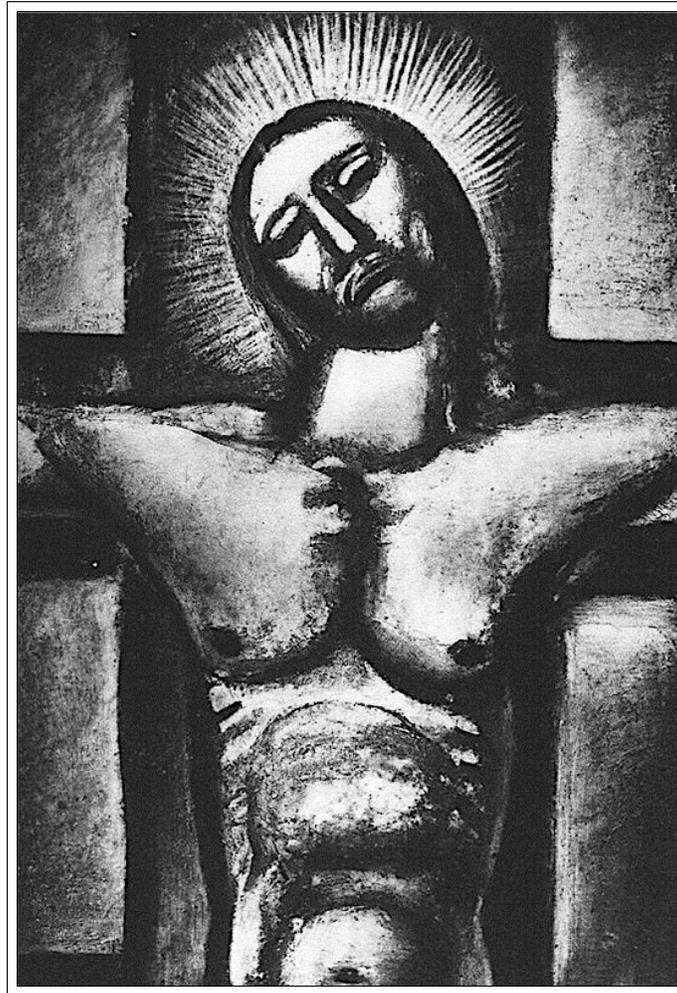


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent Scripture Study

A CHRISTMAS CAROL by CHARLES DICKENS
 BEGINS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT NOON
 OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH

During the Holy Season of Advent, all adult parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a weekly lunchtime scripture study based on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." On four consecutive Fridays from November 30th through December 21st at 12:00pm in Our Lady's Church, Father Jim and Cliff will lead a one-hour discussion on this Christmas classic and related scripture passages about compassion, forgiveness, transformation, and redemption.

In preparation for each week's gathering, participants will be asked to read from "A Christmas Carol: Book & Bible Study Guide" by Alan Vermilye. All are welcome to bring their own lunch and join us for as many sessions as possible. A donation of \$25.00 is requested from those who can afford it. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and copies of the book will be provided. If you plan to join us for this special series, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Please join us! 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 Wednesday, 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-eremical 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@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Solemnity of Christ the King

BY CLIFF GARVEY

This weekend throughout the world, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (sometimes simply known as the Solemnity of Christ the King). This relatively new feast day was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to three challenges facing the Church: secularism, clericalism, and political turmoil that threatened the independence of the Holy See. This feast also emphasizes two important theological and spiritual components: the coming nativity of the Newborn King at Christmas and the Kingdom of God that will culminate at the end of time.

All of these topics weighed heavily upon the thoughts and prayers of Pope Pius XI during the 1920s. Pius was a scholarly figure. He held three doctoral degrees, was an expert in ancient and medieval manuscripts, and served as a church librarian for almost two decades. As pope, he normalized relations between the Republic of Italy and the Vatican City State; abandoned the Church's longstanding preference for monarchical governments; and made peace with the rising tide of democracy and egalitarianism around the world. In addition, he harshly criticized both clericalism in the Catholic Church and secularism around the world.

In the encyclical letter entitled "Quas Primas" (which translates as "In the First Place"), Pope Pius XI argues that because Jesus Christ is composed of the same divine substance as God the Father, he necessarily comes first. Christ is sovereign and supreme over all things with absolute dominion over all creation – including all of us. He reminds us of the Lord's own words: "All power in heaven and earth has been given to me (Matthew 28:18)." In this context, all human beings, especially those who wield civil or ecclesial power, are called to humility and to appreciate that they serve a higher power, not their own narrow interests.

