

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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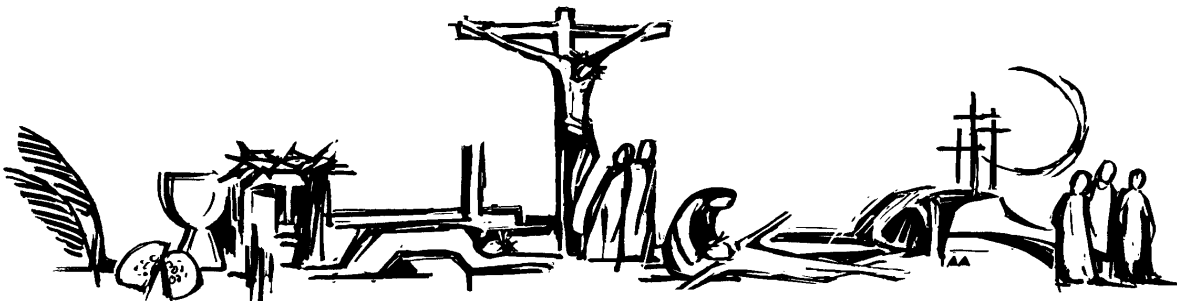
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HOLY SEASON OF LENT

A Prayer for Lent

Almighty God,
 we are now in the holy season of Lent.
 We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation;
 these are the acceptable days.
 We know that we are all sinners.
 We know that in many things,
 we have offended your infinite majesty.
 We know that sin destroys your life in us
 as a drought withers the leaves
 and chokes the life from the land,
 leaving an arid, dusty desert.
 Help us now in our feeble attempts
 to make up for our past sins and shortcomings.
 Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of your grace.
 Make us realize ever more
 our need for penance and reconciliation.
 Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties,
 in the trials and temptations of every day,
 the best opportunity of making up for our past infidelities.
 Every day we are so often reminded
 in field and wood, in sky and stream,
 of your own boundless generosity to us.
 Help us to realize that you are never outdone in generosity,
 and the least thing we do for you will be rewarded,
 full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over.
 Then we will see, in our own souls,
 how the desert can blossom,
 and the dry wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit
 that was expected of it from the very beginning.
 We ask these things through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God forever and ever. Amen.

Source: The Rural Life Prayer Book



OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

After New Zealand

BY FATHER JIM

Last week in Christchurch, New Zealand, a young man stood at the door of his place of worship. His ministry was hospitality and welcome. When a stranger approached, he did not turn away. He did not block the door. He said: "Welcome, brother." Moments later, that young man lay dead in the doorway, the first of more than seventy-five victims of a terrorist and his gun. That could happen here. It could happen to me. It could happen to Betsy or Cliff or Melissa or Sheila or Tom or any member of our pastoral team. It could happen to any one of our fellow parishioners who stand at the doors of our churches as living witnesses of our firm belief that "All are welcome!"

Last weekend at Mass, we heard Luke's account of the Transfiguration of the Lord; that moment when Jesus reveals the fullness of his identity to the apostles. He appears to them in dazzling white. He appears to them in glory. He is divine. He is human. He is the Messiah. He is one of us. At the moment of this great revelation, God speaks from heaven: "This is my chosen son. Listen to him (Luke 9:35)." Over the course of his public ministry, Jesus teaches us that the entirety of God's law can be fulfilled by observing the two great commandments: to love God and to love each other (John 13:34-35). Clear. Concise. Undeniable. No exceptions. We are called to love God and to love our neighbor: no matter who they are; no matter where they are from; no matter what color they are; no matter what religion they practice; no matter whom they love.

The teachings of the Gospel of Christ and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church are simple and straightforward. Racism is sinful. Racism is evil. Bigotry, hatred, and violence are completely incompatible and irreconcilable with God's law of love. Four decades ago, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) forcefully declared: "Racism is a radical evil that divides the human family and denies the creation of a redeemed world." Three decades ago, Pope Saint John Paul II said: "Every upright conscience cannot but decisively condemn any racism, no matter in what heart or place it is found. Racism always emerges in ever new and unexpected ways, offending and degrading the whole human family." And more recently, Pope Francis said: "Racism is the ultimate evil in today's world!"

As Christian disciples, we are obligated to condemn bigotry, hatred, and violence of any kind, toward anyone, anywhere as wholly inconsistent with the Good News of Christ. We are obligated to condemn bigotry, hatred, and violence of any kind, toward anyone, anywhere as incompatible with our shared vocation to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild our Church. And we are obligated to turn away from the apologists, defenders, and purveyors of this ideology of hatred, whether they live in New Zealand, New York, Washington, or even in our own hometown.

Let us, then, renew our commitment to the Lord's commandment to love and our determination to work for justice in our community, our country, and our world. Let us pray for the guts to speak out against bigotry, hatred, and violence; and for the courage to speak instead for fraternity, goodwill, and peace between all peoples, all religions, and all nations. Let us pray for the grace to overcome bigotry, hatred, and violence with small acts of generosity, kindness, and mutual understanding. Let us simply love each other as brothers and sisters, as children of the same God. Let us pray for the perpetrators; and let us always pray for the victims. Above all, let us open our hearts and minds to the voice from heaven that cries out: "This is my chosen son. Listen to him!"

