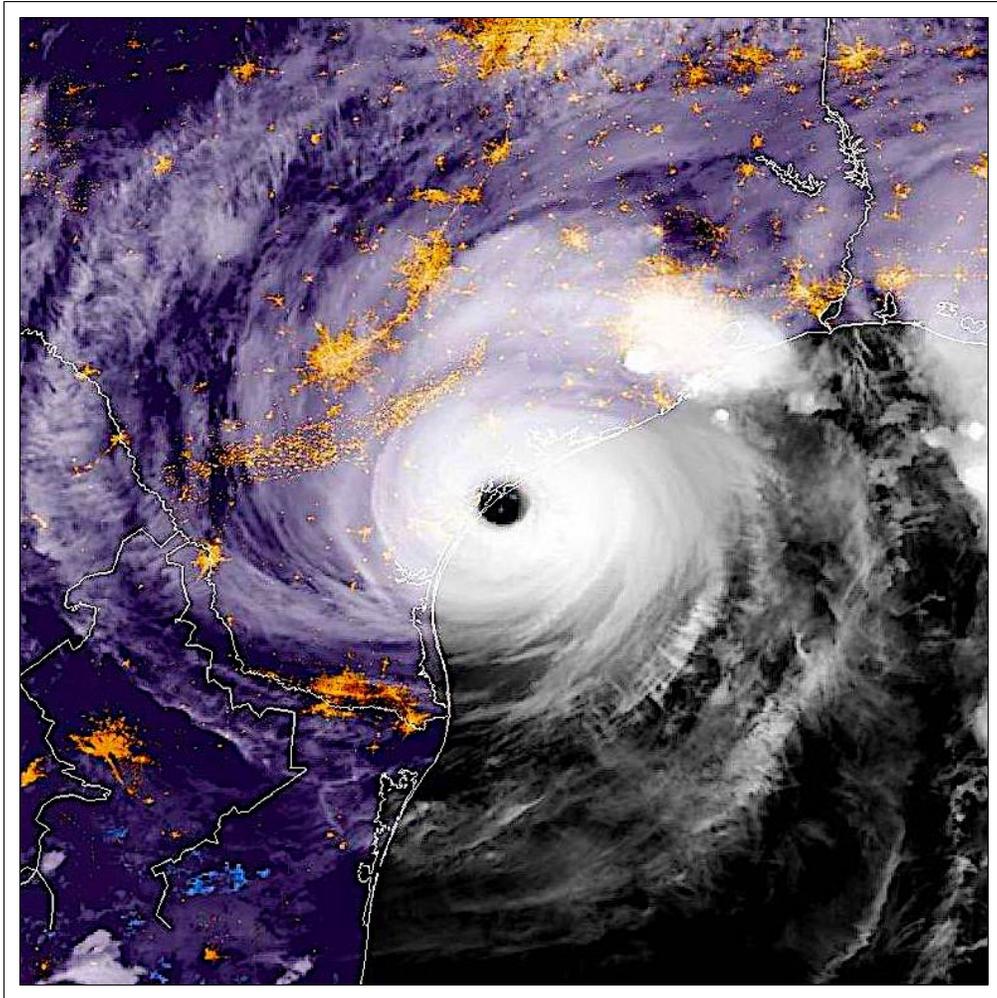


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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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. Autumn 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
8:00am

Morning Prayer & Reflection
9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
10:00am

Daytime Prayer & Reflection
11:00am

Angelus, Closing Prayers & Final Blessing
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. 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@ccgonline.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!

COMING SOON!



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: LIGHT FROM THE CLOISTER

A Four Week Book Study for Adults
Begins Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00pm

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In the Eye of the Storm

Some weeks before Hurricane Harvey landed upon the shores of Texas, a parishioner told me before Mass that she was feeling anxious and fearful about the future. As a mother and grandmother, she has lived during times of war and peace. She has lived through times of economic, political, and social upheaval; and she has lived during times of relative calm and prosperity. She has lived during times when friendly neighbors and vast oceans protected us from terrorism; and she lives now in a world where terrorism can strike a church, a dance club, or a neighborhood school. She has celebrated the birth of her children and grandchildren; and she has mourned the passing of family and friends. Despite this vast life experience, she feels frightened, nervous, and on-edge about what might happen next.

This fellow parishioner told me that she worries about the harsh nature of our political debates; how we demonize those with whom we disagree; how meanness has replaced respectful debate; how we roll our eyes in resignation as old outrages become the new normal in our country. She told me that she fears that what happened in Sandy Hook or Orlando or Charlottesville could happen here. She told me that she is genuinely afraid that what is happening now in Texas and Louisiana could also happen here: a natural disaster for which no one is prepared. She told me that she feels like we are in the eye of the storm; that we are experiencing a deceiving calm while all around us a whirlwind of destruction and hate and violence blows with increasing force.

This parishioner is not alone. I have heard sentiments like these many times in recent months. But such feelings are ancient and timeless. They are as old as the human experience itself. We fear death and destruction and disaster because we are human beings and we cherish life. We fear bigotry and hatred and violence because we wish for a bright future for our children and grandchildren. We sometimes fear the future because it represents the unknown and the unpredictable. At the same time, we are a people of faith, a Christian people, an Easter people. We know, in the depths of our hearts, that God is good, that God loves us, that God saves us, and that God will not bring upon us any trial that we cannot handle. We know also, in the depths of our souls, that God stands with us, suffers with us, dies with us, and will raise us up, no matter what.

