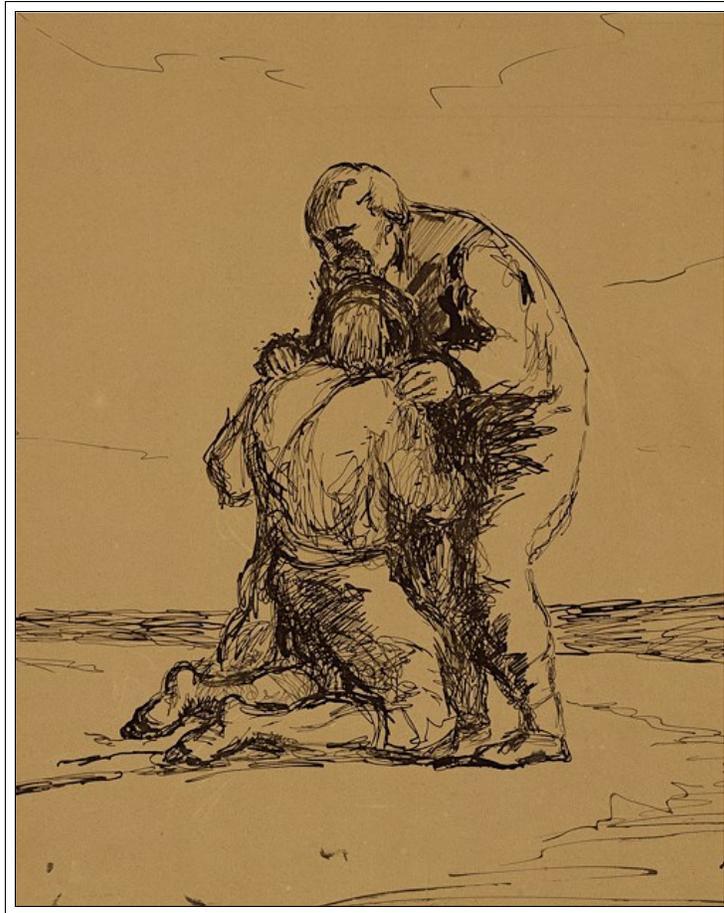


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

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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LOST & FOUND

HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH
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HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

Our Worship Schedule

ALL ARE INVITED! ALL ARE WELCOME!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

A FRANCISCAN WAY OF THE CROSS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH AT 6:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

MORNING PRAYER
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH AT 8:00AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
SAINT ANN CHURCH AT 7:00PM

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH
UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

MORNING PRAYER
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH AT 8:00AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAINT ANN CHURCH AT 12:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH AT 3:00PM
OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH AT 7:00PM

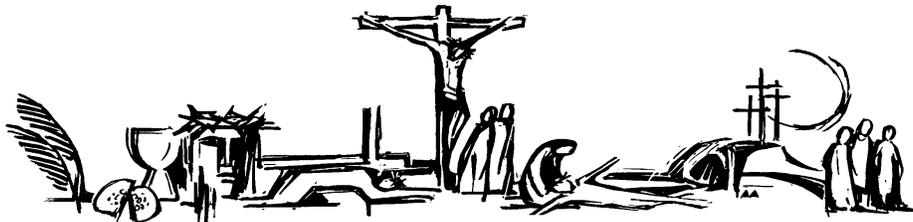
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

MORNING PRAYER
SAINT ANN CHURCH AT 8:00AM

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE
SAINT ANN CHURCH AT 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

7:00AM MASS IN OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH
8:15AM MASS IN SAINT ANN CHURCH
10:00AM MASS IN SAINT JOACHIM CHURCH
11:45AM MASS IN OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Lost & Found

BY RICHARD ROHR, OFM

Of all Jesus' parables, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) is perhaps the most profound. The story is more that of the prodigal father, who is extravagant when it comes to his sons. The sons are prodigal in failure; the father in generosity. The story is familiar. The younger son asks for a share of his father's estate. He wants a life apart. In effect, he says: "Give me my part of your stuff, Dad. I'm going to take off and live alone." His father obliges and the young man departs for a distant country, quickly squandering his inheritance. He is soon destitute and chastened by his intemperance. He returns home, prepared to acknowledge to his father that he has failed and no longer deserves to be called his son. The younger son has come to his senses. He is content, even eager, to be treated as no more than a hire hand. But he is in for a big surprise, as we will all be. God is greater than our sins.

Luke writes that while the younger son "was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him (Luke 15:20)." He calls for a feast to celebrate his son's return. The older son protests that he has never disobeyed his father or given him grief. This is true, but the older son is trying to find his legitimacy in obedience, not love. He does not know about simple relationships; and the Bible is all about relationship. When we do not have a living relationship, we often try to substitute it with duty and obligation.

"Everything I have is yours (Luke 15:31)," the father insists. What a marvelous response and image of God! God is like a prodigal father who welcomes his son without explanation. No questions are asked about why the son is returning home; no apology is requested. He throws his arms around him and invited everyone to celebrate because his son who "was dead has come to life again; he was lost and has been found (Luke 15:24)." This is not just a son, but a returned son. It is when we return that we know how important union is, what strength and joy relationship gives. It is one of the most consistent messages of the Bible. It is in losing that we discover what we have. Alienation is not the end of the world. It is the way we commonly come to God. Most biblical figures are transformed sinners, not people who walk a straight line to God. That is not the path.