Years later, the theological foundations of the Solemnity of Christ the King would inspire Pope Pius XI to speak out forcefully against fascism and nationalism in Nazi Germany. In 1937, his encyclical letter entitled "Mit Brennender Sorge" (which translates as "With Burning Concern") was written in German, smuggled into the country, and preached from pulpits nationwide. In this timeless document, Pius XI condemned the paganism of Hitler's ideology of bigotry, hatred, and racism. And in one striking and haunting passage, he wrote:

"Whoever exalts race, or the people, or the state, or a particular form of the state, or the depositories of power, or any other fundamental value of human community – however necessary and honorable be their function in worldly things – whoever raises these notions above their standard value and divinizes them to an idolatrous level, distorts and perverts an order of the world planned and created by God; he is far from the true faith in God and from the concept of life which that faith upholds."

Eight decades later, Pope Pius XI and the Solemnity of Christ the King remind us that there is no place in our world for bigotry, division, and elitism. And there is no place in our church for privilege, power games, or the proverbial passing of the buck. We are all God's children. We are all God's family. We are all accountable (especially our bishops and pastors) to Christ the King, who humbled himself, lived among us, suffered for us, died for us, rose from death for the salvation of the world, and calls us to love and to serve without ever counting the cost.

SEASON OF ADVENT

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 other 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@ccgonline.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
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, and soft drinks! Sale tables will feature Christmas decorations, religious goods, jewelry, plants, fudge, homemade sweetbread and other baked goods, and the general store. We will also have a Mega Raffle with great prizes! Santa will appear at 11:30am with treats for our children and grandchildren! Volunteers are 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, please contact Grace at 978-281-1907 or Marie at 978-283-7820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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 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 or 978-281-4820. Thank you in advance for your generous support! May God bless us, everyone!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

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

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgronline.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 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 ccgronline.com! 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@ccgronline.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!

SEASON OF ADVENT



A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

DECEMBER 7TH—DECEMBER 8TH

In honor of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, December 8th, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport invites you and your family and friends to join us for Mass according to the following schedule:

Friday, December 7th · Vigil Mass

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 7:00pm

Saturday, December 8th · Holy Day Masses

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 8:00am

Saint Ann Church at 10:30am

Since late antiquity, the People of God have believed that the Blessed Virgin Mary was sinless and conceived immaculately in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann. This ancient devotion was not defined as church doctrine until 1854. Since then, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception has been patroness of many causes and countries, including the United States of America. So, please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother and beg her powerful intercession for our divided country, our wounded church, and our suffering world. All are invited! All are welcome!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION

Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Tom Misuraca, LuAnn Pallazola, and members of our Adult & Youth Music Ministries for our Fourteenth Annual Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church. As always, this year's music selections have been carefully chosen to help prepare our hearts to faithfully celebrate the Holy Season of Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas.

For more information about this beautiful holiday tradition or the wonderful music ministries of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Tom Misuraca at tmisuraca@ccgronline.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!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 2, 2018

Saturday, November 24	Vigil · Christ the King
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Mortillaro & Family
6:00pm · OLGV	Deborah Burns
Sunday, November 25	Solemnity of Christ the King
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
	34th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, November 26 8:00am · OLGV	José & Isolina Matos
Tuesday, November 27 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Anna S. Holmes
Wednesday, November 28 8:00am · OLGV	Alvin & Dorothy Williams
Thursday, November 29 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Celestino Goulart
Friday, November 30 8:00am · OLGV	The Mistretta Family
Saturday, December 1 8:00am · OLGV	Joseph Heanue
Saturday, December 1	Vigil · First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rose Testaverde
6:00pm · OLGV	Eleanor Salah
Sunday, December 2	First Sunday of Advent
7:00am · OLGV	Norman J. DuLong, Jr.
8:15am · Saint Ann	The Maggiore Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	William & Regina Kane’s 50th Wedding Anniversary
11:45am · OLGV	Maria Madalena Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God’s Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of November 17th – November 18th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,156.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,034.00
Second Collection	N/A

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of November 17th – November 18th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,364.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,444.00
Second Collection (Thanksgiving)	\$1,437.00

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

In Memory of Sara Jean (Pallazola) Tarr
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Alfreda (Curley) Collins
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of William & Louise Natti
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Alice & Arthur Balestraci
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 generous support!

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