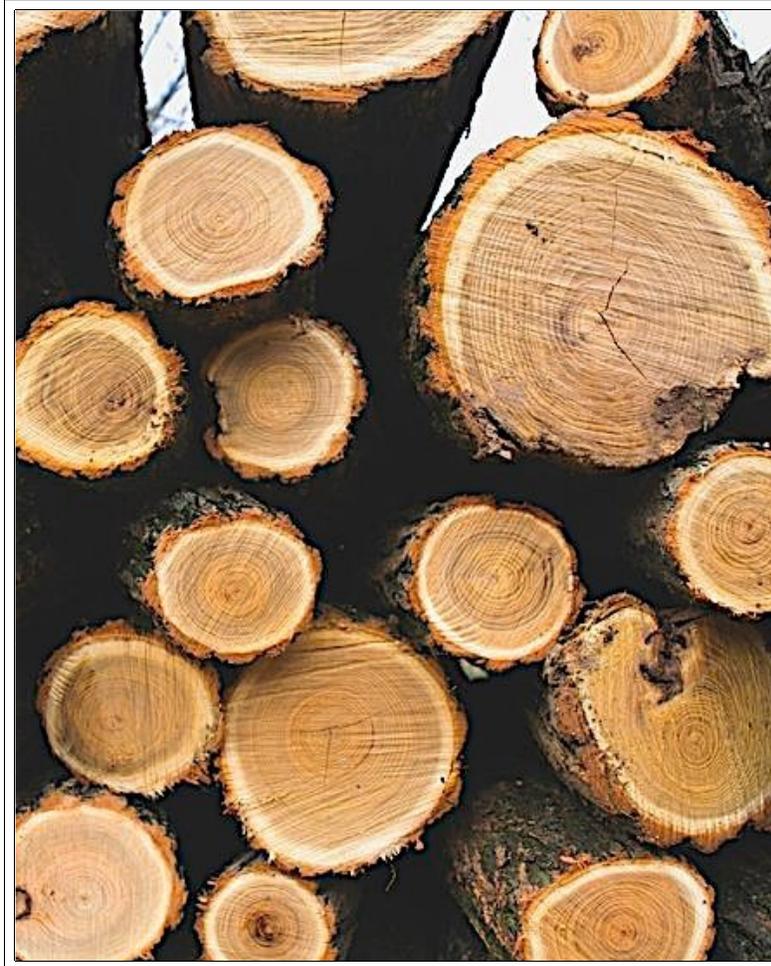


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

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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## HOLY SEASON OF LENT

### Ash Wednesday

OUR MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

The Holy Season of Lent is a time for prayer, penance, and almsgiving during which all Christian disciples are called to renew their faith in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6th, which is a Holy Day of Abstinence and Fasting for all Roman Catholics. In the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes according to the following schedule: Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; Mass at 12:00pm in Saint Ann Church; and Mass at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. In addition, we will celebrate a Service of the Word (with the distribution of ashes) at 5:00pm in Saint Joachim Church. For more information about the Holy Season of Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgrronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgrronline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### The Stations of the Cross

A TRADITIONAL LENTEN DEVOTION  
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 (March 8th 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 see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgrronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgrronline.com). Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### The Light Is On For You!

CONFESSIONS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00PM - OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH

During the Holy Season of Lent, all Catholics are invited to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession). On five consecutive Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 13th 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. And for others, it may be a time to begin or renew a spiritual journey. For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgrronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgrronline.com). Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### The Beam of Hypocrisy

BY FATHER JIM

In the Gospel of Luke, the mountain for Jesus is a place for prayer; the place where he chooses the twelve disciples. But in this week's reading (Luke 6:39-45), we find Jesus in the midst of what is sometimes called the "Sermon on the Plain." In this passage, Jesus moves to the plain, to level ground, to be with the people. Those who gather here belong to three groups: the apostles, the disciples, and the people – everyday men and women like you and me who come to hear the message of this new preacher from Galilee. Among them are Jews and Gentiles, the young and the old, the poor and sick (for whom Jesus shows special concern). This setting strongly suggests that the sermon is intended for all people: not just for those who follow Jesus, not just for those who are guilty of some sin.

