com or contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Scholarships are available! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION Weekend of July 29th – July 30th

In the tradition of its founder and patron, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a Roman Catholic lay fraternity that leads women and men to work together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Here are four important ways that you can help us help others:

First, please give generously to our special second collection on the weekend of July 29th and July 30th during all Masses at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. All donations (100%) will support the good work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and help our brothers and sisters in need!

Second, all are encouraged to donate to our Food Pantry. Baskets can be found at the entrances of all churches in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Donations can also be brought to our pastoral offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester).

Third, all are invited to give generously to the Clothes Closet. A drop-off bin is conveniently located in the parking lot in front of the school building. The Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. Even though it's summer, it's never too early to consider how your support might keep a child warm this winter!

Fourth, your financial contributions are always welcome and appreciated! Donation envelopes are located at all church entrances in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. They can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. All checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. All donations, large or small, go directly to those we serve.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Annette Kennedy at 978-283-1268 or Harry Miller at 978-281-8672. If you need assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support! May God bless you and your family!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 22 – JULY 30, 2017**

Saturday, July 22	Vigil · 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Bob Cunningham
6:00pm · OLGV	Ignazio LoContro
Sunday, July 23	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
8:15am · Saint Ann	Barry J. Hallett
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Rosa & Francesco Paolo Brancaleone
11:45am · OLGV	Zachary Marr
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	16th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, July 24 8:00am · OLGV	The Scandalito Family
Tuesday, July 25 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Lt. Col. Edward R. Ghidella
Wednesday, July 26 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Thursday, July 27 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Leonardo & Caterina Russo
Friday, July 28 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Saturday, July 29 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, July 29	Vigil · 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Earl & Sally Unis
6:00pm · OLGV	William D. Buckley
Sunday, July 30	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Walter & Madeline O'Donnell
8:15am · Saint Ann	Andrew & Margaret Orlando
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Oswald Ajavon
11:45am · OLGV	Vito Gilardi
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of July 15th – July 16th

Weekly Offerings	\$7,020.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,898.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$79,149.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$222,687.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of July 15th – July 16th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,175.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,235.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$43,489.00

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 Allerio Brancaleone
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Manuel & Maria Faria
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!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Find out! Join us: ccgronline.com/fellowship/
Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.
All are invited! All are welcome! Always!