

# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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## HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

### Father Jim's Advent Scripture Study

THE MESSIAH: THE TEXTS BEHIND HANDEL'S MASTERPIECE  
 BEGINS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT NOON — OUR LADY'S HALL

During the Holy Season of Advent, all adult parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim for a weekly lunchtime scripture study based on the scriptural libretto of George Frideric Handel's "Messiah." On four consecutive Thursdays from November 30th through December 21st at 12:00pm in Our Lady's Hall, Father Jim will lead a one-hour discussion and reflection on the scripture passages used in Handel's beautiful operatic treatment of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In preparation for each week's session, participants will be asked to read from Douglas Connelly's book, "The Messiah: The Texts Behind Handel's Masterpiece." All participants are welcome to bring their own lunch and join us for as many sessions as possible. A donation of \$20.00 is requested from those who can afford it. Participants will be provided with a copy of the book, along with coffee, tea, or bottled water. If you would like to join us for this special scripture study series, please contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgonline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### Advent Faith & Family Mass

A YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT 4:00PM — SAINT ANN CHURCH

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all children, parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are invited to join Father Jim for our Third Annual Advent Faith & Family Mass on Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about the Jesse Tree (see Isaiah 11:1-4) and a special blessing for all families and children. In addition, every child will receive a special gift.

Please save these dates for our upcoming Faith & Family Masses: Saturday, January 6th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday, February 18th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and Saturday, May 12th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. For more information about our Advent Faith & Family Mass, please see Father Jim or contact Betsy Works at [bworks@ccgonline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820. Let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our Teacher! Every child is a gift from God! And every family in our pews is a gift from God, too! Please spread the word among your family and friends! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### Advent & Christmas Concert

AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 2:00PM — SAINT ANN CHURCH

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Tom Misuraca, LuAnn Pallazola, and our adult and youth music ministries for our Thirteenth Annual Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church. All of this year's musical selections have been chosen to help prepare our hearts to celebrate more fully the Holy Season of Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. As always, our adult and youth choirs will perform along with talented instrumentalists. In addition, members of our Brazilian Community will perform with us, too! For more information about this popular holiday tradition, please contact Tom Misuraca at [tmisuraca@ccgonline.com](mailto:tmisuraca@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us as we share the gift of music! All are invited! All are welcome!

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### Our New Pastoral Council

It is hard to believe that it has been more than three years since Cardinal Sean asked me to serve as pastor of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, a collaborative of two historic parishes: Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. As you know, this model of parish life is the product of an archdiocesan pastoral plan called "Disciples in Mission." This innovative plan called for multiple parishes to remain canonically and financially independent, but served by one pastor, one pastoral team, and one pastoral council.

When I became your pastor in June 2014, the success of our collaboration was uncertain. Almost immediately, it became clear that because of the shortage of priests, only one priest would be assigned to our parishes on a full-time basis for the foreseeable future. Soon after, it became necessary to evaluate our buildings, finances, programs, worship schedules, and the ministries of our pastoral team members. Some changes went unnoticed. Other changes were more difficult to accept or understand. And although our first months together were sometimes challenging, we have made steady progress toward truly becoming a faith community united in prayer, fellowship, and service.

The measure of our progress is a tribute to the deep faith, dedication, and resilience of all our fellow parishioners. Your ongoing kindness, prayers, and generosity of spirit mean the world to me. In addition, we must thank our pastoral team, which has weathered some difficult storms with grace and resolve. We must thank our parish finance councils for their good advice and ongoing commitment to the long-term financial stability of our parishes. And now, we must congratulate and thank (in advance) the members of our newly-created collaborative pastoral council, which has been chosen based on your input, guidance, and good counsel.

Unlike a traditional parish council, whose members focus on the needs of one particular parish, our collaborative pastoral council will be called to think beyond the boundaries and interests of "my parish" toward a broad appreciation for the common good of "our parishes." After our spring nomination process and a period of consultation with members of our pastoral team and other parishioners, I am happy to announce that the following parishioners have agreed to serve on our council:

Maureen Cusumano (OLGV)  
Jennifer Dort (OLGV)  
Mary Duran (HFP)  
Margaret Wieberg (HFP)

All of our new council members are registered parishioners, active participants in the life of our parishes, and committed to the success of our collaborative and its pastoral plan. Please note that in accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, each parish is equally represented by two parishioners and will meet approximately five times each year. Also in accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, three members of our pastoral team will serve as voting members of the council: Cliff Garvey, Deacon Raymond Wellbank, and myself. Our first public meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Saint Ann Church. After Mass, we will gather in Saint Ann Church Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend. If you would like to share your views with our collaborative pastoral council, please feel welcome to contact us at [cpc@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cpc@ccgrounline.com).

As our collaborative pastoral council begins its new ministry, please pray its members, for me and our senior priests, for our pastoral team, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. May the Holy Spirit continue to unite us as a community of prayer, fellowship, and service. And may our Risen Lord bless us with the courage and grace to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church.

