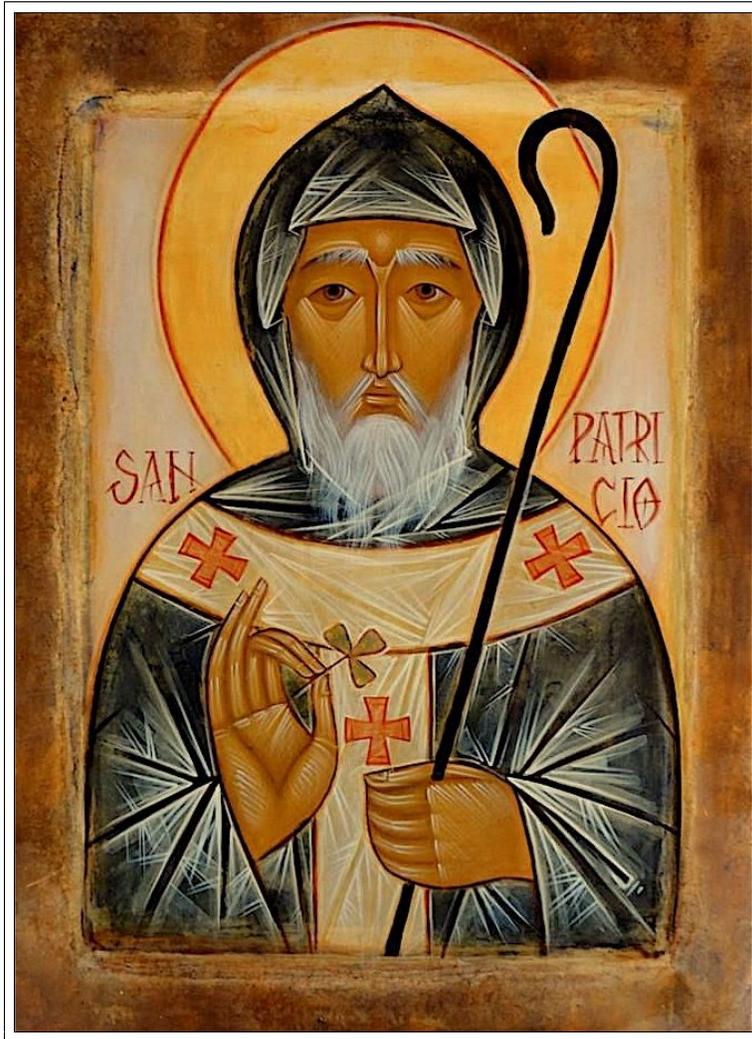


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

Fourth Sunday of Lent · March 11, 2018



THE LORICA OF SAINT PATRICK

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HOLY SEASON OF LENT

The Light Is On For You!

CONFESSIONS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH · 6:00PM-8:00PM

During the Holy Season of Lent, all Catholics are invited to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation. Confessions are heard every Saturday afternoon from 3:00pm until 3:30pm. In addition, all are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 14th for "The Light Is On For You!" from 6:00pm until 8:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. This special evening of prayer will include Evening Prayer and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours; Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and two full hours of confessions for those who feel called to participate.

For some among us, this may be a time for confession and sacramental reconciliation. For some, it may be a time for silent prayer and reflection. And for some, it may be a time to begin or renew a life of faith. Our "Guide for Making a Good Confession" is available online and at the entrances of all of our churches. For additional information about the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation, please visit our website: ccgrounline.com/sacraments; or contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Wherever you are on your faith journey, the light is on for you! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross

THE TRADITIONAL LENTEN DEVOTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH · 3:00PM & 7:00PM

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 the Holy Season of Lent, all are invited to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays 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 (see page 5 for details). 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@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

