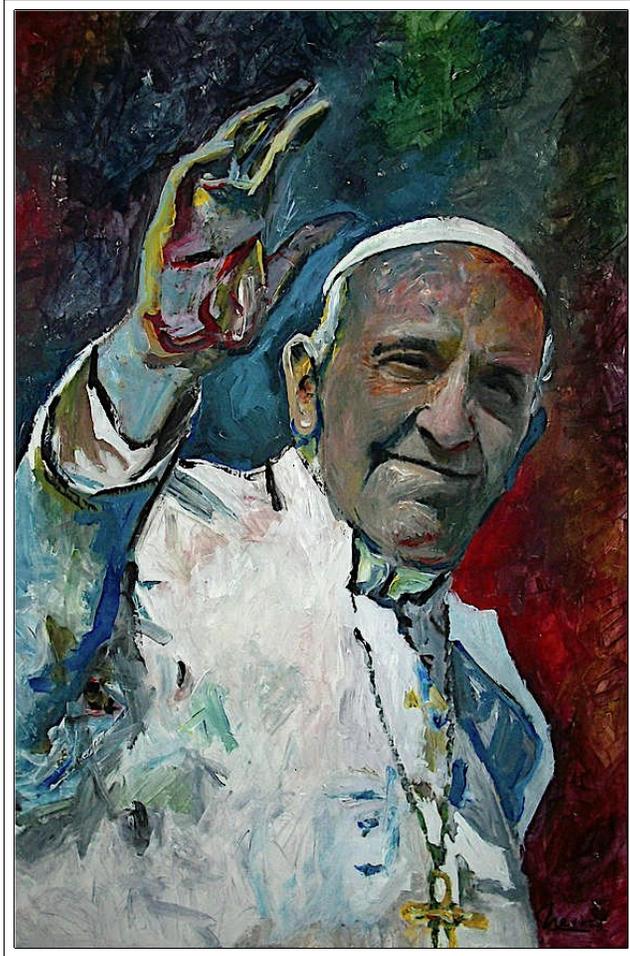


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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HEALING GOD'S FAMILY

World Day of the Sick

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

On Monday, February 11th, the Catholic Church throughout the world will commemorate the 27th Annual World Day of the Sick. In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, this special day is a unique occasion for us to pray for those who live with chronic or terminal illnesses and to celebrate God's healing, love, and mercy for all who suffer and to give sincere thanks for all who love and care for the sick.

In an earlier message for the World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis wrote: "This day is an opportunity to reflect on the needs of the sick and of all who suffer. It is also an occasion for those who generously assist the sick, beginning with family members, health workers, and volunteers to give thanks for their God-given vocations to accompany our brothers and sisters who suffer. Likewise, this celebration gives the whole Church renewed spiritual energy to carry out more fully the fundamental part of her mission to serve the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the marginalized in our societies."

As we commemorate the World Day of the Sick, let us lift our hearts and voices to our Risen Lord on behalf of those who are sick, those who are suffering, and those who are dying. May God bless them, comfort them, and strengthen them with the balm of his healing love and mercy. Let us pray, too, for our friends and family members who embrace the hard and heartbreaking ministry of caring for the sick. May God bless them with faith, hope, and love in the face of so much sickness and suffering.

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty God and Father,
all praise and glory is yours
for you have called us to serve you in love.
Bless your servant, N., so that he/she may bear their illness
in union with your Son's obedient suffering.
Restore him/her to health and lead him/her to glory.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE DYING

Lord Jesus Christ,
as you stood by the bed of Saint Joseph,
and gently led him home to heaven,
so shepherd every soul about to die
to a paradise of perfect peace.
Let the tears we shed upon their passing
stand as witness to our love for them
and the depth of our thanksgiving for the gift of their lives
and the grace of a good death,
for you are our Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Cultivating Generosity & Gift

BY POPE FRANCIS

Each of us is poor, needy, and destitute. When we are born, we require the care of our parents to survive, and at every stage of life we remain in some way dependent on the help of others. We should always be conscious of our limitations as creatures before others and in all situations. A frank acknowledgement of this truth keeps us humble and spurs us to practice solidarity as an essential virtue in life. Such an acknowledgement leads us to act responsibly to promote a good that is both personal and communal. Only if we see ourselves, not as a world apart, but in a fraternal relationship with others, can we develop a social practice of solidarity aimed at the common good. We should not be afraid to regard ourselves as needy or reliant on others because individually and by our own efforts we cannot overcome our limitations. So, we should not fear to acknowledge them because God himself, in Jesus, humbly stoops down to us. In our poverty, he comes to our assistance and he grants us gifts beyond all imagining.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, in all aspects of her life, was a generous instrument of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her hospitality and defense of human life (especially the unborn and those abandoned or discarded). She bowed down before those who were weary, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity. She made her voice heard before the powers of the world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crimes of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the 'salt' which gave flavor to her work. It was the 'light' that shined in the darkness for those who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering. Her mission to the urban and existential fringes remains for us a powerful witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor.

Saint Mother Teresa also helps us understand that our only criterion of action must be selfless love for every human being, without distinction of language, culture, ethnicity, or religion. Her example continues to guide us by opening up horizons of joy and hope for all who are in need of understanding and tender love, and especially for those who suffer. A spirit of generosity should inspire Catholic health care institutions, in both the more developed or poorer parts of the world, because they carry out their activities in the light of the Gospel. Catholics are called to give witness to self-giving, generosity, and solidarity in response to the mentality of profit at any price, giving for the sake of only of getting, and exploitation over concern for God's family.

