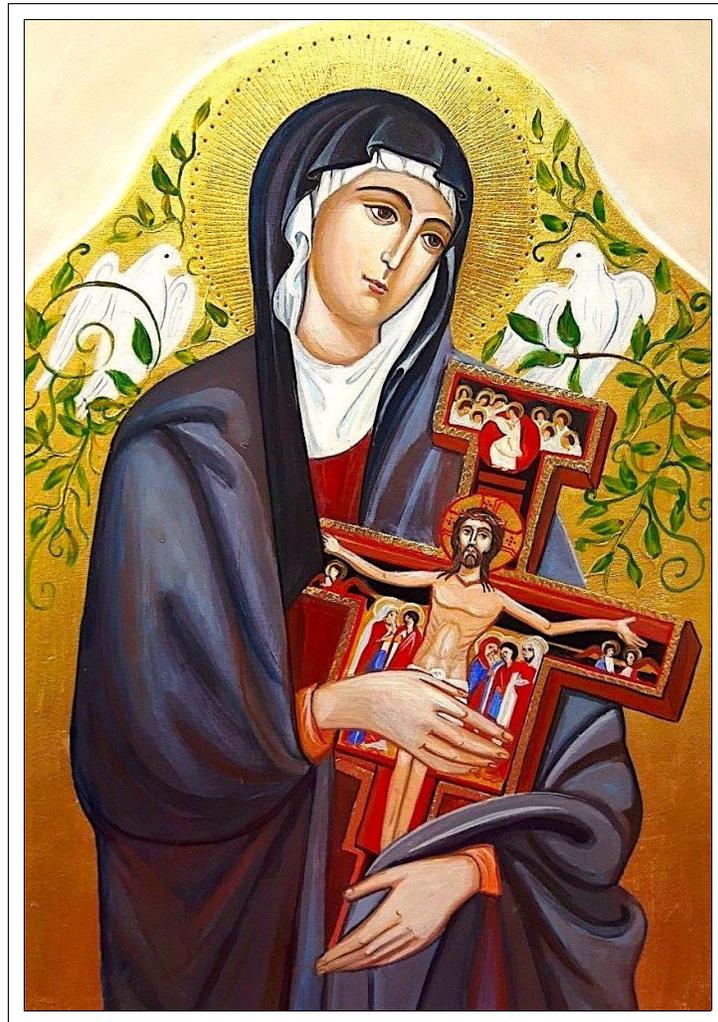


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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PRAYING WITH SAINT CLARE

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Pastor's Note

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION · THIS WEEKEND!

On Saturday, August 11th and Sunday, August 12th, a special second collection will be taken up at all Masses in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church to supplement the costs of repairing and repointing the front steps of our church and the stone wall in our rectory parking lot. This special project is essential to preserve the structural integrity of our historic property and to ensure the safety of our most important asset: our dedicated parishioners. Our hope is that work on this project will begin before the end of the summer season. As always, the success of every fundraising campaign depends on the generosity of our parishioners. Every donation, whether it's \$1 or \$10 or \$100, will go a long way toward ensuring that we can complete this very necessary project. For more information, please contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Peace, blessings, and sincere thanks to all! – Father Jim

Our Summer Retreat

EVERYONE'S VOCATION TO EVERYDAY HOLINESS BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH

The summer season is a great time of year for stepping back from the business and busy-ness of daily life in order to focus on our personal relationships with Christ, with each other, and with the Church. Unfortunately, few among us are able to leave behind work, family, and friends for a real retreat. For this reason, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce our Fifth Annual Summer Retreat: "Everyone's Vocation to Everyday Holiness."

From Monday, August 27th through Friday, August 31st, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a unique opportunity to experience the spiritual peace and renewal of a week-long retreat without leaving home. Each evening of our summer retreat will begin at 7:00pm in Saint Anthony Chapel with Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. After this time of shared prayer, Father Jim and Cliff will lead our community in a period of reflection, discussion, and faith sharing. Each evening will conclude at 8:30pm with Night Prayer. During each day of the retreat, the chapel will open at 12:00pm for silent personal prayer and devotion.

