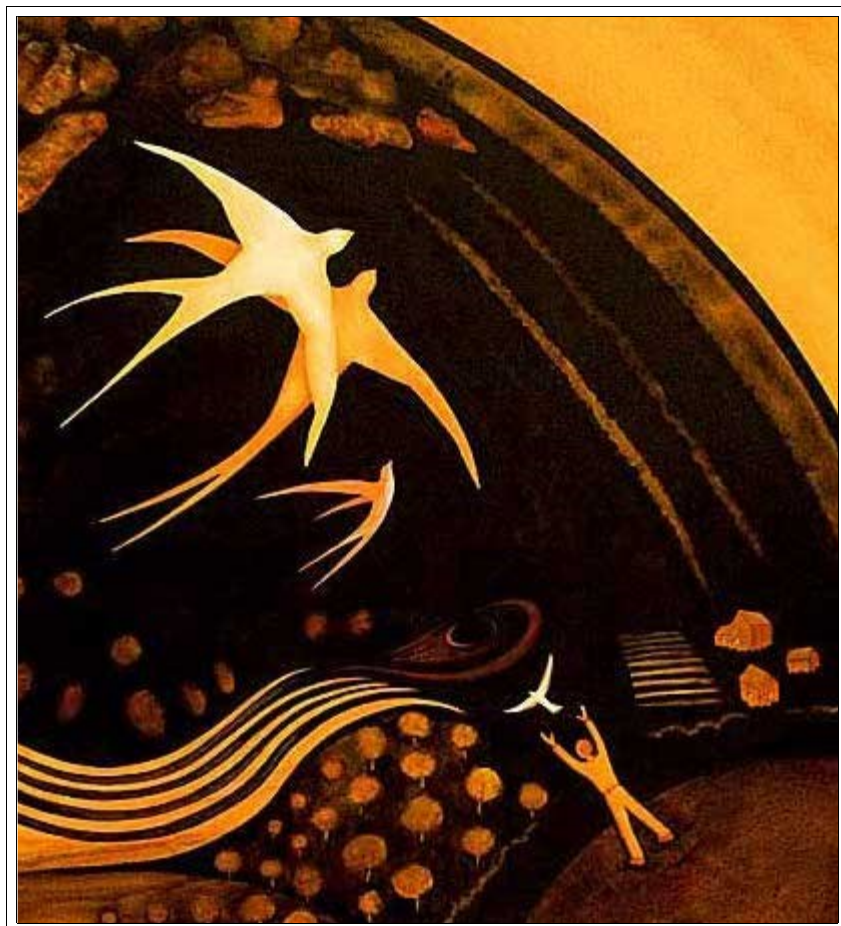


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Our Mission: Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.
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LOVE NEVER FAILS

HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH
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CALL TO PRAYER

Praying with Our Lady of Lourdes

AN EVENING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION FOR THE HEALING OF GOD'S FAMILY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH · BEGINS AT 5:00PM · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH

More than eight centuries ago, the Crucified Christ called out to the young man who would become Saint Francis of Assisi: "Go! Rebuild my church which as you can see is falling into ruin!" Francis took the Lord's command literally and set out to repair and rebuild small chapels in and around his hometown. Over the years, however, Francis came to understand that his commitment to living the Gospel and sharing God's love was instrumental in rebuilding the Church throughout the world. In this spirit and in appreciation for the crisis facing the Roman Catholic Church in our own time, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will gather on important feast days throughout the year to pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild our wounded Church. In addition, we will ask the saints to pray for us and guide us in the hard work of discipleship during these difficult times.

In anticipation of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick, all are invited to join us for our second Evening of Prayer & Reflection for the Healing of God's Family on Friday, February 8th from 5:00pm until 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. This special evening of prayer will begin at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a brief reflection on prayer and healing during times of poor health. After a Holy Hour of silent adoration, we will pray the Rosary at 6:30pm for the healing of God's family. And we will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. Please join us for all or even just part of this special evening of prayer! All are invited! All are welcome! Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Pastor's Note

ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE & COVER

At long last, Cliff Garvey agreed to share some thoughts this week about his favorite author, Michael D. O'Brien! I have known Cliff for almost twenty years and I have heard him speak privately and sometimes with great emotion about Mr. O'Brien's books and their effect on his life and spirituality. But Cliff has been long reluctant to share his abiding love for these books with others. Let's pray now that Cliff will agree to host a book study sometime soon using one of these powerful (but challenging) Catholic novels! Will you help me convince him?

The cover art for this week's newsletter is Michael O'Brien's "Transcendence." About this painting, Mr. O'Brien writes: "Is it dawn or dusk? Is the light growing or fading? In either case, the heart of a child reaches for what is above, longing to rise with the birds. Or is he offering the little white bird back to the sky? This [painting] is a reflection on the deepest desires of the soul for transcendence, a sign within man's nature that he is created for eternal life." As we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation again this weekend, my prayer is that our students will act on their soul's longing for transcendence and eternal life. — Father Jim

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Love Never Fails

BY CLIFF GARVEY

Michael D. O'Brien is a Canadian-born Catholic artist and novelist. His many paintings depict the life of Christ, the lives of the saints, or scenes from the scriptures. But he is best known for his books, especially his seven volume series about the Last Days. More than twenty years ago, I stumbled upon one of O'Brien's novels during a long rainy afternoon in a bookstore. Decades later, I have read all of his books more than once. Some of them I read almost every year. They are that good. But they are all challenging. In each novel, Michael O'Brien introduces a central character who is called upon to confront some form of human suffering. In one book, the central character is a lonely man who struggles to live a chaste single life in a world gone mad. In another book, the protagonist is a priest and survivor of the Holocaust who is asked to preach truth to a master of lies. All of O'Brien's books contain tragedy, but all of them are tightly laced with love and hope.