I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic health care institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business. They must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requires trust, friendship, and solidarity. Good health is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian community. I entrust you all to Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted. May she help us to share our gifts in a spirit of dialog and acceptance, to live as brothers and sisters attentive to the needs of others, to give with generous hearts, and to learn the joy of selfless service to others.

Franciscus

*An excerpt from the Holy Father's Message for the 27th World Day of the Sick.
Read the full message on our website: ccgrounline.com*

LIVING THE GOSPEL



WELCOMING YOUNG DISCIPLES THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

OUR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2019

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 February and March, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 10th at 10:00am
Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, February 24th at 10:00am Mass
Saint Joachim Church

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage 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:

Robert McNutt & August Allgood

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult who would like to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com.

All parishioners and friends are reminded that the Sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated during the Holy Season of Lent. Baptisms will resume during the Easter Season. 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 much love! Congratulations to all!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP

LEARNING to PRAY with the CHILDREN OF FATIMA Begins Tuesday, February 19th 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: Learning to Pray with the Children of Fatima" from Tuesday, February 19th through Friday, February 22nd (8:00am until 12:00pm) in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer, fun, and fellowship, the children will learn about the miraculous appearances of Our Lady of Fatima and the child-saints who spread her message with the whole world. Our strategy of learning features active and engaged participation in games, music, prayer, skits, and craft projects. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, February 19th
The Story of Fatima

Day II: Wednesday, February 20th
Francisco, Prayer, and Sacrifice

Day III: Thursday, February 21st
Jacinta and Praying for Peace

Day IV: Friday, February 22nd
Lucia and Praying the Rosary

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 encouraged 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 educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program during the upcoming school vacation week is \$30 per child for those families that can afford it. Also, adults and older children (age 12 and up) are welcome to join us as volunteers and will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available at ccgonline.com/formation. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

LENT FAITH & FAMILY MASS

Sunday, March 10th at 11:45am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesdays 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 disabled, elderly, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. They visit people in their homes and apartments, hospitals and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship and friendship, and share God's love, mercy, and consolation with those among us who are too 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 directors. 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 or leave a message at 978-281-4820. The Legion of Mary warmly welcomes new members! Please join us!

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

Is there anyone sick among you? This question, found in the New Testament's Letter of 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; or contact Melissa Unis at office@cggronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please pray for all of our disabled, elderly, hospitalized, and homebound fellow parishioners. May God bless them and comfort them. May God bless and strengthen all of our caregivers. May God bless and console all among us who grieve the loss of a much beloved friend or family member.

HELP US HELP OTHERS!

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Learn more: cggronline.com/fellowship!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



WINTER DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION PRAYER & HEALING with the CHILDREN OF FATIMA SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD · BEGINS AT 8:00AM

Francisco Marto (1908-1919) and Jacinta Marto (1910-1920), brother and sister, and their cousin, Lucia dos Santos (1907-2005), were children from a small village near Fatima in Portugal, who were blessed to give witness to several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Fatima. Much is known and much is often misunderstood about the apparitions and their meaning. But we can learn a great deal from these children, especially Francisco and Jacinta, about life, love, prayer, and healing.

In commemoration of the Feast of Saints Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto (February 20th), all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a "Winter Day of Prayer & Reflection: Prayer and Healing with the Children of Fatima" on Saturday, February 23rd in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this special four-hour morning retreat, we will explore the different but complimentary spiritual lives of the Children of Fatima. We will also consider what these young saints can teach us about coping with illnesses of mind, body, and spirit.

Our day of prayer and reflection will proceed according to the following schedule: Celebration of 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. After our program, all are invited to join us for a delicious potluck lunch in the parish hall.

Throughout the morning, there will be scheduled breaks and time for faith sharing, fellowship, and questions. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and refreshments will be available throughout the morning. During Mass, a collection will be taken up in support of our adult and youth faith formation programs. If you would like to participate in this special event, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@cggronline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

Note: Please mark your calendar for our upcoming Spring Day of Prayer & Reflection on Saturday, May 4th and our Fall Day of Prayer & Reflection on Saturday, October 5th. Both of these special programs will begin with Mass at 8:00am. Save the dates! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 9 – FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Saturday, February 9	Vigil · Fifth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Joseph & Angela Curcuru
6:00pm · OLGV	John “Toot” Madruga
Sunday, February 10	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Martin Dillon
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Ann & Amy Slocum
11:45am · OLGV	Doug Ross
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God’s Family
	Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, February 11 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, February 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Kenneth Hayes
Wednesday, February 13 8:00am · OLGV	Muriel Turk
Thursday, February 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Daniel Lane
Friday, February 15 8:00am · OLGV	Daniel Cabral
Saturday, February 16 8:00am · OLGV	Christopher Wheeler
Saturday, February 16	Vigil · Sixth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Antoinette & Sammy Curcuru
6:00pm · OLGV	Helen F. Taber
Sunday, February 17	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Vincent Collins
8:15am · Saint Ann	William J. Vaughan
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Robert McKinnon
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God’s Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of February 2nd & February 3rd

Weekly Offerings	\$5,887.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,765.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (39% of Goal)	\$29,346.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of February 2nd & February 3rd

Weekly Offerings	\$2,312.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,392.00
Second Collection (Utilities)	\$1,237.00
Grand Annual Collection (26% of Goal)	\$11,557.00

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 Samuel Ventimiglia
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

For a Special Intention
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Mary Landry
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!

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTIONS

HELP US BALANCE OUR PARISH BUDGETS!

Even small donations make a big difference!

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