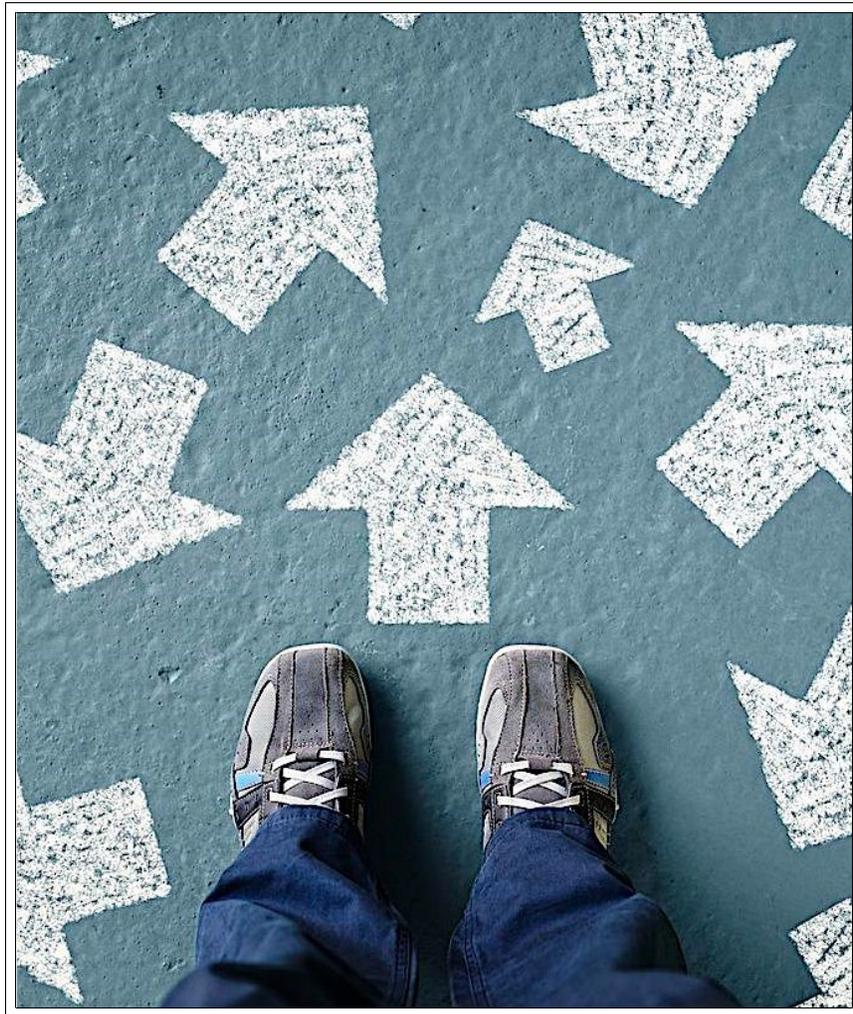


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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EVERYDAY DISCERNMENT

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ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT

On Retreat with Pope Francis

EVERYONE'S VOCATION TO EVERYDAY HOLINESS
BEGINS THIS 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 part of our summer retreat, contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. 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! Bring your family! All are invited! All are welcome!

Pastor's Note

ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

This weekend, our weekly message features another powerful excerpt from Pope Francis's "Rejoice and Be Glad." The Holy Father's third apostolic exhortation focuses on the universal call to holiness. This means that each of us is called by God to goodness, love, and holiness. An essential part of this Christian vocation (whether we are ordained clergy, married, or single) is discernment: the practice of choosing what is good, true, and beautiful; and choosing to act on God's will for our lives.

Living a life of holiness in today's world is not easy. But Pope Francis offers practical advice that can speak to the heart and change lives. During a time when the Roman Catholic Church is again under scrutiny, it is important for us to rededicate ourselves to living the gospel, sharing God's love, and rebuilding our wounded Church. All are invited to reflect on this week's message and to consider joining us for our summer retreat (see above). Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Everyday Discernment

BY POPE FRANCIS

How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must explore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading, and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual discipline (166).

Discernment is necessary not only at extraordinary times, when we need to resolve grave problems and make crucial decisions. It is a means of spiritual combat for helping us to follow the Lord more faithfully. We need it at all times, to help us recognize God's timetable, lest we fail to heed the promptings of his grace and disregard his invitation to grow. Discernment is often exercised in small and apparently irrelevant things, since greatness of spirit is manifested in simple everyday realities. It involves striving unhampered for all that is great, better, and more beautiful, while at the same time being concerned for the little things, for each day's responsibilities and commitments. For this reason, I shall ask all Christians not to omit, in dialogue with the Lord, a sincere daily examination of conscience. Discernment also enables us to recognize concrete means that the Lord provides in his mysterious and loving plan, to make us move beyond mere good intentions (169).

An essential condition for progress in discernment is a growing understanding of God's patience and his timetable, which are never our own. God does not pour down fire upon those who are unfaithful or allow the zealous to uproot the weeds among the wheat. Generosity is also demanded for "it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35)." Discernment is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognizing how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism. This entails a readiness to make sacrifices, even to sacrificing everything (174).

When, in God's presence, we examine our life's journey, no areas can be off limits. In all aspects of life, we can continue to grow and offer something greater to God, even in those areas we find most difficult. We need, though, to ask the Holy Spirit to liberate us and to expel the fear that makes us ban him from certain parts of our lives. God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfillment. Discernment, then, is not a solipsistic self-analysis or a form of egotistical introspection, but an authentic process of leaving ourselves behind in order to approach the mystery of God, who helps us to carry out the mission to which he has called us, for the good of our brothers and sisters (175).

