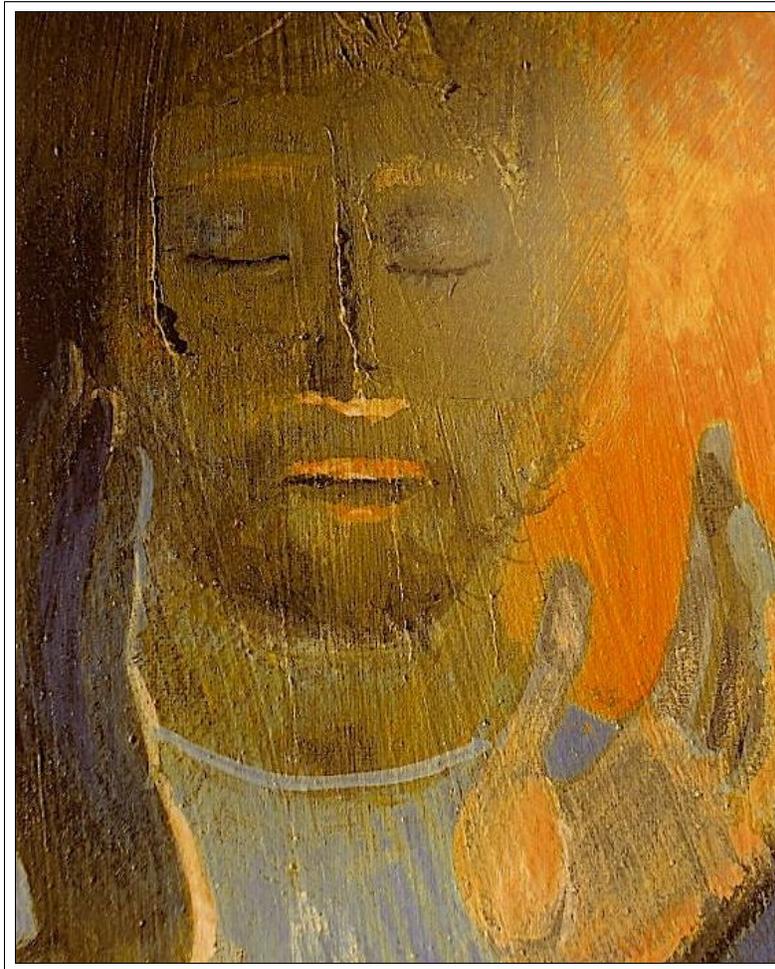


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

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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WELCOME HOME FOR EASTER!

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HAPPY EASTER!

Divine Mercy Sunday

A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S LOVE & MERCY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH · BEGINS AT 2:30PM

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska and designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy (popularly known as Divine Mercy Sunday). During the past two decades, the devotion has spread throughout the world and reflects a mystical message that the Risen Christ gave to Saint Faustina which was recorded in her diary: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy. This is the Easter gift that the Church received from the Risen Christ and offers to all people."

In this spirit, all are invited to join us for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 28th from 2:30pm until 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. This special afternoon of prayer and devotion will proceed according to the following schedule: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Daytime Prayer at 2:30pm; the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm; and the Holy Rosary at 3:30pm. In between these periods of shared prayer, all are invited to pray in silence in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, all are encouraged to pray with the following prayer which is traditionally recited each day at 3:00pm to commemorate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Jesus, you died
but the source of life flowed out
for souls and the ocean of mercy
opened up for the whole world.
O Fountain of Life,
immeasurable Divine Mercy,
cover the whole world
and empty yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water
which flowed out from the heart of Jesus,
as a Fountain of Mercy for us,
I trust in you!
Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world!
Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

For more information about Divine Mercy Sunday in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Jane Russo at jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-430-7196. We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special afternoon of prayer and devotion! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always! Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome Home for Easter!

BY FATHER JIM

Holy Week begins with the festive procession with palms when the entire people welcomes Jesus. Even the children and young people sing, praising Jesus. As a child, I grew up in a household infused with religious beliefs and practices. As a family, we attended Mass on a weekly basis. We said grace before meals. We even prayed the Rosary together. And as a young adult, I volunteered with our parish's youth ministry program. For me, the Catholic Church has always been a place of peace, a consolation during times of trial, and a second home. Sadly, more and more people do not feel this way anymore. All too many good people have left the Church behind. Some are justifiably angry or hurt by the actions of bishops and priests. Others simply feel unwelcome because of their marital status, sexual orientation, or lack of knowledge about the teachings and traditions of our faith.

