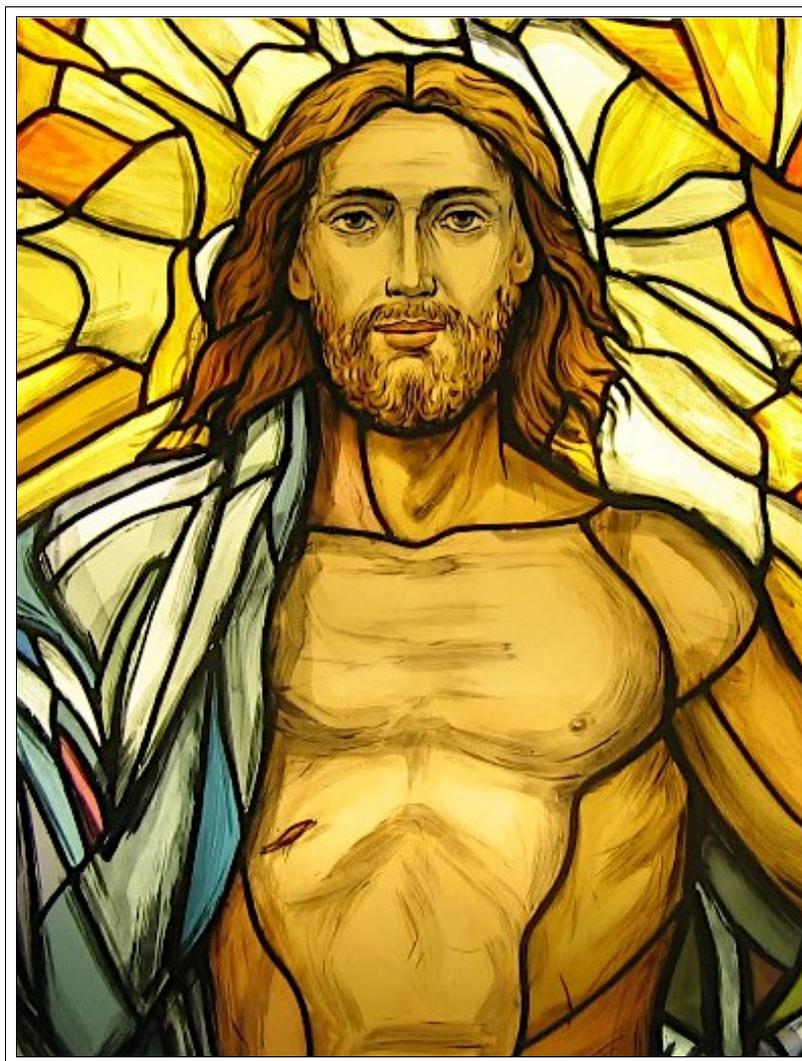


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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HAPPY EASTER!**Divine Mercy Sunday****A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S LOVE & MERCY**

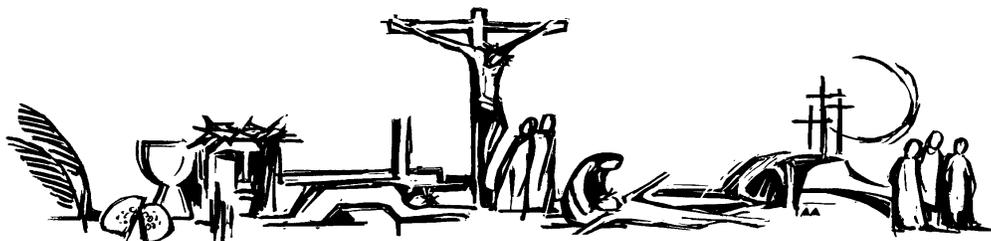
SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH · BEGINS AT 2:00PM

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska and designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy (popularly known as Divine Mercy Sunday). During the past two decades, the devotion has spread throughout the world and reflects a mystical message that the Risen Christ gave to Saint Faustina which was recorded in her diary: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy. This is the Easter gift that the Church received from the Risen Christ and offers to all people."

