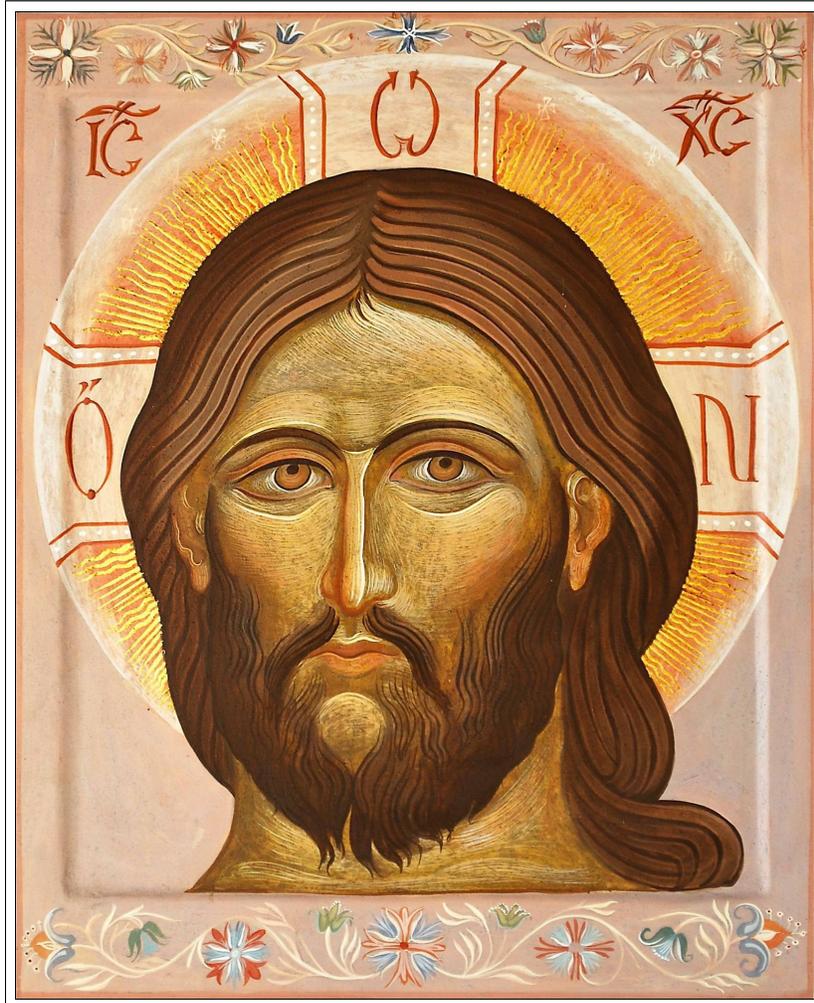


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Our Mission: Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.
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LIVING MERCY

HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019



Blessings & Congratulations!

On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, Father Jim wishes to congratulate the following children from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish who have successfully completed our program of preparation and who will receive their First Holy Communion this month:

Bryce Albano	Paul Genovese	Matteo Numerosi
Livia Altieri	Allesandro Gulino	Riley O'Connor
Dylan Amero	Isabella Gusmano	Thomas Olsen
Abigael Bain	Brodie Harnish	Rosario Palminteri
Avery Benjamin	Ava Harrington	Declan Pate
Finn Brady	Peter Henderson	Sarina Racofsky
Sabrina Braga	Gabriella Jonas	Angelo Robertson
Emma Brown	Tristan Karvelas	Maureen Robertson
Cameron Calabrese	Skylar Kinsman	Katelyn Rodolosi
Aliyah Capone	Joseph Kivlan	Alessandro Schoc
William Carlson	Emma Krawczyk	Orlando Severino
Mia Carrapichosa	Mia Lambert	Cecilia Souza
Caine Comeau	Paige Lambert	Makenzie Spence
Keara Debrigard	Joseph Legendre	Lorenzo Taormina
Jefferson Deleon	Eamon Lilly	Ella Thompson
Sandy Deleon	Sophie LoGrasso	Samantha Tucker
Salvatore Di Stephano	Anthony Loiacano	John Tuomivirta
Julia Doyle	Mateo Magaña	Matthew Vargus
Lila Doyle	Vincent Mannone	Evelyn Walsh
Sofia Dullea	Rocco Mazzeo	Calvin Ward
Josephine Estevez	Jacob McLain	Claire Ward
Sophia Fernandez	Iylan Mione	Summer Warren
Lexi Francis	Maria Moginot	Evelyn Watson
Blake Frontiero	Julia Njorage	Cecelia Weagle
Michael Gardner	Jacoby Numerosi	Calla Zerilli

During these past seven months, these seventy-five young fellow parishioners and their parents have prayed, studied, and grown together in prayer, fellowship, and service. They have learned together that disciples of all ages are called to live the Gospel, share God's love and mercy, and rebuild the Church. They are all well-prepared to receive the Body & Blood of the Risen Lord and to become faithful and faith-filled disciples!

Please pray for all of our young fellow parishioners, their parents, and families so that they will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love; and that they will continue to join us for Mass on a regular basis. Please also pray in thanksgiving for our pastoral team and our dedicated volunteers who make these celebrations possible. Thank you for your prayers and support! May God bless you and your family!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Living Mercy

BY CLIFF GARVEY

Father Jim and I argued recently over something stupid. The quarrel lasted too long. Neither of us gave an inch. We dug in. We clung to our positions like dogs with bones. We said things that should not have been said. By the time it was over, we had more or less forgotten the reason for our argument, but for several days, it created some tension between us. To his great credit, Father Jim apologized first. And for the record, all is well. But this incident caused me to think and pray about what it means to forgive and what it means to be merciful. Ever the student, I looked to the dictionary and found that mercy means compassion and forgiveness. It means that whenever we can, we should feel and express sympathy for another person; we should let go of our anger, our hostility, and our resentment toward a friend, neighbor, or relative because of some flaw or mistake or perceived offense.

