

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
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## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

### Be Not Afraid: A Vigil for Life

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION · ROSARY FOR LIFE · BENEDICTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH · BEGINS AT 12:00PM

The Roman Catholic Church professes what is called a “consistent ethic of life” because we believe that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God; and that Jesus Christ suffered, died, and is risen for all of us. In this way, every person, without exception, is sacred and loved unconditionally by our God who is Master of the Universe and Creator of Heaven and Earth. In 1971, Eileen Eagan (1912-2000), founder of the organization that would become known as Pax Christi USA, first likened this consistent ethic of life to the “seamless garment” that Jesus wore but was not torn by his executioners (John 19:23). And in 1984, Cardinal Joseph Bernadin (1928-1996), Archbishop of Chicago, delivered a series of compelling lectures that gave full voice to the Church’s belief in the sanctity of every human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Cardinal Bernadin, a soft-spoken and deeply prayerful priest, spoke initially against the legalization of abortion and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. But he soon expanded the scope of the “seamless garment of life” to include assisted suicide, capital punishment, education, euthanasia, health care, poverty, gun violence, and unjust war. Cardinal Bernadin argued that although each of these issues is complex and different, they are also linked because the intrinsic value of human life is at the center of each one. He said: “When human life is considered cheap or easily expendable in one area, eventually nothing is held as sacred and all lives are in jeopardy.” In light of this week’s horrific tragedy in Las Vegas, these words are especially true.

Each October, the Roman Catholic Church prays in a special way for the respect of all human life. This year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has chosen “Be Not Afraid!” as the theme of a month of prayer for all human life. Through this program, Church seeks to remind parishioners, political leaders, and policymakers about our obligation to respect every human life. Throughout October, all are encouraged to join in prayer for the protection of all human life:

Father and Maker of All,  
 you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty,  
 and you fashion human lives in your image and likeness.  
 Awaken in every heart a reverence  
 for the work of your hands,  
 and renew in your people a readiness  
 to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.  
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 your Son, who lives and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In solidarity with Pope Francis, Cardinal Sean, and the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, all are invited to join us for “Be Not Afraid: A Vigil for Life” on Friday, October 27th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. We will begin at 12:00pm with Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Throughout the afternoon, all are welcome to join us in silent prayer and adoration of the Real Presence of Christ Jesus. At 3:00pm, we will pray a Rosary for Life in answer to the Holy Father’s call to reach out and respect our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Our Vigil for Life will conclude at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information about the Vigil for Life, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. For more information about the USCCB’s Respect Life Program, please visit: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org). Please join us for all or part of this special afternoon of prayer. All are invited! All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### What Belongs to God

*By Cliff Garvey*

King Herod is a prolific builder, brutal dictator, and master-manipulator whose concern for the Jewish people is rooted in egomania, greed, and lust for power. The Herodians are members of his political party. They serve their own interests by serving the aims and ambitions of their king. Like the Pharisees, the Herodians despise Jesus because he preaches and gives witness to a message of love, peace, and unity. Therefore, as we read in this weekend's gospel (Matthew 22:15-21), the Herodians seek to trick Jesus into incriminating himself with some sign of criminal disrespect toward the government. They ask him: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" If Jesus says "no", then he could be accused of sedition or even treason. If Jesus says "yes", then he could be accused of being merely an agent of the king and his supporters.

In response, Jesus explains that the coins used to pay the tax are issued by the government and are engraved with the image of Caesar, who is both Herod's superior and ruler of the known world. Jesus then says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Since the coins belong to the government, Jesus reasons that the coins should be given back to the government. In this way, Jesus shows that paying taxes may represent an important civic virtue and respect for the law, but it does not necessarily represent an endorsement of any political leader or party. Jesus teaches us that good citizenship does not depend on our support for particular politicians or their policies.

Jesus also urges us to repay to God what belongs to God. This is the hard part because we belong completely to God. Unlike the coin which is simply stamped with the emperor's profile, we are created in the image and likeness of God himself. By this standard, what we owe to our country and its government may be respect, compliance with laws, and payment of taxes. But what we owe to God is something much more than a few coins or a measure of income. What we owe to God is something much more than patriotic anthems or salutes. What we owe to God is our whole life and how we live it.

Thirteen years ago, I began teaching at a secular business university where the curriculum emphasizes competition, enterprise, money-making, and success. At the time, I struggled with how to reconcile teaching there and at the same time coordinating adult and youth faith formation programs at a nearby parish. I shared this struggle with my longtime friend, Linda, who specializes in blunt and honest advice. Linda's response was simple and straightforward. She said: "Teach your students well and treat them well. Be a good teacher and be a good Christian. Be kind. Be compassionate. Be understanding." Over the years, I have been blessed to receive good advice from family, friends, and colleagues. But Linda's advice was the best and most practical advice ever given to me.

Needless to say, the gospel is easy to preach, but difficult to live. We face choices, consequences, traps and temptations that make it seemingly impossible to repay what we owe: love for God and love for neighbor. I struggle to cope with my debt to God. I struggle to believe, pray, love God, and love those whom God has given me to cherish, respect, and serve. And it's not just about my own faults and failings; or the faults and failings of others. After all, we are all broken and we are all sinners. It's about a moment in history when our culture seems dominated by anger & division; a moment in history when our leaders earn attention not by how they serve the greatest good, but by how they attack their opponents; a moment in history when we feel forced to choose between the disastrous & the unpalatable.

