

# 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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## 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@ccgrounline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgrounline.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@ccgrounline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgrounline.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@ccgrounline.com](mailto:tmisuraca@ccgrounline.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

### Giving Praise & Thanks

Last week, Cliff and I were truly blessed to lead fifteen friends and fellow parishioners on the Assisi Project's Tenth Annual Fall Pilgrimage and Retreat to Assisi, Italy. Throughout the week, our dedicated group of pilgrims prayer together, broke bread together, and literally walked together in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. During our pilgrimage week, Saint Francis and Saint Clare taught us that we are all called to the Gospel Life, a life built on love, friendship, generosity, sacrifice, simplicity, and true poverty — the wisdom to acknowledge and understand that all we have, all that we are, and all that we might become depend on our all good and gracious God.

In so many ways, Francis of Assisi was very much like us. Before his conversion, Francis was a real sinner. Even after his conversion, he was easily disappointed and frustrated with the course of his life. At the same time, in the midst of an often chaotic and violent world, Francis found consolation and joy in the Lord and in the Lord's many blessings and gifts. While composing the first rule of life for his fledgling community of friars, Francis tried to describe God. More than eight centuries later, his words remind us of God's abundance, God's love, God's power, and God's undeniable presence in our lives. As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, let us pray with him:

Let nothing hinder us,  
 nothing separate us,  
 nothing come between us.  
 Wherever we are,  
 in every place, at every hour,  
 at every time of the day,  
 every day and always,  
 let us all truly and humbly believe,  
 hold in our hearts,  
 love, honor, adore,  
 serve, praise, and bless,  
 glorify and exalt,  
 magnify and give thanks  
 to the Most High and Supreme Eternal God,  
 Trinity and Unity,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 Creator of all and Savior of all  
 who believe in him, hope in him, and love him,  
 who is without beginning or end,  
 who is unchangeable, invisible,  
 indescribable, ineffable,  
 incomprehensible, unfathomable,  
 blessed, praiseworthy,  
 glorious, exalted, sublime, most high,  
 gentle, lovable, delightful,  
 and totally desirable above all else  
 forever and always. Amen.

During our week in Assisi, our pilgrims prayed every morning and every evening for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Please join Cliff and me in thanking our pilgrims for their prayers: Patricia Bertero, Fernanda Brown, Maureen Cusumano, Angelica Duran, Mary Duran, Sandra Lucero, Darice McIntire, Jean Madruga, Ann Marie Noble, Patty Natti, Betsy Reid, Deborah Stuart, and Betsy Works. Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace and blessings to all,  
 Father Jim

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### 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@ccgrounline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday, December 2nd · 9:00am – 1:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for the Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Highlights will include a fried dough breakfast, a linguica and hot dog lunch, coffee, soft drinks, and all the fixings!

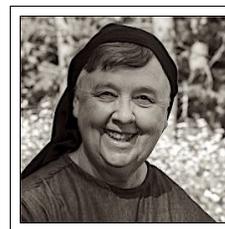
Sale tables will include the general store, Christmas decoration, religious items, jewelry, plants, cookies, fudge, baked goods, and our delicious homemade sweetbread. We will also have a Mega Raffle Table with many great prizes! And Santa Claus is scheduled to appear at 11:30am with treats for our children! Volunteers are still needed for set-up and clean-up! For more information, please contact Beth Fosberry at [jcbf33@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbf33@yahoo.com) or 978-790-0196. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at [ccgrounline.com/prayer/](http://ccgrounline.com/prayer/). Our website features links to 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 e-newsletter for families that includes a weekly reflection, suggestions for praying with the scriptures, and inspirational words of wisdom by Pope Francis. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word (and our own weekly newsletter) are posted at [ccgrounline.com/news](http://ccgrounline.com/news). Spread the word! 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@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## THE ASSISI PROJECT

### 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 Jesus Christ through the inspiration of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. Our mission is to serve the Church and to give witness to the Good News of Christ through prayer and formation, pilgrimage and retreat, and educating others about the Franciscan way of life. Members of the Assisi Project, ranging in age from 15 to 92 all around the world, pray for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com.

### THE ASSISI PROJECT TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR · 2007-2017 Saturday, November 25th at 8:00am

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of every month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 25th and our topic will be prayer. If you are interested in growing closer to Christ and learning more about Saint Francis, please prayerfully consider joining us! You do not need to travel with us to Assisi to be part of the Assisi Project! For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820; or check out website: assisiproject.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE ASSISI PROJECT TENTH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING Sunday, December 10th at 11:45am

In celebration of our tenth anniversary, all are invited to join the Assisi Project for a special gathering during Advent on Sunday, December 10th beginning with Mass at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, we will adjourn to Our Lady's Parish Hall for a homemade meal of bread, soups, and holiday desserts. In addition, Father Jim and Cliff Garvey will share memories and reflections about the group's ten years together as a "Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit."

Our tenth anniversary gathering will conclude at 3:00pm with Daytime Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited! If you plan to join us, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820 by Friday, December 8th so that we can plan adequately for food and drink. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### THANKSGIVING MASSES November 22nd – November 23rd

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for Holy Mass in celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday. All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd, at 8:00am in Saint Joachim Church. All are welcome as we gather to give praise and thanks for God's abundant gifts! Peace and blessings to all for a Happy Thanksgiving!

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES Help Us Share the Blessings of Christmas!

This year, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will once again sponsor the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Annual Christmas Giving Trees which help share the blessings of Christmas with local families in need. The Giving Trees will be placed at the entrances of Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church during the weekend of November 25th – November 26th.

Each tree will be decorated with colored stars that include a particular Christmas wish. If you can fulfill this wish, please take the star! Each gift should be donated new, unused, and unwrapped; and placed under the tree with the original star attached or delivered to our parish office. The Christmas Giving Trees will remain at our church entrances through Sunday, December 10th. All gifts should be returned no later than Tuesday, December 12th at 12:00pm. For more information, please contact Barbara Frontiero at barbara.frontiero@gortons.com or 978-281-4820. May God bless you for your generous support!

### 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 families, our parshes, 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 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****NOVEMBER 18 – NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

<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
	<b>33rd Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, November 20 8:00am · OLGV	Jean Mason
Tuesday, November 21 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, November 22 8:00am · OLGV	Robert Foster
Thursday, November 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass for the People
Friday, November 24 8:00am · OLGV	Jared Knowlton
Saturday, November 25 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
<b>Saturday, November 25</b>	<b>Vigil · Christ the King</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Romeo Family
6:00pm · OLGV	John Carrancho
<b>Sunday, November 26</b>	<b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Giuseppe Tedesco
8:15am · Saint Ann	Anthony Piraino
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Phyllis Toppan
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of November 11th – November 12th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,289.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,167.00
Second Collection (Human Development)	\$1,483.00
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 11th – November 12th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,391.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,471.00
Second Collection (Human Development)	\$512.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$12,344.00

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 the Giambanco Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Richard McGlaufflin  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of the Cilluffo Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Helen Korpi  
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@ccgonline.com](mailto:office@ccgonline.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!