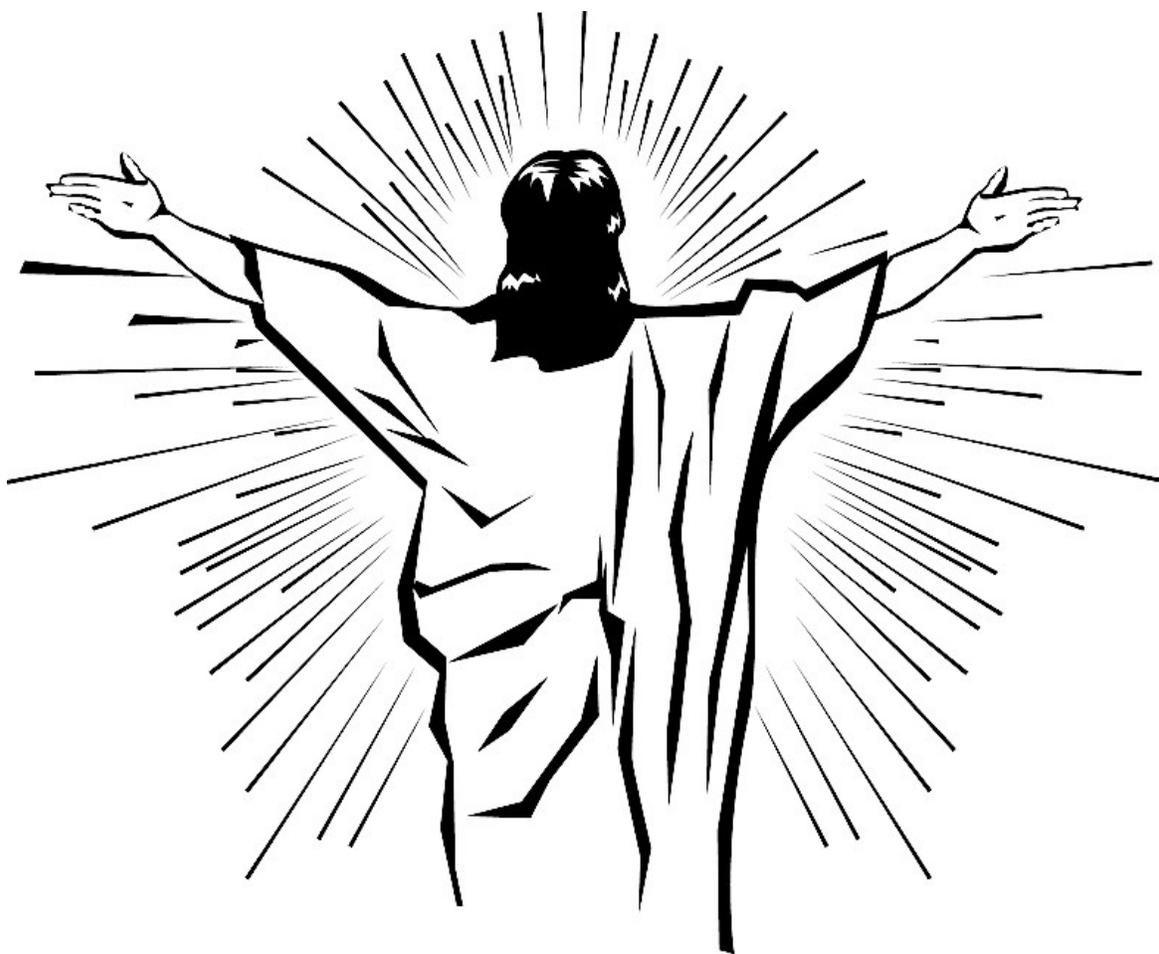


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
Third Sunday of Easter · April 15, 2018



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## PASTOR'S CHALLENGE

### Our Lady's Grand Annual Collection

**OUR GOAL: \$45,000 · RAISED SO FAR: \$25,467**  
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Earlier this month, I wrote to all parishioners at Our Lady of Good Voyage about our goal of raising \$45,000 for this year's Grand Annual Collection. This fundraising campaign is a crucial component of our parish budget because it bridges the gap between weekly offertory and our ongoing financial obligations. If we fail to reach our goal, it will be virtually impossible to balance our budget and it could threaten the long-term financial stability of our beloved parish.

The Grand Annual Collection helps us to pay for the benefits and salaries of our pastor, senior priests, and hard-working pastoral team members (including maintenance staff and music ministers). It helps to pay for insurance premiums and utility bills. It helps to maintain, repair, and preserve our historic church, rectory, school, and parish hall. And it helps to support popular parish programs like adult and youth faith formation.