Mercy is akin to generosity, gratitude, leniency, sympathy, and tolerance. It is never angry or cruel or ruthless. It never complains or gossips. It never holds a grudge. Mercy liberates. It is like a spring shower that melts the dirty remains of winter snow. It is like a sea breeze that clears the air. It is like bright sunshine that warms the heart and soul. Mercy breathes life into old friendships and family relationships. It is enduring and timeless. It is born in scripture, heaven-sent, the work of angels. It is also the calling of sinners like you and me.

One day, I think, history will remember Pope Francis as an “apostle of mercy.” He seems to understand better than most of us that mercy is not just an abstract concept to be studied in a dictionary or textbook. It is instead a way of life. The Holy Father writes this about God’s mercy for all of us: “That mercy is dynamic, not so much a noun with a fixed and definite meaning, nor an adjective, but rather a verb – to show mercy or to receive mercy – that spurs us to action in this world. In addition, that mercy is ever greater; it is a mercy that grows and expands, passing from good to better and from less to more. Jesus sets before us the model of mercy who is God the Father, who is ever greater and whose infinite mercy in some sense constantly grows. God’s mercy has no roof and it has no walls (June 2016).”

Think about that! God’s mercy is boundless, compassionate, dynamic, and loving. It can cover all faults, all failings, all crimes, and all sins. But mercy is not just the Lord’s ongoing and active love for his children. He expects us to share that love and to preach it with every thought, word, and deed. He expects us to be merciful and forgiving; he expects us to be peacemakers in an increasingly bitter and divided world. He expects our hearts to grow and stretch and expand with mercy just as divine mercy grows and stretches and expands to cover every person, in every culture, in every country all around the world.

It is an ugly thing when two best friends argue. And it is a beautiful thing when those same two friends shake hands, laugh at their stubbornness, and share God’s mercy with each other. It is a movement of grace when we realize in our hearts that we are all bruised and broken, we all need to forgive, and we all need forgiveness. Pope Francis says: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” During this season of new life, let us pray for the courage to bring God’s big, bold, and bountiful mercy into our homes, communities, and workplaces. And let us pray that mercy finds new life in our divided country, our wounded church, and our suffering world. Amen! Alleluia!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



A SPRING DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION
MARY, MOTHER OF ALL PEOPLES
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH BEGINNING 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 as soon as possible at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD
JALAPENO'S RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER
Wednesday, May 1st · Begins at 4:30pm

On Wednesday, May 1st, all parishioners, friends, and guests of Holy Family Parish and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a fundraising night at Jalapeno's Restaurant (located at 86 Main Street in Gloucester). Beginning at 4:30pm until closing, Jalapeno's will donate 10% of all dinner checks (including take-out orders) to Holy Family Parish! Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of great food, good fellowship, and much-needed fundraising for our beloved parish! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at 978-281-4279 or bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! Spread the word! All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD
RUN FOR THE ROSES
Tuesday, May 7th 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. The Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. All parishioners and friends are invited to join us as we "Run for the Roses" in celebration of the Kentucky Derby! Refreshments will include a Mint Julep Punch! We will also hold an election for officers and approve our by-laws. 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! Spread the word! All are welcome!

A SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS
TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

This month, seventy-five young disciples from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish will receive their First Holy Communion. These children wish to sincerely thank their parents, families, and friends for their love, prayers, and support. In addition, the children also wish to express their deep appreciation for those who worked so hard to prepare them for their First Holy Communion: Father Jim Achadinha, Olga Alves, Fernanda Brown, Phyllis Comeau, Angelica Duran, Mary Duran, Donna Lupo, Mary Ellen McLeod, and especially Betsy Works. For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgrronline.com. Peace and blessings to all for a Happy Easter!

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

A 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!

OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Keep it. Share it. Rebuild the Church.

Each week, we work hard to create a newsletter that informs, inspires, and instructs our readers about some aspect of the Christian life and about what's happening in our beloved parishes. We are grateful for your positive feedback, but don't leave church without a newsletter! Take your copy home! Reflect on the weekly message! Share it with your family and friends! Leave it at your hair salon, doctor's office, or favorite coffee shop! By doing so, you help us help others to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild our Church! Thank you! Peace and blessings to all for a Happy Easter! — Father Jim

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 27 – MAY 5, 2019

Saturday, April 27	Vigil · Divine Mercy
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Gavin Symes
6:00pm · OLGV	Kelly Durkin
Sunday, 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
	Second Week of Easter
Monday, April 29 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, April 30 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Mary Works
Wednesday, May 1 8:00am · OLGV	Sandy Sears
Thursday, May 2 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Glen Rabinowitz
Friday, May 3 8:00am · OLGV	Celestino Goulart
Saturday, May 4 8:00am · OLGV	Intentions of the Assisi Project
Saturday, May 4	Vigil · Third Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Living & Deceased Members of the Madonna del Rosario Society
6:00pm · OLGV	Mary Schmorrow Enos
Saturday, May 5	Third Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	Norman J. Dulong, Jr.
8:15am · Saint Ann	Mary & Joseph D'Amico
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Louis Linquata
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For the Healing of God's Family

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of April 20th & April 21st

Weekly Offerings	N/A
Total Offerings	N/A
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (61% of Goal)	\$45,518.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of April 20th & April 21st

Weekly Offerings	N/A
Total Offerings	N/A
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (46% of Goal)	\$20,617.00

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 Peter & Grace Ciolino
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of 1st Lt. Frank D'Amico
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Rose Ann Ciolino
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Mary Wilkins & Children
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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