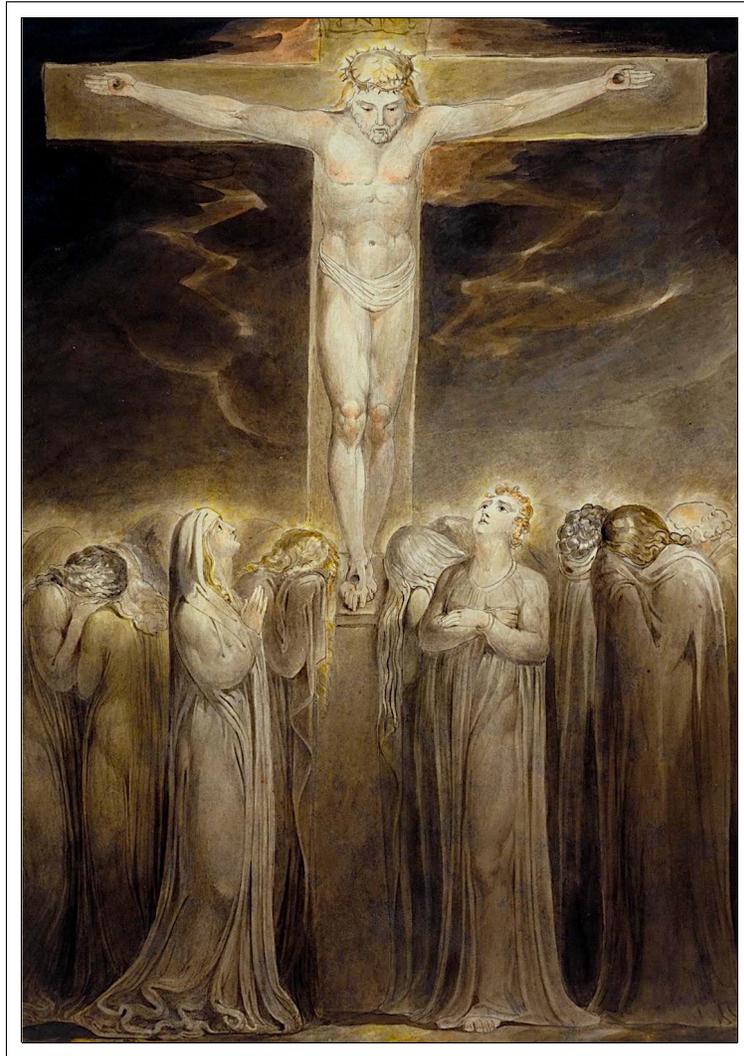


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday

OUR MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE
LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

The Holy Season of Lent is a time for prayer, penance, and almsgiving during which all Catholics are called to renew their faith in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14th, which is a Holy Day of Obligation (including abstinence and fasting) for all Roman Catholics. In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes according to the following schedule: Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; Mass at 12:00pm in Saint Ann Church; and Mass at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. In addition, we will celebrate a Service of the Word (with the distribution of ashes) at 5:00pm in Saint Joachim Church. For more information about the Holy Season of Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgconline.com. As our Lenten journey begins, please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

The Stations of the Cross

A TRADITIONAL LENTEN DEVOTION
FRIDAYS DURING LENT

The Stations of the Cross are one of the most enduring and moving devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with those of the suffering Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with our Lord as he experiences the Passion of the Cross. During Lent, all are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in praying the Stations of the Cross on six consecutive Fridays (February 16th through March 23rd) according to the following schedule: Fridays at 3:00pm in Saint Ann Church and Fridays at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Please note that we will not pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 23rd at 7:00pm because that will be the final night of our Lent Mission & Retreat. For more information about the Holy Season of Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim or contact him at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgconline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Lent Mass for Families

A YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE 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 this spirit and in response to the Lord's call, all children, parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are invited to join Father Jim for a Lent Mass for Families on Sunday, February 18th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily and blessing for all of our parish children. In addition, because Lent is a season for prayer, penance, and almsgiving, all families will be asked to help us raise \$1,000 for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a service organization that provides food and financial assistance to local families in need. For more information about our Lent Mass for Families, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgconline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgconline.com!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A New Path of Self-Giving

This weekend, the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the World Day of the Sick: a moment to pray, discern, and reflect on our response to the needs of our brothers and sisters who cope with illnesses of body, mind, and spirit. In this year's message for the World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis writes that the Christian community's obligation to care for the sick began with the Crucifixion, when the Lord entrusted the Blessed Mother and the Beloved Disciple into each other's loving care (See John 19:26-27). The Holy Father writes: "The unspeakable pain of the Cross pierces Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), but does not paralyze her. Quite the opposite. As the Lord's mother, a new path of self-giving opens before her. On the Cross, Jesus showed his concern for the Church and for all people; and Mary is called to share in that concern...The Acts of the Apostles show that Mary began to carry out this role in the earliest Christian community. It is a role that never ceases." In this way, caring for the sick and the suffering are among the oldest and most sacred ministries in the history of the Catholic Church.