The Assisi Project

PALM SUNDAY WITH SAINT FRANCIS
SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH · BEGINS AT 11:45AM

Founded in 2007, the Assisi Project is a "Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit" that seeks to live the Gospel of Christ through the inspiration of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our mission is to serve the Church and give witness to the Good News of Christ through formation and prayer, pilgrimage and retreat, and educating others about our way of life. On Palm Sunday, March 25th, all are invited to join the Assisi Project for "Palm Sunday with Saint Francis." Our gathering will begin with Mass at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, we will adjourn to the parish hall for a light Lenten lunch. After our shared meal, we will return to Our Lady's Church for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration that will include a Franciscan Way of the Cross. If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. All are invited! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Lorica of Saint Patrick

A PRAYER OF PROTECTION DURING LENT

Saint Patrick lived during the second half of the fifth century. He was a missionary and a monk who later became first bishop and primate of Ireland. Saint Patrick is venerated in the Anglican Communion, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Roman Catholic Church as the founder of Christianity in Ireland and as patron of Ireland. He is also venerated as patron saint of Puerto Rico, Spain, and the Archdioceses of Boston, Newark, and New York; and as a protector against both snakebites and sins. His feast day is celebrated on March 17th, which tradition holds is the day of his death.

The Lorica of Saint Patrick is a prayer of protection that is prayed as a safeguard against evil. The word "lorica" in Latin means armor or breastplate. In this context, the Lorica (or Breastplate) of Saint Patrick is a spiritual shield against darkness in the form of a prayer that reads like a poem or litany. Some scholars disagree about whether it was actually written by Saint Patrick, but it was discovered in 1903 as part of a collection of ancient hymns that includes an account of how the saint used the prayer as protection against adversaries who sought to prevent the conversion of the Irish people.

Over the years, the Lorica of Saint Patrick has been revised and shortened for popular usage. Throughout the coming week, the longer and original version of the Lorica of Saint Patrick will be posted on our website: ccgronline.com. As the Feast of Saint Patrick approaches and as our Lenten journey continues, let us pray together for God's guidance, God's protection, and God's strength. Let us pray together for the grace to keep our thoughts, words, and deeds focused on Christ. And let us pray for each other: that the Lord will unite all peoples in prayer, fellowship, and service; and help us to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church.

I arise this day through
 God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me,
 God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to see before me,
 God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me,
 God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me,
 God's shield to protect me, God's host to secure me:
 against the snares of the devil,
 against temptations and vices,
 against inclinations of nature,
 against anyone who might wish me ill,
 both far and near, both alone and in a crowd.
 Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
 Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
 Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I rise,
 Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of every person who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.
 Salvation comes from the Lord
 Salvation comes from the Christ.
 May your salvation, O Lord, be always with us. Amen.

Saint Patrick, pray for us!

YEAR FOR VOCATIONS

YEAR FOR VOCATIONS Discerning the Call to Priesthood

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate (bishops) presbyterate (priests), and diaconate (deacons)." The priesthood is a vocation for life, not just an occupation that one might choose. This means that the priest is chosen to accomplish God's saving work through prayer, sacramental ministry, and pastoral ministry.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has asked all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston to create a culture of discernment; and to pray for vocations to the diocesan priesthood, identify potential candidates for seminary formation, and encourage those candidates to embrace their vocations. In this spirit, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport encourages young men to prayerfully consider the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood:

O Lord, I do not know what to ask you.
 You alone know my real needs,
 and you love me more
 than I even know how to love.
 Enable me to discern my true needs
 which are hidden from me.
 I ask for neither Cross nor consolation.
 I wait in patience for you.
 My heart is open to you.
 For your great mercy's sake,
 come to me and help me.
 Put your mark on me and heal me.
 Cast me down and raise me up.
 Silently, I adore your holy will.
 I offer myself in sacrifice to you
 and put all my trust in you.
 I desire only to do your will.
 Teach me how to pray
 and pray in me yourself. Amen.

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), more than eighty percent of the men ordained to the priesthood in 2017 were encouraged to discern their vocations by their families, friends, fellow parishioners, and pastors. The research also shows that many newly ordained priests were high school students when they first considered their vocation to the priesthood. If you feel called to discern a vocation to the priesthood or if you know someone whose vocation should be encouraged, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com; or visit our website for more information: ccgrounline.com/vocations. Thank you!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER Join us: ccgrounline.com/prayer/!

