

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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STANDING WITH THE DREAMERS

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Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Learning to Love with Saint Francis of Assisi

A FALL DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH · BEGINS AT 8:00AM

Nights are growing cooler. Gardens are fading. Leaves are beginning to show a hint of fall color. One season ends, another begins. Fall is 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 Garvey are offering 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 Catholic Church, and the timeless traditions of Franciscan prayer and spirituality.

In this spirit, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim, Cliff, and the Assisi Project for a Fall Day of Prayer & Reflection: "Learning to Love with Saint Francis of Assisi" on Saturday, September 30th in Saint Anthony Chapel. During this four-hour mini-retreat, we will explore what Saint Francis of Assisi, who lived eight centuries ago, can teach contemporary Christians like us how to love God and love others in an increasingly troubled world.

This special morning of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule: Celebration of Holy Mass at 8:00am; Morning Prayer & Reflection at 9:00am; Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am; Daytime Prayer & Reflection at 11:00am; and Angelus, Closing Prayers & Final Blessing at 12:00pm. Throughout the morning, there will be breaks, times for silent prayer, and periods for faith sharing and fellowship. Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be served. After our closing prayers, all are invited to remain for a picnic lunch.

Please note that 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 faith formation program for adults, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. It is important to register for this program in advance so that we can plan adequately for food and drink. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Saint Clare of Assisi: Light from the Cloister

A BOOK STUDY & FAITH SHARING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS
BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:00PM

Our year-long focus on the Franciscan spiritual tradition concludes with "The Fall Read", a four week book study and faith sharing program during which participants will read together and share their reactions to Bret Thoman's new book: "Saint Clare of Assisi: Light from the Cloister." This intimate but easy-to-read biography of Saint Clare will lead us closer to Christ by introducing us to the best friend and perhaps most devoted follower of Saint Francis.

All adult parishioners are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for this special program which will run on four consecutive Wednesday evenings: October 4th through October 25th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each session will begin at 7:00pm with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After this period of prayer, Cliff will briefly introduce the readings for the week. This format will provide us with plenty of time for discussion, questions, and faith sharing. Our gatherings will conclude at 8:30pm with Night Prayer.

Books will be provided. A donation of \$25.00 per person 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 personal impressions and insights about the life and times of Saint Clare. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Standing with the Dreamers

*The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
Psalm 146:9*

Since 2012, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) has provided more than 800,000 young adults with reprieve from deportation and temporary authorization to work in the United States. This program does not provide any legal status or government benefits to these young adults, only chance to live and work openly and honestly across our great country. The so-called “Dreamers” are young adults who were brought illegally into our country as children by their parents, but have known no other real home other than the United States. In most cases, the Dreamers are young men and women who want nothing more than to work hard and play by the rules, to enjoy the blessings of liberty that we so often take for granted, and to achieve a small share in the American Dream.

Earlier this week, despite direct and heartfelt appeals from a bipartisan coalition of congressional leaders and a multi-denominational coalition of faith leaders, the Trump Administration announced the cancellation of the DACA program in just six months. In response, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, Vice-President, and other bishops from across the country, issued a strong denunciation of the termination of the DACA program and the looming threat of deportation for these young people and their families. The full text of the DiNardo-Gomez statement follows:

‘The cancellation of the DACA program is reprehensible. It causes unnecessary fear for DACA youth and their families. These youth entered the United States as minors and often know America as their only home. The Catholic Church has long watched with pride and admiration as DACA youth live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society: continuing to work and provide for their families, continuing to serve in the military, and continuing to receive an education. Now, after months of anxiety and fear about their futures, these brave young people face deportation. This decision is unacceptable and does not reflect who we are as Americans.

The Church has recognized and proclaimed the need to welcome young people: “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me (Mark 9:37).” Today, our nation has done the opposite of how scripture calls us to respond. It is a step back from the progress that we need to make as a country. Today’s actions represent a heartbreaking moment in our history that shows the absence of mercy and good will, and a short-sighted vision for the future. DACA youth are woven into the fabric of our country and our Church, and are, by every social and human measure, American youth.

We strongly urge Congress to act and immediately resume work toward a legislative solution. We pledge our support to work on finding an expeditious means of protection for the DACA youth. As people of faith, we say to DACA youth: regardless of your immigration status, you are children of God and you are welcome in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports you and will advocate for you.’

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston
Archbishop Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
Learn more: usccb.org
Learn more: ccgonline.com

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday Mornings at 6:30am

The Men's Fellowship of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport meets every Saturday morning from 6:30am until 8:00am in the Parish Center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). New members are always welcome to join us for prayer, faith sharing, and mutual support as we work on deepening our faith and our personal relationships with Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. For more information about the Men's Fellowship, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

THE ASSISI PROJECT Need Prayers?

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is a fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" that seeks to live the Gospel of Christ through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our mission is to serve the Church and to give witness to the Good News through formation and prayer, pilgrimage and retreat, and educating others about the Franciscan way of life.

Members of the Assisi Project, on four continents all around the world, ranging in age from 15 to 92, pray for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, including our schedule of upcoming events, please visit our website: assisiproject.com. New members are always welcome! Please join us! May the Lord give you peace – now and always!