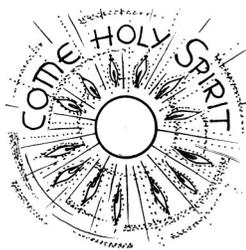
In Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, we reach out to care and comfort the sick everyday. As your pastor, I celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with our fellow parishioners who are homebound, with patients in our hospitals and nursing homes, and with those preparing for surgeries or other medical treatments. In addition, a small but dedicated group of volunteers assists me in this ministry by bringing the Holy Eucharist to our friends and family members who are unable to join us for Mass due to age, illness, or disability. And last but not least, the deeply devoted members of the Legion of Mary visit the sick and homebound, bless them with holy water, pray the Rosary with them, and sometimes just sit and talk with them. By praying with those who are sick, these ministries reenact the moment when Mary and John knelt beneath the Cross and prayed for our Suffering Savior.

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's ongoing outreach to the sick and homebound is humble, imperfect, and done without fanfare. It often goes unnoticed and unappreciated. It is sometimes hard and heartbreaking work. At the same time, our pastoral care of the sick is essential to the life of our parishes because it enables us to share the Good News of Christ with those who suffer in our own neighborhoods. It brings consolation, hope, and some small joy to those who are sometimes alone and forgotten. Therefore, in order to better fulfill our vocation to live the Gospel and share God's love with the sick and the suffering, our parishes always welcome new volunteers with a sincere commitment to help us help others. If you are able and willing to share in this ministry and to make a real difference in the lives of our sickest brothers and sisters, please contact me.

This weekend is devoted to praying for and reflecting on the needs of those among us who are unwell in body, mind, or spirit. All are invited to read and reflect on the Holy Father's Message for the World Day of the Sick by visiting our website: ccgonline.com. Finally, let us pray together with Pope Francis who writes: "May the Virgin Mary intercede for us on this Twenty-Sixth World Day of the Sick. May she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus. And may she support all who care for them." Amen! May God bless those who are sick and suffering in Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. May God bless those who minister to them with love, compassion, and understanding. And may God bless all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Amen!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM Begins February 25th! Registration Underway!

For too many teenagers, the Sacrament of Confirmation has sadly become a kind of graduation from the Catholic Church rather than the joyful beginning of life as an adult disciple within the Church. We hope to end this tragic ambivalence by transforming sacramental preparation into an engaging process for the whole family.

First, we place primary focus on attending Mass. For more than a century, the Church asked every parish to offer sacramental preparation programs for children and teenagers. During recent decades, however, we neglected to remind parents of their baptismal promise to be the first teachers of their children in all matters related to faith and morals; and that the most important component of their responsibility is attending Mass as a family.

In our increasingly busy world, it has become common for parents to entrust their children to us for an hour of instruction, but then not join us for Mass each weekend. So, we will continue to ask parents to dedicate one hour each week to their child's religious education by joining us for one of our seven weekend Masses!

In addition, all high school students (beginning in ninth grade) are invited to participate in our two-year program of formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the first year, students will attend seven interactive workshops about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. These sessions begin on Sunday, February 25th. During the second year, students will attend additional workshops and a mini-retreat designed to help them grow in prayer, fellowship, and service; to prepare them to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and to jumpstart their lives as faith-filled young disciples.

If your child is now in high school and wants to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete a registration form and return it as soon as possible! Registration forms are available at ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK GOD'S SACRAMENT OF HEALING Available Upon Request

Is there anyone sick among you? This question, found in the New Testament's Letter to Saint James (James 5:14), serves as an invitation for the sick and their caregivers to call upon the priests of the Church to pray over them and to anoint them with holy oil in the Lord's name. All parishioners are welcome to ask for prayer and for the Sacrament of the Sick during medical emergencies, before or after surgeries, or when diagnosed with a serious illness. This sacrament should not be seen as "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of the Lord's healing presence in the lives of his faithful people.