It is difficult to make sense or offer good advice to those who fear the future. And it is difficult to know how to respond to events like those in Charlottesville and Texas. Of course, we should speak and work and vote for goodwill and justice and peace. We should live the gospel, share God's love, and work together to build up the Church in our community. We should prepare as best we can for blizzards and hurricanes and power outages. But how should we respond to the almost unimaginable destruction and suffering that we now see on television and read about online and in the newspaper? What can we do to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Texas and other places who have been brought low by violence, war, or natural disaster?

First, we should pray for the first responders and volunteers and victims of such events. We should pray tirelessly for them as they work to rebuild their lives, their homes, and their communities. Second, we should give generously to charities like the Red Cross and Catholic Charities that give direct care, comfort, and support to those in need during times of crisis. Indeed, Cardinal Sean has asked all parishes to take up a special collection next weekend (September 9th-10th) for Catholic Charities USA which is on the ground in Texas and Louisiana. Please give generously to this all important special collection! Finally, as we pray and think globally about crises in our country and around the world, we should also act locally by generously supporting the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Every single penny that you give to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society goes directly to help those in need right here on Cape Ann. Your prayers and support for these causes could literally save a life or a whole family in Texas or in your own neighborhood.

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE LEGION OF MARY New Members Always Welcome!

Each week, members of the Legion of Mary from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish reach out to our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. They visit people in their homes and apartments, hospitals, and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship, and share God's love and mercy with those who are so often lonely and forgotten. Last week, the Legion of Mary visited and prayed with sixty-nine fellow parishioners!

Each Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experience, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual director. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in our parish communities, please leave a message for Sue Demetri at 978-281-4820 or contact her at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com. The Legion of Mary warmly welcomes new members! All are invited! Please join us!

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 located at the entrances of our churches and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held 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, 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!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Find out! Join us: ccgonline.com/fellowship/
Live the Gospel. Share God's love. Rebuild the Church.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

SUMMER CARILLON RECITAL AN OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE TRADITION Saturday, September 2nd at 5:15pm

Our Summer Carillon Recitals, an annual tradition at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, conclude this Saturday, September 2nd at 5:15pm (rain or shine)! LuAnn Pallazola, our 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. Our Summer Carillon 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 lpallazola@gmail.com or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome!

VIGIL FOR PEACE Saturday, September 9th · Begins at 8:00am

In recent weeks, it has become clear that the call to prayer is more important than ever. The threat of war, domestic and international terrorism, and violence in our own country has prompted many of us to reconsider long-held assumptions and opinions about the health and stability of our nation's political culture and institutions. Additionally, these threats inspire many of us to turn to prayer: to ask the Lord to bless our community, our country, and our troubled world with peace and love.

In this spirit, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim for a four-hour "Vigil for Peace" on Saturday, September 9th beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Saint Ann Church. After Mass at 8:45am, all are encouraged to remain in the church for Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 10:00am, we will pray a Rosary for Peace; and at 11:00am, we will pray Daytime Prayer. Our Vigil for Peace will conclude at noon with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

We will gather for this Vigil for Peace on the Feast of Saint Peter Claver (1580-1654), patron of race relations and pastoral ministry to our African-American brothers and sisters. So, please bring your family or a friend and join us for all or part of this special morning of prayer, fellowship, and devotion during which we will ask the Lord for the courage, grace, and strength to become instruments of peace. For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Peter Claver, pray for us, for our country, and for our troubled world!

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 Beginning Tuesday, 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!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Parish Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and the community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts various fundraising and social gatherings, including our famous bake sales, the Strawberry Festival (June), and the upcoming Christmas Fair (November 18th) which is Holy Family's largest fundraising event of the year.

The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our special guest will be Lenny Linquata of the Gloucester House. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us! Refreshments will be served! For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

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! All are invited! 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! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**SEPTEMBER 2 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

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| Saturday, September 2 | Vigil · 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Anthony “Tony” Testaverde |
| 6:00pm · OLGV | Mary L. Wilkins |
| Sunday, September 3 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 7:00am · OLGV | Special Intention |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann | Kathleen Harrigan Palmer |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim | Joseph & Julia Cappabianca |
| 11:45am · OLGV | Ralph Pescatore |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | Mass for the People |
| | 22nd Week in Ordinary Time |
| Monday, September 4 8:00am · OLGV | John & Ada Pierce |
| Tuesday, September 5 8:00am · Saint Joachim | Special Intention |
| Wednesday, September 6 8:00am · OLGV | Special Intention |
| Thursday, September 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim | Special Intention |
| Friday, September 8 8:00am · OLGV | Intentions of the Mother of Grace Club |
| Saturday, September 9 8:00am · Saint Ann | Lucille Liburdi |
| Saturday, September 9 | Vigil · 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Captain Salvatore & Mary Nicastro |
| 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 |

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 26th – August 27th**

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| Weekly Offerings | \$6,704.00 |
| Electronic Donations | \$878.00 |
| Total Offerings | \$7,582.00 |
| Second Collection | N/A |
| Saint Ann Church Restoration | \$223,158.00 |

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of August 26th – August 27th**

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| Weekly Offerings | \$3,454.00 |
| Electronic Donations | \$60.00 |
| Total Offerings | \$3,514.00 |
| Second Collection (Maintenance) | \$1,488.00 |

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 Paul McNamara
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

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

In Memory of Paul O’Neil
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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All are invited! All are welcome! Always!