This parable of the prodigal son and father has power to change us because it names human relationships so perfectly. We see ourselves in both sons. We try to live autonomously, yet that eventually leads to alienation and unhappiness. Slowly we gather our truth and our identity. But we are also capable of being the older son who prides himself on his orthodoxy but is unable to celebrate and enjoy a free gift. So we end with an amazing story of one son who does it all right and is wrong, and another son who does it all wrong and is right! In the end, we never learn whether the elder son attends the banquet, but we do know that the Father continues hoping that his son will come and not live in resentment or superiority toward his brother who has done it all wrong. It is an invitation to all who have perhaps been good Catholics (a.k.a older sons) but may also lack compassion and forgiveness.

About the Author: Father Richard Rohr is a Franciscan friar, spiritual director, and best-selling author. His columns appear regularly in "Bringing Home the Word." A new edition of this weekly resource for prayer and reflection based on the weekly lectionary readings is posted every weekend at ccgonline.com/news.

PASTOR'S NOTE



HELP US BALANCE OUR BUDGETS! GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTIONS

EVERY SMALL DONATION MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Last year, thanks to your generous support, both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish were able to balance their respective budgets. One big reason for this accomplishment is the success of our Grand Annual Collections. In each of our parishes, the Grand Annual Collection bridges the gap between our weekly gifts and our financial obligations (such as salaries and benefits, insurance premiums, utility bills, snow plowing, and essential parish programs). The Grand Annual Collections also empower us to maintain our historic, but very expensive repair to church buildings.

In order for each parish to balance its budget and ensure its long-term financial stability, we must meet our goals of \$75,000 for Holy Family Parish and \$45,000 for Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. These fundraising campaigns are essential components of our annual parish budgets. Each year, we ask all parishioners to contribute what they can to our Grand Annual Collections. Every gift, large or small, helps us to achieve our goals and balance our budgets. Offertory envelopes are located at the doors of all of our churches. Please place your offering in the collection basket during Mass or mail it directly to me.

Although we have made good progress toward reaching our goal, we have much work ahead before the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. As we begin the final quarter of the fiscal year, all parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider giving to the Grand Annual Collection at either Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Every penny raised goes directly to the parish of your choice. Please join me in praying that each of us, according to our means, will give generously to one of these all-important fundraising efforts.

If you have questions or need assistance regarding the Grand Annual Collections in either Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please feel welcome to see me before or after Mass; or contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgonline.com. Thank you in advance for your generous and ongoing support of our amazing parishes! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

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PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

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; Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; along with two 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, 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

This is important: The courage to trust in Christ's mercy, to trust in his patience, and to seek refuge in the wounds of his love...God is waiting for you. He asks of you only the courage to go to him...Do not be afraid to go to him. He is waiting for you. He will take care of everything. We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead: his touch of merciful love. For God, we are not numbers. We are important. Indeed, we are the most important thing to him. Even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart (Source: The Church of Mercy by Pope Francis).

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, March 31st 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 31st at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish community, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisis101@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, April 1st at 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1st at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After our business meeting, nominations for officers and board members will be accepted. Jean Jacobson, Carol Cafasso, and Becky Carrancho will co-chair the 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! All are invited! New members are always welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD Tuesday, April 2nd 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 sponsors fundraising events and social gatherings, including our famous bake sales and the Christmas Fair. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Our special guest will be Beth Welin, Director of the Manchester Historical Museum, who was also a teacher at Saint Ann School. Beth will share some history and photography of Gloucester's Main Street & Middle Street Historic District. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

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Join us: ccgronline.com!

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 exciting week of prayer, fun, and fellowship, children will learn about Jesus, his disciples, and both 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 the celebration of Holy 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 her dedicated team of volunteers will lead the children to Our Lady's School for a faith-filled and fun-filled morning of activities, arts & crafts, hands-on 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 suggested 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 youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport and 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!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 30 – APRIL 7, 2019

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
	Fourth Week of Lent
Monday, April 1 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, April 2 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Lee Ann Porper
Wednesday, April 3 8:00am · OLGV	Timothy Cullinane
Thursday, April 4 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Souls in Purgatory
Friday, April 5 8:00am · OLGV	Celestino Goulart
Saturday, April 6 8:00am · OLGV	William & Grace Budrow
Saturday, April 6	Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Allerio & Filippa Loiacano
6:00pm · OLGV	Special Intention
Saturday, April 7	Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:00am · OLGV	Dionisio & Celestino Goulart
8:15am · Saint Ann	Martin Dillon
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Maria Leonilda Oliveira
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Luca DiBella

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of March 23rd & March 24th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,405.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,283.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (46% of Goal)	\$34,742.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of March 23rd & March 24th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,034.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,114.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (30% of Goal)	\$13,547.00

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 John Unis
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John & Mary Garvey
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Church

In Memory of the Hayes Family
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!