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 215 MEETING Tuesday, November 14 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. 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, November 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). For more information, please contact Mark Natti at [grandknight@kofc215.com](mailto:grandknight@kofc215.com) or 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH ANNUAL TURKEY GIVEAWAY Monday, November 20th at 7:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway on Monday, November 20th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. We will have turkeys for raffle, a 50-50 raffle, and our famous homemade sweetbread, along with cider, vegetables, and all trimmings for a delicious feast on Thanksgiving Day! Pizza and soft drinks will be available, too! So, please join us for this exciting holiday tradition! For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass or contact him at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### MONTH OF ALL SOULS MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE November 12th & November 19th

During this 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. Our first Mass of Remembrance was celebrated on Saturday, October 28th in Saint Ann Church. Additional Masses of Remembrance will be celebrated on Sunday, November 12th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and on Sunday, November 19th at 10:00am in Saint Joachim Church.

During 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 during the past year. For more information about the Month of All Souls, please see Father Jim before or after Mass or contact him at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT



### SEASONS OF THE HEART with SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER

### ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT December 6th – December 8th at 7:00pm

All are invited to join us for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Advent Mission & Retreat from Wednesday, December 6th through Friday, December 8th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer and Mass at 7:00pm. We will be blessed to welcome back Sister Elizabeth Wagner as our special guest and spiritual director, who will lead us in prayer and reflection each evening after Mass.

Sister Elizabeth lives a contemplative life at Transfiguration Hermitage in Windsor, Maine, which she founded as a semi-eremital community devoted to prayer and solitude according to the Rule of Saint Benedict. She is a hermit, award-winning writer, spiritual director, and retreat leader. Sister Elizabeth is also formation director, gardener, and groundskeeper of the hermitage.

In addition to Sister Elizabeth's nightly reflections during our mission and retreat, she will sign copies of her book, "Seasons In My Garden." This beautiful book intricately weaves insights from her own spiritual journey with observations about the passing of seasons. It offers readers spiritual guidance and understanding that the patient tending of the soul can transform our lives into flourishing gardens that God can use to reflect his glory. Copies of the book will be available for \$16.95 per copy.

Sister Elizabeth and Sister Bernadette (the hermitage's baker and cook) will also tempt us with their famous homemade fruitcakes, cookies, jams, and sauces (all of which will be available for purchase after each evening of the mission and retreat). All proceeds will benefit Transfiguration Hermitage which depends on the generosity of benefactors and friends from around the world.

Please note that the Advent Mission & Retreat is free but donations will be gratefully accepted during Mass to support our adult faith formation programs. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR



### HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday November 18th · 9:00am – 2:00pm**

All are invited to join Holy Family Parish for our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This year's fair will feature various tables, including homemade baked goods and cookies, Christmas decorations, Santa's Corner, Chinese Raffle, White Elephant Table, and our famous Basket Wheel (see below)! In addition, raffle tickets are now available for cash prizes, an Apple Watch, and a Red Sox Game Package.

We are very grateful for all donations to the Basket Wheel and to all of our other sale tables! We are especially grateful to Greely Funeral Home and Pike-Newhall Funeral Home for their donations of raffle prizes. The Christmas Fair Committee and the Holy Family Women's Guild are working overtime to make this year's fair another great success! So, please support this important parish fundraising event by joining us on Saturday, November 18th in Saint Ann Church Hall! For more information about volunteering at the Christmas Fair, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### 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!

## 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.

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  
Canned Fruits & Vegetables · Apple Sauce  
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. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, please contact Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com 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/](http://ccgonline.com/fellowship/)  
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**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****NOVEMBER 11 – NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

<b>Saturday, November 11</b>	<b>Vigil · 32nd Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rosalia & Enzo Giambanco
6:00pm · OLGV	Eleanor Salah
<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	The Wholley Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Lillian Novello
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Angela & Nicolo Vitale
11:45am · OLGV	Mass of Remembrance
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>32nd Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, November 13 8:00am · OLGV	Arlene Muise
Tuesday, November 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Peter Coley
Wednesday, November 15 8:00am · OLGV	Peter Henry Warny
Thursday, November 16 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Josie Ciaramitaro
Friday, November 17 8:00am · OLGV	José & Maria DaSilva Vinagre
Saturday, November 18 8:00am · Saint Ann	Graziella Palazolla
<b>Saturday, November 18</b>	<b>Vigil · 33rd Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Family of Onofrio Maggiore
6:00pm · OLGV	Michael Mortillaro
<b>Sunday, November 19</b>	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Charles J. Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass of Remembrance
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of November 4th – November 5th**

Weekly Offerings	N/A
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	N/A
Second Collection (Missions)	N/A
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$223,329.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of November 4th – November 5th**

Weekly Offerings	N/A
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$10,859.00

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 Andrew & Margaret Orlando  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John Priest  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Millard & Marion Solomon  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of John S. Testaverde  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of John Carrancho  
Sanctuary Gifts · 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!