

# 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  
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## **PRAYERS FOR THANKSGIVING**

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**Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.**

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## **HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT**

### **Advent & Christmas Concert**

**AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT 2:00PM  
SAINT ANN CHURCH**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Tom Misuraca, LuAnn Pallazola, and the Adult & Youth Choir Ministries for our Fourteenth Annual Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church. As always, this year's musical selections have been carefully chosen to help prepare our hearts to celebrate more faithfully the Holy Season of Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. For more information about this beautiful holiday tradition, please contact Tom Misuraca at [tmisuraca@ccgrounline.com](mailto:tmisuraca@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us as we share the gift of sacred music during the upcoming holiday season! Spread the good news! All are invited! All are welcome!

### **Advent Mission & Retreat**

**DISCERNMENT DAY BY DAY with SISTER ELIZABETH WAGNER  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 7:00PM  
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim and Sister Elizabeth Wagner for our "Advent Mission & Retreat: Discernment Day By Day" from Thursday, December 5th through Friday, December 7th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each evening will begin with Mass at 7:00pm. We are 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.

What is God's will for our lives? How can we be sure? How do we make sound decisions? Questions like these can both tantalize and torment us throughout our lives! As we conclude our year-long focus on discernment, our three-night mission and retreat will seek to unfold some basic principles about good discernment; offer guidance about making everyday decisions; and share sound wisdom about making major life decisions. Sister Elizabeth will also be selling and signing copies of her best-selling book, "Seasons in My Garden", along with homemade fruit cake, jam, and hot sauce.

Sister Elizabeth Wagner lives a contemplative life at Transfiguration Hermitage in Windsor, Maine, which she founded as a semi-eremital community devoted to work, prayer, and solitude in accordance with the ancient Rule of Saint Benedict. Sister Elizabeth is a hermit, award-winning author, spiritual director, and retreat leader. She is also the formation director, gardener, and groundskeeper of the hermitage. Our Advent Mission & Retreat is free but donations will be gratefully accepted during Mass to support our adult faith formation ministry. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

#### **MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!**

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## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Prayers for Thanksgiving

#### A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BY FATHER JAMES MARTIN, S.J.

Loving God,  
 who created and sustains the universe,  
 who loved us all into being,  
 and who gives us every good thing,  
 we thank you for the blessings  
 that you bring into our lives.  
 We thank you for the gift of life itself,  
 which you gave us in our mother's womb.  
 We thank you for the fresh start of each new day,  
 which is a sign of your renewing and creative love.  
 And we thank you  
 for our friends and our families,  
 our neighbors and coworkers,  
 whose human love is an image of your divine care.  
 Increase our gratitude on this Thanksgiving Day,  
 and help us to recognize  
 all the good things that we have,  
 both large and small;  
 and magnify our desire to share  
 what we have with others,  
 so that they too may be grateful  
 to you, our Loving God. Amen.

#### A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

BY CECELIA MOORE & C. VANESSA WHITE

This Thanksgiving,  
 let those of us who have much  
 and those of us who have little  
 gather at the welcoming table of the Lord.  
 At this blessed feast,  
 may rich and poor alike remember  
 that we are called to serve one another  
 and to walk together in God's gracious world.  
 With thankful hearts, we praise our God,  
 who like a loving parent  
 denies us no good thing. Amen.

*Pastor's Note: Father Martin's prayer was provided by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Cecelia Moore & Vanessa White's prayer appears in "Songs of Our Hearts, Meditations of Our Souls," a beautiful book about the prayer and spirituality of African-American Catholics. Happy Thanksgiving! – Father Jim*

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### A YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT ADVENT FAITH & FAMILY MASS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT 4:00PM

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all children, parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are invited to join Father Jim for our Fourth Annual Advent Faith & Family Mass on Saturday, December 1st at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about the Advent Wreath and a special blessing for all of God's children and their families. In addition, every child will receive a small gift.

Please save these dates for these upcoming Faith & Family Masses: Saturday, January 5th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday, March 10th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and Saturday, May 11th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. For more information about our Advent Faith & Family Mass, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrounline.com. Let us affirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our Teacher! Every child is a precious gift from God! And all families are always welcome to join us for Mass! Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION YOUTH CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY Tuesday Afternoons at 5:00pm

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets every Tuesday afternoon at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church for fellowship, prayer, and rehearsal. The Youth Choir & Music Ministry always warmly welcomes new members, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school. So if your child or grandchild loves to sing, please join us!