It is my hope that these [words] will prove helpful by enabling the whole Church to devote herself anew to promoting the desire for holiness. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. In this way, we will share a happiness that the world will not be able to take from us (175-176).

MAKING YOUNG DISCIPLES



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Our Schedule for September 2018

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During the month of September, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 9th at 1:00pm
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 16th at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, September 23rd at 10:00am Mass
Saint Joachim Church

The following children were recently baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Jayden Cordero
Ava Dawes
Jayson Gusmano
Ardelia Robertson
Madeline Sears

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult who has not been baptized and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please pray for our newly baptized young disciples and for their parents, grandparents, godparents, and siblings! May God bless all families with good health, happiness, and love! Congratulations to all!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

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

An annual tradition has returned this summer to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish! Our Summer Carillon Recitals continue this Saturday, August 25th 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. Our final carillon recital of the summer season is scheduled for Saturday, 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.

OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Keep it. Share it. Rebuild the Church.

Each week, we work hard to create a newsletter that informs, inspires, and instructs readers about some aspect of the Christian life and about what's happening in our parishes. We are grateful for your encouraging words and positive feedback! However, we notice that some parishioners leave church without a newsletter! Recycling is a great idea, but not for our newsletter! Take your copy home! Keep it! Share it! Leave it at your hair salon, doctor's office, or favorite coffee shop! By doing so, you help us help others to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church! Thank you! God bless you!

WESHARE Safe & Easy Electronic Giving

Electronic giving is available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time-only or ongoing basis. And it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. Just visit ccgonline.com/news; choose the appropriate parish link; and click "make a donation." For more information, please contact Melissa Unis at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgonline.com. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service for our parish and the wider community served by the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts many fundraising events and social gatherings, including our famous seasonal bake sales, fashion show, and Annual Christmas Fair.

The Guild's first meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. We will discuss our calendar of events for the upcoming year and enjoy an ice cream social. Annual dues of \$15 will also be collected. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK GOD'S SACRAMENT OF HEALING Available On Request

Is there anyone sick among you? This question, found in the New Testament's Letter to Saint James (James 5:14), serves as an invitation for the sick and their caregivers to call upon the priests of the Church to pray over them and to anoint them with holy oil in the Lord's name. All parishioners are welcome to ask for prayer and for the Sacrament of the Sick during medical emergencies, before or after surgeries, or when diagnosed with a serious illness. This sacrament should not be seen as "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of the Lord's healing presence in the lives of his faithful people.

If you or someone you love would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Holy Communion because they are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing care due to age, illness, or disability, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Melissa Unis at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgronline.com. Please pray for all of our aged, disabled, hospitalized, and homebound friends and fellow parishioners. May God bless and strengthen all caregivers and medical teams. And may God bless and console all among us who grieve the loss of a dear friend or beloved family member.

LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS Learn more: assisiproject.com!

CALLING ADULT DISCIPLES

THE WAY SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS Begins Sunday, October 14th

"The Way" was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way also appears as a scriptural reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. And tradition teaches that both before and after his conversion, Saint Paul referred to the disciples of Christ as part of the Way. More than two thousand years later, Catholic Christians are still part of the Way of Jesus Christ. But as we all know, a life of discipleship is not a hobby or pastime. It is a vocation, a way of life that lays claim to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in Christ, who is our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. And as disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need our help in growing closer to Christ and the Church.

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), then please consider joining "The Way", a new adult faith formation program that will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on October 14th in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (typically called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of this same program, we will prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation (to be received at either the Easter Vigil or at a regional archdiocesan celebration).

Our group will meet every other week for fellowship, formation, and faith sharing. As a community of disciples, we will learn together about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Church; and we will explore the methods of prayer and spirituality that have brought centuries of believers closer to Christ Jesus and to the Church. In addition, we will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of living an authentic life of faith, hope, and love in the modern world. If you would like to become a part of this unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!



OUR MASS INTENTIONS**AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

Saturday, August 25	Vigil · 21st Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Evelyn & Norman Authier
6:00pm · OLGV	William & Dorothy Buckley
Sunday, August 26	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Gilberta Almas
8:15am · Saint Ann	The Demetri Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Carla Marie Kenney
11:45am · OLGV	Jeraldine Dexter
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Victims of Abuse
	21st Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 27 8:00am · OLGV	Jeremias & Maria Matos
Tuesday, August 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	The Siczkowski Family
Wednesday, August 29 8:00am · OLGV	Francesca & Giuseppe Palazzolo
Thursday, August 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Nancy Moura
Friday, August 31 8:00am · OLGV	Veronica Naves
Saturday, September 1 8:00am · Saint Ann	Jay Stuart
Saturday, September 1	Vigil · 22nd Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Anthony Testaverde
6:00pm · OLGV	Russell Kippen
Sunday, September 2	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	John & Mary Garvey
8:15am · Saint Ann	Grace Veerman
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Cirilo de Jesus
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel F. Garcia, Jr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Victims of Abuse

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 18th – August 19th**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,598.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,476.00
Second Collection	N/A

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of August 18th – August 19th**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,221.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,301.00
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 Sebastian Nicastro
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Reverend Mr. Daniel Dunn
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Reverend Mr. Raymond Wellbank
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of John & Mary Garvey
Sanctuary Candle · 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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