Note: Father Jim delivered this message as his homily on March 16th and March 17th.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH 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 the month in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" is scheduled for March 30th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will continue our study and discussion of the Franciscan Saints; and we will consider how throughout history average people like us have become saints. All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are always invited to join us this month and every month!

If you have a prayer request or would like more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820; or visit our website: assisiproject.com. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE ASSISI PROJECT A FRANCISCAN WAY OF THE CROSS Friday, April 12th · Begins at 6:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim and the Assisi Project for a "Franciscan Way of the Cross" on Friday, April 12th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. This special event will include Evening Prayer (with Reflection) & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm; a Franciscan Way of the Cross at 7:00pm; and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00pm. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. Please join us as we adore the Real Presence of the Crucified Christ! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

LIVING THE GOSPEL

HOLY SEASON OF LENT THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! Wednesdays at 6:00pm · Our Lady's Church

During the Holy Season of Lent, all Catholics are invited to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation. On the Wednesday evenings during Lent (through April 10th), all are invited to join us for "The Light Is On For You!" from 6:00pm until 8:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. These special evenings of prayer will include Evening Prayer and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours; Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and two full hours of confessions for those who feel called to participate. For some, this may be a time for confession and sacramental reconciliation. For some, it may be a time for silent prayer and adoration. For others, it may be a time to begin or renew a spiritual journey. For more information about this special event, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY SEASON OF LENT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 3:00pm · Saint Ann Church

For more than five hundred years, the Stations of the Cross are one of the most enduring and moving traditional devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with those of the suffering Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with our Lord as he experiences the Passion of the Cross. During Lent, all are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in praying the Stations of the Cross on six consecutive Friday afternoons (through April 12th) at 3:00pm in Saint Ann Church. For more information about the Holy Season of Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

HOLY SEASON OF LENT WORDS of WISDOM from POPE FRANCIS

Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn toward Jesus. Let us stand with our brothers and sisters in need and share our wealth with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation. (Message for Lent 2019).

Franciscans

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

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 sick, aged, disabled, and homebound fellow parishioners. They visit these friends and neighbors in their homes and apartments, hospitals, and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship and conversation, and share God's love and mercy with those who are so often lonely and forgotten.

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish office (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 our parish communities, please contact Sue Demetri at 978-281-4820 or sdemetri2000@yahoo.com. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and needy. Our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. And our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry needs these items:

Assorted Canned Soups
Beef Stew · Chef Boyardee
Canned Tuna · Chicken & Tuna Helper
Chips, Cookies, Crackers, and Snacks
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Pasta & Sauce · Ramen Noodles · Rice-a-Roni
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of our churches. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at Barbara.Frontiero@gortons.com. If you or your family needs our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP WALKING WITH JESUS DURING HOLY WEEK BEGINS TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH 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: Walking with Jesus During Holy Week" from Tuesday, April 16th through Friday, April 19th from 8:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exiting week of prayer, fun, and fellowship, children will learn about Jesus and his disciples and the heartbreaking and triumphant events of Holy Week. Here's our schedule for the week:

Day I: Tuesday, April 16th
What Is Holy Week?

Day II: Wednesday, April 17th
Jesus and the Entry into Jerusalem

Day III: Holy Thursday, April 18th
Jesus and the Last Supper

Day IV: Good Friday, April 19th
Jesus and the Way of the Cross

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 and educational program that your children and grandchildren will love!

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program is just \$30 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available for those families who cannot afford tuition. Adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are also welcome to join us as volunteers! Their help will be much appreciated! Registration forms are available at ccgronline.com/formation. For more information about our next Catholic Kids Camp, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 23 – MARCH 31, 2019

Saturday, March 23	Vigil · Third Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Salvatore & Grazia Storniolo
6:00pm · OLGV	Capt. Salvatore & Josephine Santuccio
Sunday, March 24	Third Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Stephen Daniel Antonivich III
8:15am · Saint Ann	Paul LeBlanc
10:00am · Saint Joachim	The Ciolino Family
11:45am · OLGV	The Lovasco Family
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Catherine Cusumano
	Third Week of Lent
Monday, March 25 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, March 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Lee Ann Porper
Wednesday, March 27 8:00am · OLGV	Salvatore Albano
Thursday, March 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mary & Cindy Works
Friday, March 29 8:00am · OLGV	Mary Works
Saturday, March 30 8:00am · OLGV	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, March 30	Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rosaria & Giuseppe Cambria
6:00pm · OLGV	Robert Madruga
Sunday, March 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
8:15am · Saint Ann	Cindy Works
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Stephen Russo
11:45am · OLGV	José Nunes Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of March 16th & March 17th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,146.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,024.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (46% of Goal)	\$34,511.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of March 16th & March 17th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,570.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,650.00
Second Collection (Easter Flowers)	\$1,214.00
Grand Annual Collection (30% of Goal)	\$13,277.00

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 Grace (Catania) Veerman
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Sebastian Buddy Lovasco
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Captain Michael & Lena Lovasco
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

NORTH SHORE ACAPELLA NIGHT

Saturday, April 27th at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage · Parish Hall

Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!