If you or someone you love would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Holy Communion because they are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing care due to age, illness, or disability, please see Father Jim; or contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please pray for all of our aged, disabled, hospitalized, and homebound fellow parishioners. May God bless and comfort them. May God bless and strengthen all caregivers. And may God bless and console all among us who grieve the loss of a friend or family member.

THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesdays at 4:00pm

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.

Every 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 experiences, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual directors. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. The Legion of Mary warmly welcomes new members! Please join us!

SAVE THE DATES! LENT MISSION & RETREAT with SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER

Wednesday, March 21st – Friday, March 23rd at 7pm
Learn more: ccgronline.com/formation!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK Sunday, February 11th

This weekend, the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the 26th Annual World Day of the Sick. In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, this is a unique opportunity for our community to pray for those who suffer with chronic or terminal illnesses and to celebrate God's healing, love, and mercy for all who suffer and for all who care for them.

In last year's message for the World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis wrote: "This day is an opportunity to reflect on the needs of the sick and of all who suffer. It is also an occasion for those who generously assist the sick, beginning with family members, health workers, and volunteers to give thanks for their God-given vocations to accompany our brothers and sisters who suffer. Likewise, this celebration gives the whole Church renewed spiritual energy to carry out more fully the fundamental part of her mission to serve the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the marginalized in our societies."

As we commemorate the World Day of the Sick, let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord on behalf of those who are sick, those who are suffering, and those who are dying. May God bless them, comfort them, and strengthen them with the balm of his healing love and mercy.

A Prayer for the Sick

Almighty God and Father,
all praise and glory is yours
for you have called us to serve you in love.
Bless you servant, N.,
so that he/she may bear their illness
in union with your Son's obedient suffering.
Restore him/her to health, and lead him/her to glory.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the Dying

Lord Jesus Christ,
as you stood by the bed of Saint Joseph
and gently led him home to heaven,
so shepherd every soul about to die
to a paradise of perfect peace.
Let the tears we shed upon their passing
stand witness to our love for them
and the depth of our thanksgiving
for the gift of their lives
and the grace of a good death.
For you are our Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP JESUS, LENT & ME

Begins Tuesday, February 20th at 8:00am

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our next Catholic Kids Camp: "Jesus, Lent & Me" from Tuesday, February 20th through Friday, February 23rd from 8:00am until 12:00pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer, fun, and fellowship, children will learn about the Holy Season of Lent and the Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 20th
Our Lenten Journey

Day II: Wednesday, February 21st
Praying with Jesus

Day III: Thursday, February 22nd
Fasting with Jesus

Day IV: Friday, February 23rd
Almsgiving with Jesus

Each day of our Catholic Kids Camp will begin with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, learning, and good times with friends both old and new. Catholic Kids Camp is an exciting and educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during the winter school vacation is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families that cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available at ccgrounline.com/formation. For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Saturday, February 10	Vigil · Sixth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Zachary Marr
6:00pm · OLGV	John “Toot” Madruga
Sunday, February 11	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Antoinette & Sammy Curcuru
10:00am · Saint Joachim	James Knowlton
11:45am · OLGV	Paula Tillman
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Sixth Week of Ordinary Time
Monday, February 12 8:00am · OLGV	Stephen John Murray
Tuesday, February 13 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John & Irma Gariboldi
Wednesday, February 14 8:00am · OLGV	Joseph Barbagallo
Thursday, February 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Nancy Moura
Friday, February 16 8:00am · OLGV	Angelina Matos
Saturday, February 17 8:00am · Saint Ann	William & Grace Budrow
Saturday, February 17	Vigil · First Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Thomas & Rose Lupo
6:00pm · OLGV	Helen F. Taber
Sunday, February 18	First Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	José & Isolina Matos
8:15am · Saint Ann	Gabriele & Orsola Ferrante
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Eugene Feener
11:45am · OLGV	Ray Chasse
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of February 3rd – February 4th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,064.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,942.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$32,865.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of February 3rd – February 4th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,823.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,903.00
Second Collection (Utilities)	\$1,560.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$17,238.00

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 Captain Francesco Ciaramitaro
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John & Irma Gariboldi
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of the Asaro Family
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Captain James F. Parisi
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 family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrronline.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!