Young musicians are also welcome to join us! Being a part of this ministry is a great way to make new friends! And it is a great way to participate more fully in the life of our parishes and to learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. For more information the Youth Choir & Music Ministry, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH PENNY SALE & TURKEY GIVEAWAY Monday, November 19th at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for our Annual Thanksgiving Penny Sale & Turkey Giveaway on Monday, November 19th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. We will have turkeys for raffle, a 50-50 raffle, and our famous homemade sweetbread; along with cider, vegetables, and all the trimmings for a delicious holiday feast! Pizza and soft drinks will be available for sale, too! So, please join us for this exciting holiday tradition! For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday, December 1st · 9:00am-1:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Highlights will include a fried dough breakfast, a linguica and hot dog lunch, coffee, soft drinks, and all the fixings! Sale tables will feature Christmas decorations, religious goods, jewelry, plants, fudge, homemade sweetbread and other baked goods, and the general store. In addition, we'll have a Mega Raffle with great prizes! And Santa will appear at 11:30am with treats for our children and grandchildren! Volunteers are still needed for set-up and clean-up! For more information, please contact Beth Fosberry at 978-790-0196 or jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### MADONNA DEL ROSARIO SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Saturday, December 1st · Begins at Noon

The Madonna Del Rosario Society will celebrate the Christmas Season with a holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 1st at the Gloucester House (which is located at 63 Rogers Street). Our annual Christmas gathering will begin at noon with a brief business meeting, followed by our luncheon. After lunch, we will play a fun and friendly game of bingo! Annual dues will also be collected. If you would like to purchase tickets to this special event or learn more about the Madonna Del Rosario Society and its good work in our parish communities, please contact Grace at 978-281-1907 or Marie at 978-283-7820. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always warmly welcomed!



## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES Help Us Share the Gift of Christmas!

This year, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will once again sponsor the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Christmas Giving Trees which share the Gift of Christmas with local families in need. During the weekend of November 24th–25th, the Giving Trees will be placed at the entrances of our three churches. Each tree will be decorated with stars that include a special Christmas wish. If you can fulfill this wish, please take a star!

Every donated gift should be new, unused, and unwrapped and placed under the tree or delivered to our parish office by Tuesday, December 11th. The Giving Trees will remain in our churches through Sunday, December 9th. For more information, please contact Barbara Frontiero at [barbara.frontiero@gortons.com](mailto:barbara.frontiero@gortons.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Thank you in advance for your generous support! May God bless us, everyone!

### THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesday Afternoons at 4:00pm

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 director. 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](mailto:sdemetri2000@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. The Legion of Mary warmly welcomes new members! Please join us!

### SAVE THE DATES! "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" ADVENT BOOK & BIBLE STUDY with FATHER JIM & CLIFF

Fridays During Advent  
Begins on November 30th  
12:00pm – 1:00pm · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Learn more: [ccgronline.com/formation](http://ccgronline.com/formation)  
All are invited! All are welcome!

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### OUR MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AT 8:00AM

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey after their first pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Africa, and Europe. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the God's Holy Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of every month in Saint Ann Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" is November 24th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will continue our study of the saints, including Saint Agnes of Assisi and Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. In addition, our friend and fellow parishioner, Ann Marie Noble, will speak about her formation and vows as a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis.

Members of our fellowship all around the world, who range in age from 16 to 93, also pray for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like to join us or if you would like us to pray for your special intention, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com). Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! All are invited! All are welcome! Prayers and best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving! May the Lord give you peace!

### PASTOR'S NOTE THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE November 21st – November 22nd

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for the celebration of Holy Mass in observance of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and on Thursday, November 22nd at 8:00am in Saint Joachim Church. Please join us as we gather as a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service to give praise and thanks for God's abundant blessings! Peace and blessings to all for a very Happy Thanksgiving! – Father Jim

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**NOVEMBER 17 – NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

<b>Saturday, November 17</b>	<b>Vigil · 33rd Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	The Misuraca Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Anthony Piraino
<b>Sunday, November 18</b>	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Charles Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass of Remembrance
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Matteo & Vincenza Cusumano
	<b>33rd Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, November 19 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, November 20 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Phyllis & Tony Rao
Wednesday, November 21 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Thursday, November 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Brittany Collett
Friday, November 23 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Beth Sheldon
Saturday, November 24 8:00am · Saint Ann	Intentions of the Assisi Project
<b>Saturday, November 24</b>	<b>Vigil · Christ the King</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Mortillaro & Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Deborah Burns
<b>Sunday, November 25</b>	<b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b>
7:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
8:15am · Saint Ann	Richard J. Ryan
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Phyllis Toppan
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God's Family

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Weekend of November 10th – November 11th**

Weekly Offerings	N/A
Electronic Donations	N/A
Total Offerings	N/A
Second Collection	N/A

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**

**Weekend of November 10th – November 11th**

Weekly Offerings	N/A
Electronic Donations	N/A
Total Offerings	N/A
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 Lillian Novello  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of All Souls  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

Special Intention  
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Melvin & Gloria Sears  
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](mailto:office@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support!

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