At Easter, however, many of our brothers and sisters come home to the Church to experience again the timeless miracle of the Resurrection of Jesus. Even if for just one Easter Sunday Mass, they come in search of joy, peace, and meaning in their lives. They come in search of something that the world cannot offer: God's endless love, intimate friendship, and boundless mercy. Whether they realize it or not, they are called by the Lord to join us and to hopefully find a place in our spiritual home. The Celebration of Holy Mass at Easter (and every day during the year) is the source and summit of our community's life of prayer, fellowship, and service. All are welcome to join us for Mass and to participate in Holy Communion in accordance with a personal examination of conscience and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Like Pope Francis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was blessed with the heart of a true shepherd of souls. During the 1930s and 1940s, Pastor Bonhoeffer spoke out against bigotry, hatred, and violence in Nazi Germany. His brave witness to the Gospel of Christ cost him his life. In a meditation written from prison before his death, Bonhoeffer challenges us to engage in a radical welcome to all who seek comfort and consolation during dark times. He writes: "Jesus stands at the door knocking (cf. Revelation 3:20). In a very real way, Jesus comes to us asking for help in the form of a beggar or a poor child in ragged clothes. He confronts us in every person we meet. As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as our neighbor, as the one through whom God calls us, speaks to us, and asks something of us...Christ is standing at the door. He lives among us. Will we close the door or open it?"

In this spirit, our church doors are always open to every saint and every sinner. Our doors are open to the rich and the poor, to the young and the old, and to everyone in between. Our doors are open to married couples and single people, to straight people and gay people, and to all who are discerning their way in the world. Our doors are open to every citizen and non-citizen, and to all who seek a community of prayer. Our doors are open to healthy people, to sick people, and to all who long for the Lord's healing presence in their lives. Again and again and again, you and your family are welcome here! So, this Easter and beyond, let us learn from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from Pope Francis, and from all who courageously give witness to the Good News of Christ. Let us live the Gospel, share God's love with compassion and mercy, and rebuild our wounded Church from the bottom to the top. Let us open wide the doors! Let us open our arms! Let us open our hearts! Let us open our minds! And let us cry out joyfully for the glory of God, forever and always: "Welcome Home for Easter!"

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



SPRING DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION
MARY, MOTHER OF ALL PEOPLES
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH · BEGINS AT 8:00AM

The Blessed Virgin Mary is known and venerated by countless names and titles throughout the world. Some of these titles are dogmatic; some are artistic; and some are the result of popular piety. Through these titles, we learn about Mary's life, legacy, and loving care for God's people; we learn about our Lord Jesus Christ; and we learn something about ourselves and God's Holy Church. Whether we think of her as Theotokos (Mother of God), Panagia (Mother of Mercy), or as Our Lady of Good Voyage, Mary lives in our hearts and in the Church as the Blessed Mother of All Peoples.

In this spirit and in celebration of our devotion to Mary during the month of May, all are invited to join Father Jim and Cliff Garvey for a "Spring Day of Prayer & Reflection: Mary, Mother of All Peoples" on Saturday, May 4th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this four-hour morning retreat, we will explore the Blessed Mother's loving intercession and protection of God's family across the centuries. We will also consider how our devotion to Mary can help us overcome the growing darkness of bigotry, division, and exclusion that seems so prevalent in our own time.

This special day of prayer and reflection, which is sponsored by the Legion of Mary and the Assisi Project, 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 11:15am; Angelus & Closing Prayers at 12:00pm. After our program, all are cordially invited to join us for a delicious potluck lunch in Our Lady's 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, too. During Mass, a collection will be taken up in support of our adult faith formation programs in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. If you plan to join us and/or if you are able to help with our lunch, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
AN EVENING *with* NORTHSHORE ACAPELLA
Saturday, April 27th · Begins at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are cordially invited to join Our Lady's Guild for an "Evening with Northshore Acapella" on Saturday, April 27th from 7:00pm until 10:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. For more than thirty-five years, Northshore Acapella has been entertaining audiences throughout all of New England, adding a delightful blend of harmony, rhythm, and tempo to popular songs from the 1940s through the present day.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include a light buffet. We will also have a cash bar, a 50-50 raffle, and other raffles with prizes! All proceeds benefit the parish. For more information about this special event, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring your family and friends! All are invited! All are 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

MOTHER'S DAY MASS *for* FAMILIES Saturday, May 11th at 4:00pm

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Mt 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all parents, grandparents, godparents, and children of all ages are invited to join Father Jim for our Mother's Day Mass for Families on Saturday, May 11th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will preach about Mother's Day and offer a special blessing for all mothers, families, and children. In addition, those who gather for this Mass will join the Legion of Mary in the Annual Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As our Mother's Day Mass for Families approaches, let us reaffirm that Mass is our best class! Jesus is our best teacher! And every family that joins us is a gift from God! For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE WAY FOR KIDS Begins Saturday, May 18th at 4:30pm