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgrounline.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 ccgrounline.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@ccgrounline.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!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE Monday, March 12th at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, March 12th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, the Penny Sale will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, delicious homemade sweetbread, and other fresh food and snacks. Donations are being accepted at our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). Julia Garcia and Mary Piscitello will serve as co-chairwomen of this special event. For more information, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS · COUNCIL 215 Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00pm

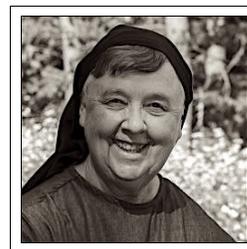
The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal and charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. If you have twenty-four hours to volunteer for charity this year, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our communities. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00pm in the parish center, which is located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Mark Natti at grandknight@kofc215.com; leave a message at 978-281-4820; or visit our website: kofc215.com. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

PASTOR'S NOTE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS

Our recent "Catholic Kids Camp: Jesus, Lent, and Me" was a great success! We were blessed to welcome eighteen young campers who spent their recent school vacation week in a four-day program of activities, games, music, skits, and craft projects. Most importantly, however, these young disciples were deeply engaged in hands-on learning about the Holy Season of Lent and the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport thanks Betsy Works for her creativity, dedication, and hard work in organizing and leading our Catholic Kids Camps. We especially thank these dedicated volunteers: Rizza Anderson, Fernanda Brown, Carol Conlon, Angelica Duran, Mary Duran, Jenn Dort, Michael LePenna, Sean Lilly, Jean Madruga, MaryEllen McLeod, Marilyn Smith, and Diane Story. Thanks to all for a job very well done! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

YEAR FOR VOCATIONS



CALLED TO FULLNESS OF LIFE with SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER

LENT MISSION & RETREAT March 21st – March 23rd at 7:00pm

All are invited to join us for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Lent Mission & Retreat: "Called to Fullness of Life" from Wednesday, March 21st through Friday, March 23rd in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each evening will begin with 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.

As part of our "Year for Vocations," Sister Elizabeth will talk with us about finding meaning in daily life through God's abiding presence; discovering our true selves through God's grace; and growing into wholeness and purity of heart through God's love. In this way, our Lent Mission & Retreat is based on the promise that God calls each of us (heart, body, and soul) to live the Christian life. But because of our fallen natures, we spend our lives working our way back to God through an often painful process of discipleship and reintegration.

According to Sister Elizabeth, the ancient monastics would counsel us that our ultimate goal is purity of heart or what we might call wholeness or the true self. Ultimately, this year's Lent Mission & Retreat is about our individual faith journey and the "great walk back" from unlikeness to the fullness of life with God.

Sister Elizabeth Wagner 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.

Our Lent 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 cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**MARCH 10 – MARCH 18, 2018**

Saturday, March 10	Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rosaria & Giuseppe Cambria
6:00pm · OLGV	Debbi Burns
Sunday, March 11	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Joanna Vaught
8:15am · Saint Ann	Giuseppe Zizzo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Jim Contri & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Immigrants
Fourth Week of Lent	
Monday, March 12 8:00am · OLGV	Patricia Nagle
Tuesday, March 13 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Reverend Leo Lynch
Wednesday, March 14 8:00am · OLGV	Jack Duffey
Thursday, March 15 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Edward Leen, Jr.
Friday, March 16 8:00am · OLGV	Francis "Okie" O'Connor
Saturday, March 17 8:00am · OLGV	Susan Jamieson
Saturday, March 17	Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Lillian Morendo
6:00pm · OLGV	Vito Ciaramitaro
Sunday, March 18	Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Maria Raposo Sousa
8:15am · Saint Ann	Joseph & Yolanda Recchia
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Captain Michael Lovasco & Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Immigrants

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**
Weekend of March 3rd – March 4th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,633.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,511.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,142.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$39,820.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of March 3rd – March 4th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,466.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,546.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$20,792.00

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 Lena Lovasco
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Brandt Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Anthony Frontiero
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Sebastian "Buddy" Lovasco
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 family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your ongoing generous support of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! May God bless you and your family!