This year, we will explore the universal call to holiness that is described by Pope Francis in "Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in the Contemporary World." In this heartfelt and beautifully written apostolic exhortation, the Holy Father challenges everyone, regardless of their vocation, to live an everyday form of holiness characterized by humility, kindness, love, and mercy. And he offers practical advice for living out this vocation to everyday holiness regardless of our age, gender, background, or life experience.

Between each night of the summer retreat, participants will be asked to read brief selections from "Rejoice and Be Glad" and reflect on a few study questions. If you would like to join us for all or even just part of our Fifth Annual Summer Retreat, please be sure to contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com by Sunday, August 26th. A donation of \$30 is requested from those who can afford it. Copies of the book and cold drinks will be provided. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Praying with Saint Clare

BY CLIFF GARVEY

On Saturday, August 11th, the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi (1194 – 1253). Saint Clare is venerated as patroness of eye diseases, good weather, homemakers, knitters and needle workers, and television. But Clare is perhaps best known as the closest follower and dearest friend of Saint Francis of Assisi. More than eight centuries ago, she founded the “Poor Ladies of San Damiano” which is now known colloquially as the Poor Clares. And perhaps more than any other “Franciscan”, Clare most faithfully lived the gospel life of prayer, fellowship, simplicity, and service.

Although Saint Clare lived all of her post-conversion life within the confines of a cloister, she was a person of great courage, faith, and perseverance. When mercenary soldiers attempted to breach the walls of her convent, she confronted them with the Blessed Sacrament and they retreated. When a bishop asked her to compromise her principles and accept gifts of property and riches, Clare declined and said: “I must be absolved from my sins, but not from my obligation to follow the Poor Christ.” And when a pope refused to approve her strict rule of life, she declined to die until the rule was approved. Just two days after it was finally given papal authorization, she quietly and contentedly passed away.

Many centuries later, we can still call on Saint Clare to pray for us, for our Church, and for our troubled world during times of adversity, scandal, and uncertainty. The following prayer was written years ago by an anonymous Poor Clare in Jamaica Plain. It speaks beautifully to the remarkable soul who cast aside the spirit of the world in order to faithfully live the adventure of the gospel. This weekend, let us join our hearts and voices as we pray:

Saint Clare,
ardent lover of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament,
help us to grow in love for Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.

With your strong faith and unwavering hope,
gather our wounded Church, our suffering world, and all people
into your loving heart and lift us up to Jesus
with your absolute confidence in his merciful love.

Saint Clare, help us to be like you:
peaceful, kind, gentle, strong, patient, and persevering
in the face of all difficulties.

Trusting in your powerful intercession,
we confidently praise and thank God, our Father,
for all of the blessings we have received.

Glory, praise, wisdom, and thanksgiving,
honor, power, and might to our God
for ever and ever. Amen.

May the powerful intercession of Saint Clare of Assisi bring us closer to Christ and to the Church. May her prayers comfort us, empower us, and protect us as we strive to live the Gospel of Christ. Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! May the Lord give you peace!

LIVING THE GOSPEL

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!

Pope Francis was once asked about his favorite way of praying. In response, he 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 jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation · Wednesday, August 15th

Since the fifth century, God's faithful people have believed that upon her death, the Blessed Virgin Mary was raised body and soul into heaven. But this ancient tradition was not defined as an official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church until 1950. In celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Vigil Mass · Tuesday, August 14th
Saint Joachim Church at 7:00pm

Holy Day Masses · Wednesday, August 15th
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 8:00am
Saint Ann Church at 12:00pm

For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Ann, pray for us! Saint Joachim, pray for us! Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us! Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS

An Our Lady of Good Voyage Tradition Saturday Afternoons at 5:15pm

An annual tradition returns this summer to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our Summer Carillon Recitals continue this Saturday, August 11th at 5:15pm (rain or shine). Once again, LuAnn Pallazola, our very talented organist-keyboardist has prepared programs that include familiar classical and international pieces, popular hymns, patriot melodies, and children's tunes!

