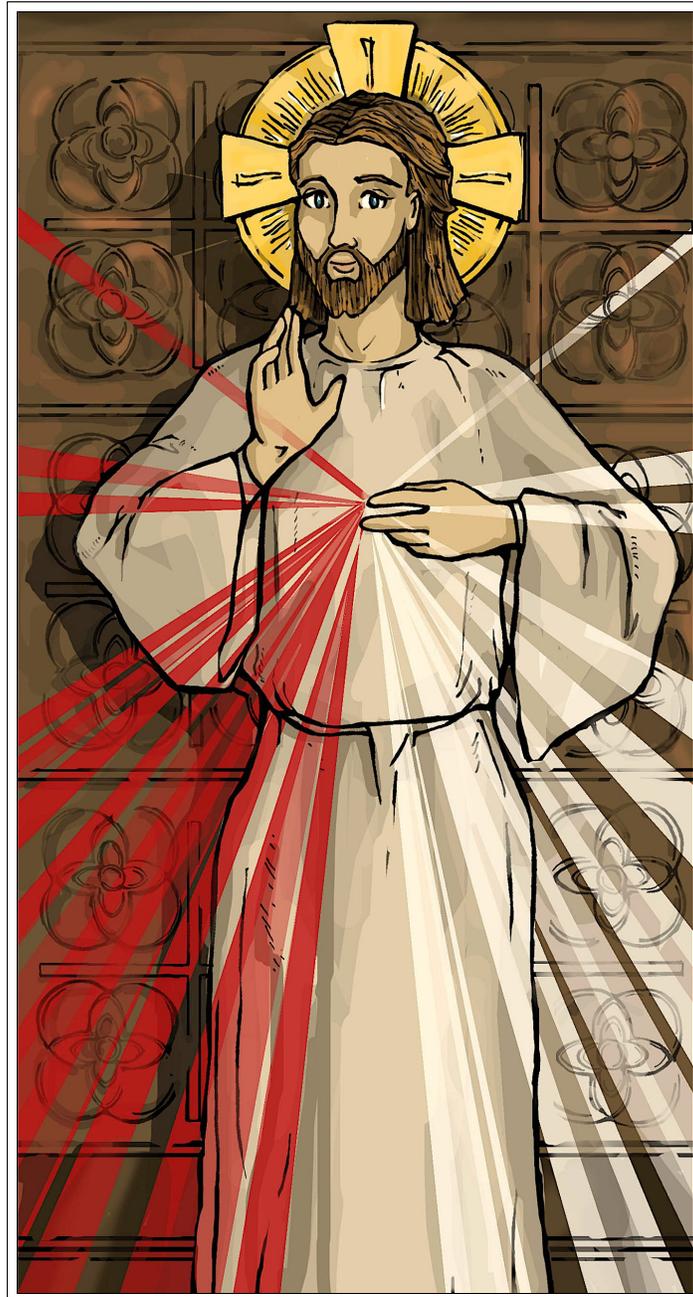


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service  
Divine Mercy Sunday · April 8, 2018



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Divine Mercy Sunday

#### A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S LOVE & MERCY

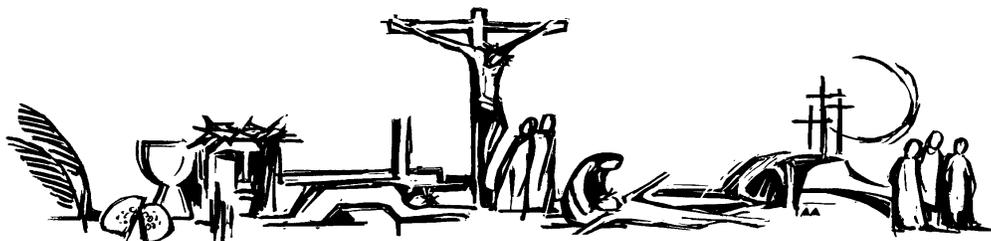
THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH · BEGINS AT 2:00PM

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](mailto:jrusso333@hotmail.com) or 978-430-7196; or visit our website: [ccgrounline.com](http://ccgrounline.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!



## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Divine Mercy in Action

BY CLIFF GARVEY

In 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Since then, God's faithful people have rallied around a devotion to this feast, to the image of the Risen Christ who appeared in a vision to Saint Faustina, and to the chaplet that begs God's mercy for us and for the whole world. Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet six mornings each week before Mass.