In this environment, how do we respect Caesar? How do we love God? And how do we love others? First, we should listen to Jesus, who teaches us that the politics of the day pales in comparison with the promise of eternal life. We should listen to Jesus who calls us to love God with all our heart and all our strength, and to love others as we love ourselves. We should also listen to my friend, Linda, who reminds us that whether we are educators or accountants or fishermen or homemakers, we are called to compassion, kindness, and understanding. Whoever we are and wherever we are, we are called to repay what we owe by simply being good Christians: today, tomorrow, and always. Amen!

**PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE**

**THE ASSISI PROJECT  
TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR (2007-2017)  
Saturday, October 28th at 8:00am**

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Africa. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the Catholic Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of every month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, faith sharing, formation, and fellowship. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th beginning at 8:00am. All are reminded that you do not need to travel with us to Assisi in order to become part of the Assisi Project!

Members of our fellowship, ranging in age from 15 to 92 all around the world, also pray for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like more information about the Assisi Project or if you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD  
CHRISTMAS FAIR BASKET WHEEL  
Now Accepting Donations!**

The Basket Wheel is the biggest "money maker" at our Christmas Fair, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th and is the biggest fundraiser of the year at Holy Family Parish! The great success of the Basket Wheel depends on donations from our parishioners and friends! So, all are encouraged to create and donate a \$25 theme basket for crafts, kids, family nights, movie nights, snow days, holiday gift wrapping, or summer barbecues!

Creating a basket can be both fun and inexpensive when families, friends, and neighbors work together in support of our parish! Last year, more than 120 baskets were donated and won at the Basket Wheel! Donations are now being accepted! Please help us keep the Basket Wheel spinning and make this year's Christmas Fair a record-breaking success! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE!  
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00pm  
Saint Ann Church  
Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!**

**ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS**

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS  
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
Wednesday, November 1st**

Since late antiquity, the People of God have honored the holy men and women who have been canonized by saints in the Roman Catholic Church. The Solemnity of All Saints honors all saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us in faith and pray for the salvation of all souls. In commemoration of this Holy Day of Obligation on Wednesday, November 1st, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

**Tuesday, October 31st · Vigil Mass**  
Saint Joachim Church at 7:00pm

**Wednesday, November 1st · Holy Day Masses**  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 8:00am  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 12:00pm  
Saint Ann Church at 7:00pm

For more information about the Solemnity of All Saints in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**MONTH OF ALL SOULS  
MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE  
For Families, Friends & Fellow Parishioners**

During the coming Month of All Souls, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate three Masses of Remembrance for those whose funerals were celebrated in our churches and have thus journeyed home to the Lord during the past year. These Masses will be celebrated according to the following schedule:

**Mass of Remembrance I**  
Saturday, October 28th at 4:00pm  
Saint Ann Church

**Mass of Remembrance II**  
Sunday, November 12th at 11:45am  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

**Mass of Remembrance III**  
Sunday, November 19th at 10:00am  
Saint Joachim Church

At each Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and fellow parishioners will be read aloud. During the Month of All Souls, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for those we have lost. For more information about the Month of All Souls, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## FORMING YOUNG DISCIPLES

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Request for Prayers!

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

Our program is simple and family-friendly! First, we place primary focus on inviting families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses. Second, all second grade children and their parents (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 "Faith & Family Workshop" is offered at three different times, so each family can choose which option works best for them!

This year, 57 of our youngest fellow parishioners from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are preparing for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. As preparations for First Holy Communion continue, please pray for all of our students and their families, and for all of our catechists and volunteers! For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgrronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrronline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesday Afternoons at 5:00pm

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry performs at Mass each weekend in one of our three churches: Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, or Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our next weekly rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th at 5:00pm in Saint Ann 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 part of this ministry is a great way to learn more about the musical traditions of the Catholic Church, make new friends, and participate more fully in the life of our parishes! If your child would like to join us in singing the Lord's praises, please contact Patty Natti at [pnatti@comcast.net](mailto:pnatti@comcast.net) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER Join us: [ccgrronline.com/prayer/](http://ccgrronline.com/prayer/)

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at [ccgrronline.com/prayer](http://ccgrronline.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 weekly newsletter for 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 reflections on the scriptures, spirituality, and the lives of saints. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word is posted at [ccgrronline.com/news](http://ccgrronline.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@ccgrronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgrronline.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****OCTOBER 21 – OCTOBER 29, 2017**

<b>Saturday, October 21</b>	<b>Vigil · 29th Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Giovanna Frisella
6:00pm · OLGV	Francis, Elizabeth & Peter Bruni
<b>Sunday, October 22</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
8:15am · Saint Ann	Anthony & Angie Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Elizabeth Murphy
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>29th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, October 23 8:00am · OLGV	Peter L. Burns
Tuesday, October 24 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Alice Quinn
Wednesday, October 25 8:00am · OLGV	Fitz Lufkin, Jr.
Thursday, October 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Cynthia Loiacano
Friday, October 27 8:00am · OLGV	Muriel Stack
Saturday, October 28 8:00am · Saint Ann	Assisi Project Intentions
<b>Saturday, October 28</b>	<b>Vigil · 30th Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass of Remembrance
6:00pm · OLGV	Carleton & Richard Duwart
<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Anibal E. Senos
8:15am · Saint Ann	Capt. Girolomo & Grace Lovasco
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Graziella Palazzola
11:45am · OLGV	Andrew & Teresa Murphy
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of October 14th – October 15th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,800.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,678.00
Second Collection (Missions)	\$1,476.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,269.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of October 14th – October 15th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,046.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,126.00
Second Collection (Missions)	\$649.00

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 Phyllis Orlando  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Domenico Viviano  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Salvatore Curcuru  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Paul McDonald  
Sanctuary Flowers · 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](mailto: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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