Jesus preaches to this universal audience a sermon about five important subjects: blessings and hardship; love of enemies; integrity; hearing and doing; and finally, the hypocrisy of judging others. These are hard lessons. They demand that we pause and think before we speak. They require that we pray and consider the consequences before we act. They call us to self-examination and self-knowledge. They admonish us to think twice before judging others. And especially during these troubled times, they offer us a counter-cultural way of living that is based on a Gospel mentality rather than a reality show mentality. Jesus asks of us a difficult thing. He asks us to look directly and honestly into the mirror and reflect on our own sins and shortcomings before we accuse and judge others.

Hypocrisy is the practice of claiming to have high ethical or moral standards, but failing to practice those standards in our own lives. Hypocrisy is deceitful, dishonest, insincere, and pretentious. The hypocrite claims the high ground, but all too often falls into the deepest depths of rigidity, sanctimony, and judgment. The hypocrite is a fake, a phony, and a liar. Earlier this week, I watched with annoyance (and some amusement) as one politician attacked another politician for exaggerating his military service in Vietnam while seeming to forget that he himself had avoided military service on five separate occasions!

This is the kind of hypocrisy that has plagued God's family since the dawn of time. This is the kind of hypocrisy that has caused so much anger in our divided country, so much pain in our wounded church, and so much grief in our suffering world. This is the wooden beam that Jesus preaches about in this weekend's Gospel. It is the heavy beam of hypocrisy that Jesus asks us to remove from our own eye before bringing attention to the splinter in our neighbor's eye. It is the heavy beam that Jesus asks all of us to see and accept and put down before we hurt someone else and before we make fools of ourselves. Avoiding hypocrisy is the challenge of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. It is the challenge of a lifetime. All of us, myself included, are guilty! For this reason, as Lent approaches, let us pray for the courage and grace to examine our consciences, approach the Lord in a true spirit of repentance, and meet each other with love, mercy, and mutual acceptance. Peace and blessings to all!

*You hypocrite!*

*Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;*

*then you will see clearly*

*to remove the splinter in your brother's eye (Luke 6:42).*

## CALL TO WORSHIP



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT LENT MASS FOR FAMILIES SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 11:45AM

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 this spirit and in response to the Lord's call, all children, parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians are invited to join Father Jim for a Lent Mass for Families on Sunday, March 10th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily and blessing for all of our parish children and their parents. In addition, because Lent is a season for prayer, penance, and charity, all families will be asked to help Father Jim raise \$1,000 for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a service organization that provides food and financial assistance to local families in need. For more information about our Lent Mass for Families, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgronline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgronline.com). Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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

As parishes across the country reimagine their youth faith formation programs, it is important to remember that all children and teenagers are invited to fully participate in the life of our parishes as altar servers, volunteers, or as members of our Youth Choir and Music Ministry. These programs are formative opportunities for children of all ages to gather in prayer, learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, make new friends, and live their faith in a true spirit of prayer, fellowship, and service.

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets every Tuesday at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. The youth choir, along with an ensemble of talented young instrumentalists, performs every weekend. Our youth music ministry is a great way to learn about music and participate in the life of our parish communities! New members are always welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at 978-281-4820 or [pnatti@comcast.net](mailto:pnatti@comcast.net). Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, March 3rd at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society is an organization of Catholic men that was founded to support Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, fellowship, fundraising events, and volunteer service. Our next meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, March 3rd at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be served. For more information about Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish community, please contact Matt Parisi at [mparisis101@gmail.com](mailto:mparisis101@gmail.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, March 4th at 6:30pm