If your family includes a child, grandchild, or godchild who has completed the second grade but has not received the Sacraments of Baptism and/or First Holy Communion, we have a special program just for them: "The Way for Kids." Beginning on Saturday, May 18th from 4:30pm until 5:45pm in Our Lady's School, Betsy Works and a team of volunteers will lead a five-week series of workshops for young disciples who have not received the Sacraments of Initiation. After each workshop, the children and their families will attend Mass at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. For more information about this special program, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please pray for our young disciples and their families! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

CALL FOR YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS Help Father Jim Serve God's People!

Father Jim is full of energy and excitement, but as the only full-time priest assigned to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, he needs our help! This spring, he is hoping to recruit a few new members to our corps of youth altar servers to help him at Mass! All young disciples, boys and girls, ages 8 through 17, are invited to participate on a weekly or monthly basis. Being an altar server is a great way to learn about the teachings & traditions of the Catholic Church! Training is available! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com! Please join us! All are welcome!

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH

TRIVIA NIGHT

BRAIN TEASING SPECIAL EVENT
TRIVIA NIGHT with FATHER JIM
SATURDAY, MAY 18TH AT 7:00PM

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for a brain-teasing, mind-blowing, and fast-paced special event: "Trivia Night with Father Jim" on Saturday, May 18th from 7:00pm until 10:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. Throughout the evening, Father Jim (who is secretly a quiz master and aspiring game show host) will ask a series of questions on a wide array of topics ranging from music and sports, movies and television, books and history, religion and good, old-fashioned trivia.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Participants will be organized into teams of eight, so all are welcome to organize a team (or teams) in advance or take your chance at the door! Tickets will be available at the door, in our parish office, or by contacting Father Jim. All are invited to bring food and snacks. Coffee, tea, bottled water, and soft drinks will be offered for sale (along with a cash bar). Father Jim promises cool prizes and raffles, too!

Don't miss this chance to impress your friends and neighbors with your knowledge of facts, figures, and trivia! Don't miss this chance to share a few laughs with family and fellow parishioners! Don't miss your chance to win a great prize! And don't miss this chance to raise some much needed funds for Holy Family Parish! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Easter!

PASTOR'S NOTE Reminder About Smoking & Litter

All are reminded that smoking is prohibited both inside and outside of all buildings at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. If you choose to smoke off site, please dispose of your ashes, butts, and all other forms of trash in an appropriate receptacle (not on our lawns, parking lots, or sidewalks). Let's remind our friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners that we have a solemn obligation to care for our common home! Let's work together to keep Gloucester & Rockport beautiful! Please do not litter! Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation! Happy Easter! — Father Jim

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 20 – APRIL 28, 2019

Saturday, April 20	Easter Vigil
7:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
Sunday, April 21	Easter Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Mass for the People
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Mass for the People
11:45am · OLGV	Mass for the People
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Scheduled Mass
Octave of Easter	
Monday, April 22 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, April 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mary Works
Wednesday, April 24 8:00am · OLGV	George Moynihan
Thursday, April 25 8:00am · Saint Joachim	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday, April 26 8:00am · OLGV	Paul & Sophie Brancaleone
Saturday, April 27 8:00am · OLGV	Dr. Gerald Kochansky
Saturday, April 27	Vigil · Divine Mercy Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Gavin Symes
6:00pm · OLGV	Kelly Durkin
Saturday, April 28	Divine Mercy Sunday
7:00am · OLGV	Ted Costa
8:15am · Saint Ann	Josephine & Fred Sallah
10:00am · Saint Joachim	First Holy Communion
11:45am · OLGV	Theresa Wilkins
5:00pm · Saint Ann	John & Catherine Cusumano

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH Weekend of April 13th & April 14th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,727.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,605.00
Second Collection (Palm Sunday)	\$2,962.00
Grand Annual Collection (47% of Goal)	\$35,597.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH Weekend of April 13th & April 14th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,584.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,664.00
Second Collection (Palm Sunday)	\$1,601.00
Grand Annual Collection (35% of Goal)	\$15,552.00

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 Salvatore P. Scola
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Dr. Gerald Kochansky
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Vito & Benjamin Asaro
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Assisi Project
Paschal Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Deceased Members
of the Madonna del Rosario Society
Paschal Candle · Saint Ann 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!