But why? Why does this devotion call to so many people? What can we learn from it? And perhaps most importantly, how can we share its special grace with the world around us? Pope Francis can help us better understand our longing for God's mercy and our obligation to share it with our brothers and sisters in need. During last year's celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Holy Father said: "Let us never forget that mercy is the keystone to the life of faith and the concrete way through which we make visible the Resurrection of Jesus." In this way, mercy is not simply for forgiveness or the remission of punishment. Mercy is instead basic goodness, kindness, and generosity. It is the core ingredient of the love that we express to our families and friends; the consideration that we show to our colleagues and neighbors; and the charity that we give to the helpless, the lonely, and the poor.

Pope Francis also said: "Mercy makes us understand that violence, resentment, and revenge have no meaning; and that the first victim is whoever lives these sentiments because it deprives them of their own dignity." We can see the hard truth in this admonition when we watch cable news or scroll through a social media feed. When we engage in bigotry, bitterness, calumny, and scandalmongering, we exchange mercy for meanness. We become agents of both destruction and self-destruction. We fail as disciples to live the Gospel in all that we think, say, and do. We fail to share God's mercy in our homes, workplaces, and communities. And we fail to build up the world around us at a time when so many seem so intent on tearing it down.

For some among us, our devotion to Divine Mercy may involve the daily devotion in church. But for all of us, our truest devotion must not be to the ritual of a chaplet or to a sacred image. It should be a resolution to practice what we preach. It should be a resolution to see the Risen Christ in all people, in all situations, and in all things created by God's love. It should be a resolution to respect all people regardless of their race, religion, or life experience. It should be a resolution to reach out to the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the unwanted. It should be a resolution to rise above the dark shadows of anger, bitterness, and division that creep into our lives and into our communities. It should be a resolution to love God and love others.

Earlier this week, our country marked the fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968). This fateful and sad anniversary can help us to consider and reconsider how we think about each other and how we treat each other during a time of division and extremism. Dr. King once wrote: "The question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love?" What better time to become "extremists for love" than Divine Mercy Sunday? What better time to renew our devotion to sharing God's mercy with our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers? What better time to pray: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world!" May the Risen Lord give you peace during this Easter Season and always!

## 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@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.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: [ccgrounline.com/fellowship](http://ccgrounline.com/fellowship) or [assisiproject.com](http://assisiproject.com). All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### 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](mailto:jcbf33@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. New members are always welcome! Please join us!

### 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](mailto:lbortolino4@msn.com) or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### PASTOR’S NOTE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, let us join together in a prayer of heartfelt thanksgiving for those parishioners and pastoral team members who dedicated their time and talent to help us celebrate the Triduum in a true spirit of faith, hope, and love for the Lord. On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, our thanks go to Cliff Garvey, Suzanne McLaughlin, Jane Russo, Lucy Sheehan, and Lori Thorstensen for their good and hard work in decorating our churches so beautifully for the Easter Season.

We also thank all adult and young disciples who served as acolytes, greeters, lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers during the Triduum. Last but not least, we sincerely thank Tom Misuraca, Luann Palazolla, Patty Natti, and all members of our adult and youth music ministries for sharing the gift of beautiful music with us on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. May God bless all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! Happy Easter! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

## 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 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 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 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 7 – APRIL 15, 2018**

<b>Saturday, April 7</b>	<b>Vigil · Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Salvatore & Josephine Santuccio
6:00pm · OLGV	John “Toot” Madruga
<b>Sunday, April 8</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Rev. Msgr. Richard Cunningham
8:15am · Saint Ann	Salvatore, Grace & Pearl Parisi
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Anthony Frontiero
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima
5:00pm · Saint Ann	All Souls in Purgatory
	<b>Second Week of Easter</b>
Monday, April 9 8:00am · OLGV	Ruth Mahon
Tuesday, April 10 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Thomas Mahoney
Wednesday, April 11 8:00am · OLGV	The Powers Family
Thursday, April 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	The Tremblay Family
Friday, April 13 8:00am · OLGV	Margaret M. O’Connell
Saturday, April 14 8:00am · OLGV	Michael Grella
<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

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS****HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of March 31st – April 1st**

Easter Clergy Collection	\$5,446.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,324.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$42,735.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH****Weekend of March 31st – April 1st**

Easter Clergy Collection	\$1,464.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$1,544.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$21,632.00

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 Sara Jean Tarr  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Captain Stephen & Catherine Demetri  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Domenico Viviano  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of John & Mary Garvey  
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@ccgrounline.com](mailto:office@ccgrounline.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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