Although part of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we should all remember that Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is both canonically and financially independent. It maintains its own bank accounts and accounting procedures; and it remains completely and solely responsible for its own expenses, building maintenance, and pastoral programs. Every single penny raised by the Grand Annual Collection goes directly to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. And every contribution, large or small, goes a long way toward helping us to meet our financial obligations and balance our parish budget for the current fiscal year.

At this point, we have raised more than \$25,467 or 57% of our goal. This is a solid start! Thank you! In order to balance our budget, however, we simply must reach our goal by the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. During the weekend of April 21st and 22nd, we will take up a second collection in support of the Grand Annual Collection. Donation envelopes are available in the church vestibule or from our parish office. Overall, our challenge is to raise another \$20,000 in less than three months! This will require the joyful participation and generous support of every single parishioner! If every person who worships at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on a typical weekend gave \$25 over the course of the next three months, we would not just meet but exceed our goal!

As our Grand Annual Collection enters its final weeks, please join me in praying that each and every one of us, according to our means, will give as generously as possible to this all-important fundraising effort. Please also pray for me, our senior priests, and our pastoral team. And be assured always of our daily prayers for you and your family. May God bless you, your family, and all who live, work, and worship in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim



## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Transformed by Easter

BY FATHER RICHARD ROHR, OFM

Christian history reaches its crescendo in the resurrection. The Risen Jesus is the final revelation of the heart of God—a God who teaches love rather than hate, forgiveness rather than blame, non-violence rather than violence. Recall Jesus's encounters with his disciples after his resurrection. He came to his followers with whom he had spent three years, the people closest to him who had nevertheless rejected, betrayed, and abandoned him. Following his resurrection, Jesus had the opportunity to chastise them. And yet, in all four Gospel accounts, we see that the Risen Jesus neither berates nor blames his disciples. Indeed, Peter, who had betrayed him three times, is given three chances to say "I love you" to his master.

There is nothing to fear in the Risen Christ. We have in him the perfect icon of a God who is safe. We have a God who does not blame, punish, threaten, or dominate. We have a God who breathes forgiveness. The entire biblical tradition has been moving to this moment where God is identified with universal forgiveness. Jesus's resurrection tells us that there is no victory through domination. There is no such thing as triumph by force. By his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus stops the cycle of violence, challenging the notion of dominating power. He invites us to relational or spiritual power, where we are not changed but transformed.

Many of us identify more easily with the judging God we have encountered in childhood: the one who knows our every sin and metes out punishments, the one we must attempt to placate and please. We are often more comfortable living with a fearsome God than one whose love is boundless. But by his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus challenges us to new heights of redemptive forgiveness. Most of us cannot go for long without thinking a judgmental or accusatory thought about others. So often, there is someone we are judging, accusing, blaming. To live in the good, to live in the love, to live without a need to judge—that's major surgery! None of us reaches that point early in life, but when we are there, we know that we are transformed. We are free. We are at one with the Risen Jesus. Once we have a personal experience in our own life with the Risen Christ (upholding, love, and freeing us), then we have nothing to fear. That is how secure Christ makes us, because we have a center point. We have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

During a retreat, my fellow retreatants and I were asked to list the adjectives that each of us would use to describe Jesus. My list included words such as compassionate, self-confident, humble, and forgiving. When our leader brought us back together as a group, she suggested that the qualities we had identified represented not so much what Jesus was like, but what each of us wanted in ourselves. Jesus is the divine lure who invites us forward in our humanity, enticing us into these virtues by his own full living of them. The qualities I had on my list are indeed qualities Jesus possessed. But the reason we want to embrace them is because Jesus has set the standard, the ideal for humanity. In Jesus, we see the divine being who is also the perfect human being. Jesus comes in human form to show us the face of God, who is eternally compassionate and joyous, standing with us in our sufferings and joys. As Christians, our vocation is to unite with Christ—crucified and risen.

About the Author: Richard Rohr is a Roman Catholic Priest and Franciscan Friar. In addition to being a best-selling author, Father Rohr is an internationally known retreat leader, spiritual director, and social activist. If you enjoyed this week's message, checkout "Bringing Home the Word" every Saturday at [ccgrounline.com](http://ccgrounline.com).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### MARY

MOTHER OF GOD, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

### SPRING DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

Saturday, May 5th · Begins at 8:00am

Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be celebrated annually on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday in churches throughout the world. In anticipation of this new feast and as part of our "Year for Vocations," all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Legion of Mary, the Assisi Project, and their spiritual directors, Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, for "Mary: Mother of God, Mother of the Church" on Saturday, May 5th in Saint Anthony Chapel.

