

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Mary, Mother of Jesus



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP BEGINS TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND 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: Mary, Mother of Jesus, from Tuesday, August 22nd through Friday, August 25th from 8:00am until 12:00pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer, fun and fellowship, children will learn about Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary through active and engaged participation in games, music, videos, hands-on learning, and craft projects. Here's the schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, August 22nd
The Annunciation

Day II: Wednesday, August 23rd
The Visitation

Day III: Thursday, August 24th
The Nativity

Day IV: Friday, August 25th
The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

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 our team of dedicated catechists 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!

Our Catholic Kids Camps are laser focused on interactive and multi-sensory learning. They make a real difference in the spiritual lives of our youngest fellow parishioners. They have received rave reviews from parents, volunteers, children, and catechetical leaders. Throughout the year, we offer four camps for younger children during school vacation periods. If your child or grandchild attends just two camps each year, then they will receive more instructional hours under this model of youth faith formation than under the discontinued classroom model. More importantly, they will grow in faith and discipleship with Christ, with Christ's Church, and with other young disciples.

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are generously available for those families who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children are welcome to join us as volunteers and are much appreciated! For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrronline.com. Registration forms are available at ccgrronline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Five Finger Prayer

Earlier this week, more than fifty parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport joined Cliff Garvey and me for our Fourth Annual Summer Retreat: The Little Flowers of Saint Francis and Pope Francis. This five-night retreat focused on the lives and good works of two men called "Francis" who through their deep faith, fervent prayer, and dynamic personalities inspired exciting eras of renewal in the Roman Catholic Church. Throughout the week, Cliff led us in a series of reflections that brought us closer to Saint Francis and Pope Francis, closer to Christ and his Church, and closer to one another through open and honest faith sharing and discussion. On behalf of this large group of very grateful parishioners, I wish to thank Cliff for his dedication, good work, and strong commitment to the ministry of adult faith formation and spiritual direction in our parishes. Well done, my friend!

One of the highlights and most light-hearted moments of our retreat week was sharing the so-called "Five Finger Prayer" which was written by Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio before he became Pope Francis. It is a short, simple, but deeply compelling way to develop the spiritual discipline of praying for the needs of others before we pray for ourselves. In a world so twisted by self-interest, this prayer is needed now more than ever. So, please join me in praying in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

1. The Thumb: Pray for Loved Ones

The thumb is the finger closest to your heart.

So, begin by praying for those who are closest to you:
your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and deceased loved ones.
Praying for those you love is considered a "sweet duty."

2. The Index Finger: Pray for Healers & Teachers

The index finger is the finger used to point and touch.

So, pray for those who heal, preach, and teach:
doctors and nurses; priests and lay ministers; teachers and catechists.
They need support and wisdom to carry out their sacred work.

3. The Middle Finger: Pray for Leaders

The middle finger is the tallest finger and reminds us of our leaders.

So, pray for those who govern, legislate, or exercise authority over others.
They need guidance and good judgment to serve the common good.

4. The Ring Finger: Pray for the Weak

The ring finger is the weakest finger and reminds us of the poor and sick.

So, pray for those who suffer from grief, illness, or want.
They need our prayers both day and night.

5. The Pinkie Finger: Pray for Yourself

The pinkie finger is the smallest finger and reminds us of ourselves.

After we pray for others, we should pray for our own needs.
Each of us is small and weak in our own way. Each of us needs prayer.

Needless to say, I never thought that I would write the words "middle finger" in a weekly message! Life is full of surprises! But this prayer perfectly embodies the ministry of Pope Francis with its emphasis on putting others before oneself. Moreover, this prayer reflects a truly Holy Father who communicates with his children in ways that they can appreciate and understand on a practical level. Pope Francis is a man of the people and for the people. This prayer literally brings his spirituality to our fingertips. So, pray hard, pray well, and pray often! Amen!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS AN OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE TRADITION Saturday Afternoons at 5:15pm

Our Summer Carillon Recitals, an annual tradition at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, continue this Saturday, August 12th at 5:15pm (rain or shine)! LuAnn Pallazola, our own very talented organist-keyboardist will perform programs that include classical works, sacred hymns, patriotic melodies, and even children's tunes! Installed in 1922, the bells at Our Lady's Church were the first set of toned carillon bells in the United States.