In this spirit, all are invited to join us for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 8th from 2:00pm until 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. This special afternoon of prayer and devotion will proceed according to the following schedule: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00pm; the Holy Rosary at 2:30pm; the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm; and Daytime Prayer & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30pm. In between these periods of shared prayer, all are invited to pray in silence in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, all are encouraged to pray with the following prayer which is traditionally recited each day at 3:00pm to commemorate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Jesus, you died
but the source of life flowed out
for souls and the ocean of mercy
opened up for the whole world.
O Fountain of Life,
immeasurable Divine Mercy,
cover the whole world
and empty yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water
which flowed out
from the heart of Jesus,
as a Fountain of Mercy for us,
I trust in you!
Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world!
Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

For more information about Divine Mercy Sunday in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Jane Russo at jrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-430-7196; or visit our website: ccgronline.com. We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or part of this special afternoon of prayer and devotion! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always! Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia!



OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome Home for Easter!

BY FATHER JIM

As a child, I grew up in a household infused with religious belief and practice. As a family, we attended Mass on a weekly basis. We said grace before meals. We even prayed the Rosary together. Later, as a young adult, I volunteered as a catechist for our parish's youth faith formation program. For me, the Catholic Church has always been a place of peace, a consolation for me during times of trial, and a second home. Sadly, we know that many people of faith and goodwill do not feel this way. During the past few decades, all too many people have left the Catholic Church behind. Some feel unable to join us for cultural, familial, financial, or personal reasons. Others simply feel unwelcome for reasons related to their marital status, sexual orientation, or basic lack of knowledge about the teachings and traditions of the Church.

At Easter, however, many of our brothers and sisters in faith come home to the Church in order to experience again the miraculous joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Even if just for one Easter Sunday Mass, they come in search of joy, solace, and meaning in their lives. They come in search of something that the world cannot offer: God's endless love, intimate friendship, and boundless mercy. Whether they know it or not, they come – called by the Lord – to find their place in the Church, our spiritual home.

For some years now, I have been thinking and praying about Pope Francis; his message of mercy and inclusiveness; and his outreach to the poor, especially the poor in spirit. I have been praying for those among us, friends and family, who might feel excluded from the beauty of our shared faith, the richness of our traditions, and the spirit of our parish life. When I became your pastor almost four years ago, one of my first decisions was to ensure that every announcement about every parish program and event included this message: "All are welcome!" However, we rarely explain what this means and to whom it applies. So here goes!

Let's be clear. The celebration of Holy Mass is the source and summit of our community's joy and its life of prayer, fellowship, and service. All are welcome to join us for Mass and to receive Holy Communion in accordance with a personal examination of conscience and the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. In this spirit, all are welcome means just that: "All are welcome!" Whether you are a saint or a sinner, all are welcome! Whether you attend Mass every day, every week, or just every so often, all are welcome! Whether you are healthy, living with a chronic illness, or suffering from a terminal illness, all are welcome! Whether you are overweight or underweight or somewhere in between, all are welcome! Whether you are rich or poor or somewhere in between, all are welcome! Whether you are single, married, or divorced, all are welcome! Whether you are straight, gay, or not so sure, all are welcome! Whatever your race, color, or life experience, all are welcome! Again and again and again, all are welcome means all are welcome!

This Easter and beyond, let us join together to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church. Let us open wide the doors of our churches and the gates of our hearts! And let us exclaim with one voice for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, forever and always: "All are welcome!" and "Happy Easter!" Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS Begins Tuesday, April 17th 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: "The Holy Names of Jesus" from Tuesday, April 17th through Friday, April 20th from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer, fun, and fellowship, children will learn about the many names and images of Jesus Christ through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, April 17th
The Light of the World

Day II: Wednesday, April 18th
The Good Shepherd

Day III: Thursday, April 19th
The Teacher

Day IV: Friday, April 20th
The Bread of Life

Each 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 welcome 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 spring school vacation week 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! Registration forms are available on our website: ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts many fundraising events and social gatherings, including seasonal bake sales, the Strawberry Festival, and the Christmas Fair. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY Saturday, April 7th at 5:00pm