PASTOR'S NOTE Reminder About Newsletter Submissions

Now that the busy fall season is underway, all parishioners, ministries, and service organizations are reminded that all requested submissions to our weekly newsletter are due by 12:00pm on Fridays, one full week before the following Sunday's publication. Submissions that announce parish programs and events are given first priority and must include date, time, location, and contact information (name, phone, and an e-mail address). All requested submissions from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish may be edited for content and style; and should be sent directly to Father Jim (no exceptions). For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support of our newsletter and website. Peace and blessings to all! – Father Jim

GROWING YOUNG DISCIPLES

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Registration Now Underway!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers a creative and innovative way for children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for these sacraments; to encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church; and to help families grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service.

Our program is simple and family-friendly! First, our top priority is to invite all families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses. Second, all second grade children and their parents, grandparents, or guardians are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season and three 90 minute workshops during the winter-spring season. Each of these "Faith & Family Workshops" is offered at three different times so that each family can choose which option works best for them.

Our program begins during the weekend of October 13th–October 14th! Calendars and registration materials are posted on our website: ccgrounline.com/formation. Registration forms can be returned by mail; hand-delivered to our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester); or completed at our walk-in registration day on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00am until 11:00am in Our Lady's Hall. If you have questions or need assistance with 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!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Beginning Tuesday, September 12th!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry will resume their weekly rehearsals this 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 learn about the musical traditions of the Catholic Church, 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!

CALLING ADULT DISCIPLES

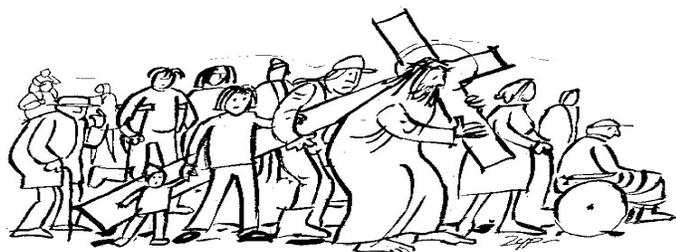
THE WAY SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS BEGINNING THIS FALL!

I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

The "Way" was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way appears as a scriptural reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. In addition, both before and after his conversion, tradition holds that Saint Paul referred to the disciples of Christ as part of the "Way." More than two thousand years later, Catholic Christians are still part of the Way of Christ Jesus. But as we all know, a life of discipleship is not a hobby or pastime. It is a vocation, a way of life that lays claims to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, who is our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. And as disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need our help in growing closer to Christ and the Church.

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), then please consider joining "The Way", a new adult faith formation program on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on October 8th in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (often called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of this same program, we will prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our group will meet bi-weekly for fellowship, formation, and faith sharing. As a community of disciples, we will learn together about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Church; and we will explore the methods of prayer and spirituality that have brought centuries of believers closer to Christ Jesus and to the Church. In addition, we will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of living an authentic life of faith, hope, and love in the modern world. If you would like to learn more about this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. All are welcome!



PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, September 10th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is a service organization of men which was founded to support the parish through volunteering and fundraising. The first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by the officers. Annual dues of \$20 will be collected. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, September 11th at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through fundraising, good works, prayer, and social events. The Guild's first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by the officers. The requested offering is \$10 per person. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or by leaving a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS · COUNCIL 215 Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal and charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Since 1897, our award-winning council has sponsored countless works of charity on Cape Ann, including annual events like our blood drive, food drive, golf tournament, and the Coats for Kids program; along with ongoing support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Holy Family Women's Guild.

If you have twenty-four hours to volunteer for charity this year, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our communities. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. For more information about joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Mark Natti at mnatti@comcast.net or leave a message at 978-281-4820; or visit our website: kofc215.com. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**SEPTEMBER 9 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

Saturday, September 9	Vigil · 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Salvatore & Mary Nicastrò
6:00pm · OLGV	Carlo Cusenza
Sunday, September 10	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John Orlando
8:15am · Saint Ann	Salvatore & Grazia Storniolo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Theresa Mastropolo
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel F. Garcia, Jr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	23rd Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 11 8:00am · OLGV	Antonino Romeo
Tuesday, September 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Giuseppe & Francesca Palazzola
Wednesday, September 13 8:00am · OLGV	Dorothy Williamson
Thursday, September 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Allerio Brancaleone
Friday, September 15 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Saturday, September 16 8:00am · Saint Ann	Special Intention
Saturday, September 16	Vigil · 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Antonino Romeo
6:00pm · OLGV	Stefano Adelfio
Sunday, September 17	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	The Scola Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Angelina Loiacano Strescino & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Joan Vidal
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Mass Scheduled

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of September 2nd – September 3rd**

Weekly Offerings	\$7,119.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,997.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,821.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,196.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of September 2nd – September 3rd**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,250.00
Electronic Donations	\$60.00
Total Offerings	\$3,310.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,787.00

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 Joseph Parisi
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Warren E. Houghton
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Commemoration of the 75th Wedding Anniversary
of Charles & Mary Works
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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