Founded in 1944, Our Lady's Guild works to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Pat Sholds and Pat McCarthy will serve as co-chairwomen for this meeting. After regular business, nominations will be accepted for our officers and board members. Our Lady's Guild also continues to accept donations for our "Cakeless Cake Sale." Contributions can be mailed to Jean Madruga or brought to our meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at [jcbf33@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbf33@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S PENNY SALE Monday, March 11th at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, March 11th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, we'll have great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, delicious homemade sweetbread, and other fresh foods and snacks. Donations are being accepted at our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). Julia Garcia and Mary Piscitello will serve as co-chairwomen of this event. For more information, please contact Beth Fosberry at [jcbf33@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbf33@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, March 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 and our famous Christmas Fair. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. All members, friends, and fellow parishioners are invited to join us for Bingo! Try your luck! Enjoy the good company! Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Holy Family Women's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

### PASTOR'S NOTE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS

Last Saturday, seventy-eight friends and fellow parishioners joined Cliff Garvey and me for our "Winter Day of Prayer & Reflection: Prayer & Healing with the Children of Fatima." It was a powerful morning of prayer and fellowship that included Cliff's beautiful and challenging reflections on Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, Eucharistic Adoration, and a Rosary for Peace. Everyone also enjoyed an amazing potluck lunch.

On behalf of everyone who attended, special thanks go to Cliff; Becky Carrancho, who organized our lunch; and an anonymous parishioner who donated relics of the saints. My sincere thanks also go to members of the Assisi Project and Legion of Mary for turning out in such large numbers; and to members of Our Lady's Guild who helped clean up the parish hall after lunch.

All are encouraged to save the date and mark your calendar for this upcoming special event:

Spring Day of Prayer & Reflection  
Mary: Mother of All Peoples  
Saturday, May 4th · 8:00am – 12:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about adult faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please see Cliff Garvey before or after Mass; or contact him at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. For a more complete schedule of this year's programs and events, please visit our website: [ccgronline.com/formation](http://ccgronline.com/formation). Please spread the good news! Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

## CALL TO PRAYER



### HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH AN EVENING with SAINT OSCAR ROMERO FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND - BEGINS AT 5:00PM

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 were vital parts of 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 also beg the saints to pray for us and guide us in the hard work of discipleship during these difficult times.

All are invited to join us for our next Evening of Prayer for the Healing of God's Family on Friday, March 22nd in anticipation of the Feast of Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr. This special evening of prayer will begin at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 6:30pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary for the healing of God's family. And at 7:00pm, we will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction.

During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a reflection on the life and legacy of Saint Oscar Romero (1917-1980), who was assassinated while celebrating Holy Mass and is remembered as an ardent defender of the Church, a true friend of the poor, and an outspoken opponent of hatred, injustice, and violence. Saint Oscar Romero is venerated as a patron of the Americas, El Salvador, Christian communications, the poor, and the victims of persecution. He has much to teach us about living the Gospel, sharing God's love, and rebuilding our Church!

We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special evening of prayer, reflection, and devotion. For more information, please see Father Jim before or after Mass; or contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**MARCH 2 – MARCH 10, 2019**

<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	<b>Vigil · Eighth Sunday</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Philip Demetri
6:00pm · OLGV	Our Lady’s Guild and the Holy Name Society
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Dionisio & Celestino Goulart
8:15am · Saint Ann	The Passalacqua Family
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima and Sons
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family
	<b>Eighth Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, March 4 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, March 5 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, March 6 8:00am · OLGV	Giuseppina Napoli
Thursday, March 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Thomas Tremblay
Friday, March 8 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, March 9 8:00am · OLGV	Ted Costa
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	<b>Vigil · First Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	William & Eunice Smith
6:00pm · OLGV	Robert L. Hanson
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Father Eugene Alves
8:15am · Saint Ann	Lois V. Arnold
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Jim Contri & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Jeremias & Maria Jose Matos
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God’s Family

**OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Weekend of February 23rd & February 24th**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,562.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,440.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (43% of Goal)	\$32,151.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**

**Weekend of February 23rd & February 24th**

Weekly Offerings	\$2,703.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$2,783.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (27% of Goal)	\$12,307.00

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 Lois Libro  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of James Odum  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Giuseppina & Francesco Passalacqua  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Joseph Curcio  
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@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

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