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community is hosting its next Potluck Supper & Ultreya on Saturday, April 7th at Saint John Parish Hall (located at 52 Main Street in Essex). The supper begins at 5:00pm, followed by the Ultreya at 6:00pm. For more information about the Cape Ann Cursillo Community, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Even if you have not experienced a Cursillo Weekend Retreat, please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, April 8th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society is an organization of Catholic men that was founded to support Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, fellowship, fundraising, and volunteer service. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 8th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish community, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, April 9th at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After our business meeting, nominations for officers and board members will be accepted. Nancy Rose and Sandra Sperry will co-chair the meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

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 these items:

Canned Fruits & Vegetables
Canned Ham, Tuna & Beef Stew
Tuna & Chicken Helper
Chef Boyardee, Pasta & Sauce
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Hot & Cold Cereal · Hot Chocolate Mix
Crackers, Jelly, Mayonnaise
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese and Ramen Noodles

Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of our churches. Donations 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 4:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com. If you or your family need our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

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.

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!

CALLING ALL DISCIPLES

VOCATION FRIDAY Friday, April 6th at 8:00am

As Catholic Christians, we believe that God calls us to live as faithful disciples. But in what way of life are we called to live our discipleship? What is your calling? What is your vocation? These questions can sometimes take a lifetime to answer. But with hearts open to discernment and prayer, God can help us find our way in the world. Each and every one of us (regardless of age, gender, or life experience) can discover, rediscover, and respond to God's plan for our lives.

This year, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is celebrating a 'Year for Vocations,' a time to pray and reflect on who God calls us to be and what God calls us to do with the one life that we are blessed to live on this earth. In this spirit, we will gather on Friday, April 6th for 'Vocation Friday' in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our prayer vigil will begin with Mass at 8:00am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. At 11:00am, we will pray the Rosary for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. And we will conclude at 12:00pm with Benediction.

These 'Vocation Fridays' will be held throughout the year on the First Friday of each month. Our hope is that all parishioners and their families will be able to join us for at least one of these special days of prayer, discernment, and devotion. If you are not able to join us this month, please take a few moments to pray this powerful prayer for vocations by Cardinal Joseph Bernadin:

Lord of the harvest,
your Word finds a home in our hearts,
calls us into community,
and invites us to generous service
to the human family.
Bless with courage and spirit
your priestly people,
called to full participation
in the one Body of Christ.
May many choose to respond
in public service to your call
offered in Jesus's name. Amen.

Throughout this 'Year for Vocations,' let us pray together that each one of us, in our own way, will learn to pray, discern, and respond to God's call with faith, hope, and love in our hearts. For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com; or check out our vocations page at ccgrronline.com/vocations. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**MARCH 31 – APRIL 8, 2018**

Saturday, March 31	Easter Vigil
7:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Mass for the People
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass for the People
11:45am · OLGV	Mass for the People
	Octave of Easter
Monday, April 2 8:00am · OLGV	Vito & Benjamin Asaro
Tuesday, April 3 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Rudy Macchi
Wednesday, April 4 8:00am · OLGV	Humberto Mota
Thursday, April 5 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Manuel & Maria Matos
Friday, April 6 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend Dennis Dever
Saturday, April 7 8:00am · OLGV	Caterina Moretti
Saturday, April 7	Vigil · Divine Mercy
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Capt. Salvatore & Josephine Santuccio
6:00pm · OLGV	John “Toot” Madruga
Sunday, April 8	Divine Mercy
7:00am · OLGV	Rev. Msgr. Richard Cunningham
8:15am · Saint Ann	Salvatore, Grace & Pearl Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima
5:00pm · Saint Ann	All Souls in Purgatory

NEWS & NOTES

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN’S GUILD
ANNUAL FASHION SHOW
Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women’s Guild for a Fashion Show on Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm in Our Lady’s Hall. Come and see what real women wear with clothing from Dress Barn and Marshalls! Don’t miss this special evening of fun, fashion, fellowship, and refreshments! Tickets are \$10.00 each. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbortolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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 Michael Grella
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Mary Evelyn Pierce
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Anthony Fronteiro
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Mary Guerin
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Celebration of John & Kathleen Quinn’s
Sixty-Second Wedding Anniversary
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! May God bless you and your family!

SAVE THE DATES!
SPRING MISSION & RETREAT
with **SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER**

Wednesday, April 18th – Friday, April 20th
Begins with Mass at 7:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Learn more: ccgronline.com/formation/
Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!