Summer Carillon Recitals are also scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:15pm: August 19th, August 26th & September 2nd. All recitals are free and open to the public! So, please join us for wonderful summer tradition at Our Lady of Good Voyage! In addition, all are invited to join us for Mass at 6:00pm! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com. All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00pm

Although it's August, the Holy Family Christmas Fair is coming soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 18th! The Christmas Fair is Holy Family Parish's biggest fundraising event of the year! And there is much work ahead to ensure its success! On Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall, the Holy Family Women's Guild will hold our first Christmas Fair Planning Meeting. Everyone has a special gift or talent! Let yours shine at the Christmas Fair! All parishioners are invited to help us make this year's fair our best ever! We are seeking donations of prizes for our basket wheel and raffles; books, cookies, crafts, and jewelry for our sale tables; and volunteers for set-up and clean-up. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-421-4279. Please join us! All are welcome!

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 Claire Murphy at 978-281-4820 or cmurphy@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your support!

MAKING 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@ccgronline.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@ccgronline.com. Calling young disciples! All are invited! All are welcome!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesdays at 5:00pm · Begins September 12th!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry will resume their weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, September 12th at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Each weekend, the youth choir sings at one of our three churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, or Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

The Youth Choir & Music Ministry welcomes new members, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school. Young musicians are also welcome to join us! Being a part of this ministry is a great way to make new friends and participate more fully in the life of our parishes! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation · Tuesday, August 15th

Since the fifth century, God's faithful people have believed that upon her death, the Blessed Virgin Mary was raised body and soul into heaven. But this ancient tradition was not defined as an official teaching of the Catholic Church until 1950. In celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Vigil Mass · Monday, August 14th
Saint Ann Church at 7:00pm

Holy Day Masses · August 15th
Saint Joachim Church at 8:00am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 12:00pm

Until we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us join our hearts and voices in praying with Our Blessed Mother in her own words:

The Song of Mary Gospel of Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day, all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

All are reminded that the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport prays the Holy Rosary every morning after our Daily Mass (which begins at 8:00am). For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com; or visit our website at ccgronline.com/prayer. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always! Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us! Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: ccgronline.com/prayer/

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgronline.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: ccgronline.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 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 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:00am; in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturdays at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray!

In an interview, Pope Francis was asked about his favorite way of praying. In response, the Holy Father 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 a 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 and 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 invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**AUGUST 12 – AUGUST 20, 2017**

Saturday, August 12	Vigil · 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Living Intention for Phil & Jane Demetri 50th Wedding Anniversary
6:00pm · OLGV	Dorothy Buckley
Sunday, August 13	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Frances DeCaro
8:15am · Saint Ann	Vincenzo Terranova
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Marjorie & Eugene Mondello
11:45am · OLGV	Richard Horak
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	19th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 14 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Tuesday, August 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Bill & Eunice Smith
Wednesday, August 16 8:00am · OLGV	George Moinihan
Thursday, August 17 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Communion Service
Friday, August 18 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Saturday, August 19 8:00am · Saint Ann	Vincenza Ales
Saturday, August 19	Vigil · 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Robert & Dorothy Benham
6:00pm · OLGV	Francis, Elizabeth & Peter Bruni
Sunday, August 20	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Antonio, Angela & Salvatore Mistretta
8:15am · Saint Ann	Giovanni Lo Iacono
10:00am · Saint Joachim	George & Katy Warde
11:45am · OLGV	Walter "Butch" Wilkins
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 5th – August 6th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,788.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,666.00
Second Collection (CRS)	\$2,531.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,048.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of August 5th – August 6th**

Weekly Offerings	\$4,289.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$4,349.00
Second Collection (CRS)	\$449.00

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:

Special Intention Prayers for the Legion of Mary
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
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@ccgrronline.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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All are invited! All are welcome! Always!