Installed in 1922, the carillon bells in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church were the first toned set of carillon bells in the United States. Although our bells can be heard from blocks away, the sound is best near the church. This summer, our remaining carillon recitals are scheduled for the following Saturday afternoons at 5:15pm: August 18th, August 25th, and September 1st.

These recitals are free and open to the public! So, bring a cold drink or coffee! Bring a friend! Enjoy this wonderful summer tradition! And don't forget that Mass begins at 6:00pm! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! For more information, please contact LuAnn Pallazola at 978-281-4820 or lpallazola@gmail.com.

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PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING Monday, August 20th at 6:00pm

Even though it is still summer, the Holy Family Christmas Fair is coming soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 17th! The Christmas Fair is Holy Family Parish's biggest fundraising event of the year! And there is much work ahead to ensure its success! On Monday, August 20th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall, the Holy Family Women's Guild will hold its first Christmas Fair Planning Meeting. Everyone has a unique gift or talent! Let yours shine at the Christmas Fair! All parishioners are invited to join us in making this year's fair our best ever! We are gratefully accepting donations of prizes for our auction, basket wheel, and raffles; cookies, crafts, and jewelry for our sale tables; and volunteers for set-up and clean-up! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE ASSISI PROJECT SATURDAY WITH SAINT FRANCIS Saturday, August 25th at 8:00am

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey during their first pilgrimage and retreat in Italy, the Assisi Project is a "Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit" with members and followers in the United States, Canada, Europe, and South America. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the Catholic Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

On the last Saturday morning of every month, the Assisi Project meets for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next "Saturday with Saint Francis" mini-retreat is scheduled for August 25th from 8:00am until 10:00am. This month, our reflection will focus on discernment, vocation, and personal spiritual renewal. Members of the Assisi Project, all around the world, ranging in age from 16 to 93, pray for those who ask for prayers.

If you have a prayer request or would like more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! May the Lord give you peace!

ASSISI PROJECT ONLINE

Saint Clare's "Litany of the Sacred Wounds"
Join us: assisiproject.com!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE HOLY ANGELS OF GOD Begins Tuesday, August 21st 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 Angels of God" from Tuesday, August 21st through Friday, August 24th from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, our children will learn about the Holy Angels of God and their ministry to God's people through active and engaged participation games, music, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, August 21st
The Guardian Angels

Day II: Wednesday, August 22nd
Saint Michael the Archangel

Day III: Thursday, August 23rd
Saint Gabriel the Archangel

Day IV: Friday, August 24th
Saint Raphael the Archangel

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 invited and encouraged to join us! After Mass, Betsy Works and a team of dedicated volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, hands-on learning, and good times with friends both old and new! Catholic Kids Camp is a fun, exciting, and educational program that your children and grandchildren will surely love!

The requested tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program is just \$30 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be most appreciated! For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrronline.com. Registration forms are available at ccgrronline.com/formation. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS**AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 19, 2018**

Saturday, August 11	Vigil · 19th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Vincenzo Terranova
6:00pm · OLGV	Barbara Choate
Sunday, August 12	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Linda Horgan Gorman
8:15am · Saint Ann	Philip Demetri
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Fred & Mary Wonson
11:45am · OLGV	Richard Horak
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Victims of Abuse
	19th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 13 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, August 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, August 15 8:00am · OLGV	Fred Downing
Thursday, August 16 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Charles A. Piscitello
Friday, August 17 8:00am · OLGV	Robert Madruga
Saturday, August 18 8:00am · Saint Ann	Jeanette White
Saturday, August 18	Vigil · 20th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Dale & Suzanne McCalla's 50th Wedding Anniversary
6:00pm · OLGV	The Bruni Family
Sunday, August 19	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	José Santos
8:15am · Saint Ann	Jack & Marilyn Ryan
10:00am · Saint Joachim	James Veno
11:45am · OLGV	Donald R. Borge
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Victims of Abuse

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 4th – August 5th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,894.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,772.00
Second Collection	N/A

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of August 4th – August 5th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,458.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,538.00
Second Collection	N/A

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. The requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Ann McKeown
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Louis Linquata
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Brien Kennedy
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Stella Rafferty
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

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

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