During this four-hour morning retreat, we will explore the Blessed Virgin Mary's twin vocations as "Mother of God" and "Mother of the Church." This morning of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule: Celebration of Holy Mass at 8:00am; First Reflection & Faith Sharing at 9:00am; Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary at 10:00am; Second Reflection & Faith Sharing at 11:00am; Angelus & Closing Prayers at 12:00pm.

Throughout the morning, there will be scheduled breaks and time for faith sharing, fellowship, questions, and refreshments. Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be available throughout the morning. After our closing prayers, all are invited to remain for a picnic lunch. During Mass, a collection will be taken in support of our adult faith formation ministry. If you would like to join us for this special morning of prayer and reflection in honor of our Blessed Mother, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820 (so that we can plan adequately for food and drink). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

The Legion of Mary and the Assisi Project always welcome new members! For more information about these ministries and their good work in our parishes, please visit: [ccgronline.com/fellowship](http://ccgronline.com/fellowship) or [assisiproject.com](http://assisiproject.com). All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

### OUR LADY'S GUILD SPRING FAIR

Saturday, April 21st · Begins at 9:00am

All are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for the Annual Spring Fair on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Highlights include our famous fried dough breakfast and our equally famous linguica and hot dog lunch! Sale tables will include jewelry, religious items, and the general store. We will also have raffles and prizes throughout the day! Donations and volunteers are always welcome! For more information Our Lady's Guild and the Spring Fair, please contact Joyce Lacerda at 978-283-3465 or Jean Madruga at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE WAY

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

#### Pastor's Message of Congratulations & Thanks

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport congratulates the following fellow parishioners who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation) at our recent Easter Vigil Mass:

David Dolloff  
Amy Gallagher  
Jennifer Knight  
Robert Ladd  
Andrea Novello  
David Rano  
Brittany Tarrantino

Since last fall, these adults met regularly after Sunday Mass. They prayed and studied together. And they grew in appreciation for and knowledge of the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. We congratulate them for their accomplishments and we thank them for their sincere commitment to their faith formation.

We also thank Cliff Garvey, Associate Minister, for his dedication and hard work and for serving as lead catechist and spiritual director for candidates and catechumens. In addition, Cliff and I sincerely thank Patricia Natti and Margaret Wiberg for their gifts of time, talent, and prayer without which this program may not have been possible. Finally, if you are an adult (age 18 and over) and you have not received the Sacraments of Initiation, and wish to join us on "The Way," please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com). Our next program begins in the fall! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### LEARN ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS!

Join us: [ccgronline.com/sacraments/](http://ccgronline.com/sacraments/)

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### 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 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 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: [ccgonline.com/formation](http://ccgonline.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@ccgonline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgonline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### CALLED TO FULLNESS OF LIFE with SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER

#### SPRING MISSION & RETREAT April 18th – April 20th at 7:00pm

All are invited to join us for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Spring Mission & Retreat: "Called to Fullness of Life" from Wednesday, April 18th through Friday, April 20th 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 Spring 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 Spring 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 Spring 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@ccgonline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgonline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## OUR MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 14 – APRIL 22, 2018

<b>Saturday, April 14</b>	<b>Vigil · Third Sunday of Easter</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Mildred Donaldson
6:00pm · OLGV	Matteo & Vincenza Cusumano
<b>Sunday, April 15</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Charlotte Aikens & Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Ralph Martin, Sr.
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William Waddleton
11:45am · OLGV	Pietro Noto
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	<b>Third Week of Easter</b>
Monday, April 16 8:00am · OLGV	Cynthia Works
Tuesday, April 17 8:00am · OLGV	Ronald M. Joseph
Wednesday, April 18 8:00am · OLGV	Tobi Hayward
Thursday, April 19 8:00am · OLGV	Ida D'Ovidio
Friday, April 20 8:00am · OLGV	Kevin Salverio
Saturday, April 21 8:00am · OLGV	Robert Catalini
<b>Saturday, April 21</b>	<b>Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Paul & Sofie Brancaleone
6:00pm · OLGV	Lee Harty
<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Helen & Donald Sutherland
8:15am · Saint Ann	Jennie Faye Lupo
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Virginia Frontiero
11:45am · OLGV	Jose Goulart
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

## OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
Weekend of April 7th – April 8th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,931.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,809.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$42,105.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**  
Weekend of April 7th – April 8th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,625.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,705.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection	\$25,467.00

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 Duchane Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

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

In Memory of Joseph Spanoghe  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim 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@ccgonline.com. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! May God bless you and your family!

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