In "Island of the World", Michael O'Brien tells the story of Josip Lasta, the only child of a poor schoolmaster and his wife. This small but happy family lives in a village high in the mountains of Bosnia. As the Second World War rages, the entire village is brutally murdered by a faction of radicals that would eventually align themselves with the post-war Communist government of Yugoslavia. Only Josip survives. Later, as a brilliant young scholar, Josip is arrested for sedition, wrongly convicted, and sentenced to hard labor on an island prison where he is beaten and tortured. During a storm, Josip escapes, swims to shore, and walks hundreds of miles into Italy where he is eventually nursed back to health (mentally and physically) by a caring family of strangers. Over the years, through moments that can only be described as miraculous, Josip finds his way to Christ.

As decades pass, Josip lives in New York City and works as a custodian. Later in life, he returns to his native land and finds peace in unexpected ways. From time to time, he is presented with opportunities for revenge against those who caused him so much pain and suffering. But because of his deepening relationship with Christ, Josip chooses the path of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Over and over again, through movements divine grace and human will, he chooses love over hatred; forgiveness over vengeance; reconciliation over alienation. In the end, the life of Josip Lasta is the story of a life healed by love, redeemed by love, and sanctified by love. It is the story of holiness in a world that is routinely cursed by animosity, bigotry, and senseless violence. It is the story of a hard life built and re-built on the enduring and eternal foundations of faith, hope, and love.

I feel especially blessed to have finished this novel (again) just as we pray together this weekend with Saint Paul's discourse on the Way of Love. Paul writes: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices in truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)." All too often, life presents us with situations that prompt us to anger, frustration, and opportunities to tear people down. At the same time, God's word offers an alternative that transcends our basest and ugliest human inclinations. Again and again, the Lord offers us the chance to choose love. When we do, lives are changed and miracles can happen – because love never ever fails.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



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!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WELCOME BISHOP MARK O’CONNELL!

On behalf of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, a warm welcome is offered to the Very Reverend Mark O’Connell, Auxiliary Bishop for the North Region of the Archdiocese of Boston. Bishop Mark joins us this weekend at the 6:00pm Mass in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church for our second celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Mark, we welcome you to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! May God bless you and your ministry! – Father Jim

SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

As the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday, January 26th and this Saturday, February 2nd, let us join together in a heartfelt prayer of thanksgiving for those who prepared our students to receive this important sacrament: Peter Brau, Jennifer Dort, Mary Duran, and Doug Greenfield. Let us also pray in thanksgiving for Betsy Works, Associate Minister for Youth Faith Formation. Taken together, their dedication and hard work ensure that all of our Candidates for Confirmation are ready to receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit! Thanks to all for a job well done! May God bless you! – Father Jim

THE ASSISI PROJECT NEED PRAYERS?

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is a “Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit” with members, friends, and followers in the United States, Angola, Brazil, Canada, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Our mission is to help adults of all ages and backgrounds more faithfully live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

Members of the Assisi Project, ranging in age from 16 to 94 all around the world, pray for those who ask for our prayers. If you would like our fellowship to pray for you, your family, or your special intention, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. 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 – now and always!

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 May the Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD

Monday, February 4th at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages through prayer, good works, and fundraising events. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After our business meeting, we will hold a silent auction. All members are reminded to bring their food and auction donations.

All Guild members are also reminded that February is "Cakeless Cake Sale Month." Donations can be offered at the upcoming meeting or mailed to Jean Madruga. Andrea Bouchie and Linda Galvin will serve as co-chairwomen of this month's meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30pm

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and community. Throughout the year, the Women's Guild hosts many fundraising events and social gatherings, including seasonal bake sales (see below) and the Christmas Fair.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our special guest will be boat builder Doug Parsons who will help us learn about the heritage, culture, and folk life of the fisheries of Gloucester through preservation of the gil-net fishing vessel. In addition, we'll enjoy a delicious brownie delight for dessert! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE Weekend of February 9th & February 10th

The Holy Family Women's Guild will hold a Valentine's Day Bake Sale during the weekend of Saturday, February 9th and Sunday, February 10th. After all weekend Masses, the Women's Guild will sell biscotti, cakes, candy, and Italian cookies. Here's your chance to buy something sweet for someone you love and support Holy Family Parish at the same time! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Thank you for your generous support!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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@ccgrounline.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 2 – FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Saturday, February 2	Vigil · Fourth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Arthur Carbone
6:00pm · OLGV	Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday, February 3	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Angelina Matos
8:15am · Saint Ann	Charles McIntosh
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Francisca Garcia
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family
	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, February 4 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, February 5 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Ashely & Winter Hill
Wednesday, February 6 8:00am · OLGV	Cosimo Parisi
Thursday, February 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Justin Harrington
Friday, February 8 8:00am · OLGV	Reverend Matthew Flynn, OCSO
Saturday, February 9 8:00am · OLGV	For All the Sick & Homebound
Saturday, February 9	Vigil · Fifth Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain John & 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

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of January 26th & January 27th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,590.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,468.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (37% of Goal)	\$27,636.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of January 26th & January 27th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,035.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,115.00
Second Collection (Church in the World)	\$605.00
Grand Annual Collection (25% of Goal)	\$11,282.00

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 Ellen Donovan
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Lee Ann (Hurst) Porper
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Marjorie Collins
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!

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