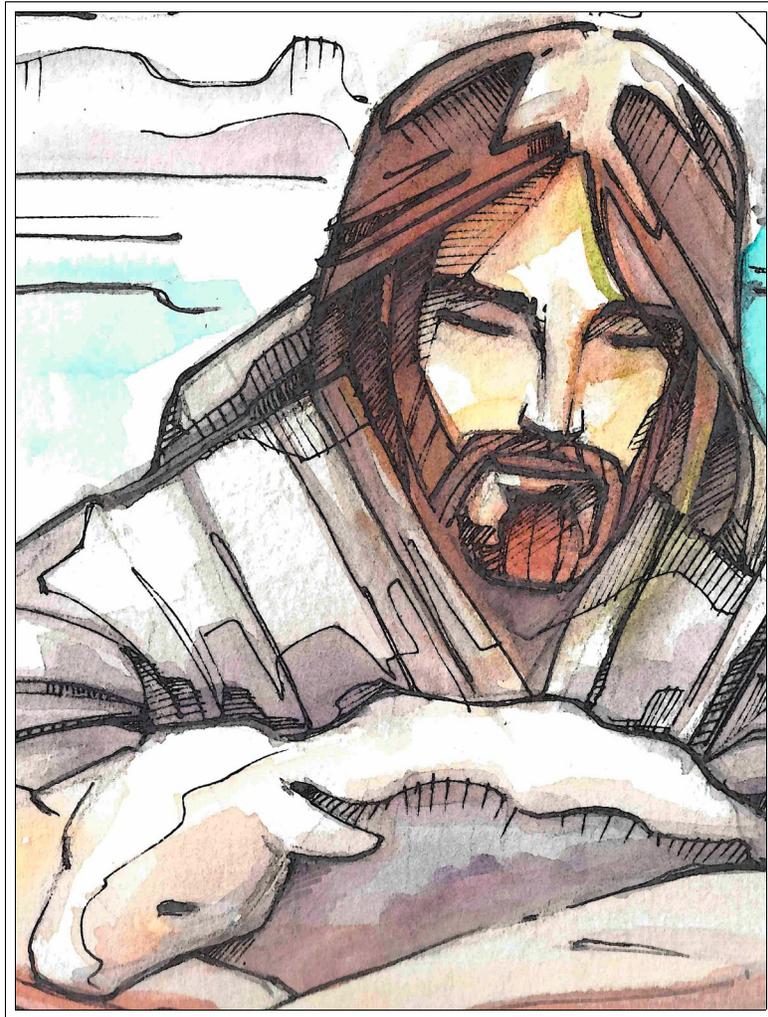


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.  
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## OUR SPRING MISSION & RETREAT

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	Skyler 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!

## SPRING MISSION & RETREAT



### Healing God's Family & Rebuilding Our Church with Mary Ann McLaughlin

A SPECIAL THREE NIGHT PROGRAM FOR ADULTS & FAMILIES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for our "Spring Mission & Retreat: Healing God's Family & Rebuilding Our Church" from Wednesday, May 15th through Friday, May 17th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each evening of our retreat will begin with Mass at 7:00pm. After Mass, we will be blessed to welcome Mary Ann McLaughlin as our special guest and spiritual director, who will lead us in prayer, reflection, and faith sharing.

In 1972, studies showed that only 5% of Americans claimed that they did not hold or did not practice any kind of religious faith. Just recently, however, a new study found that 23% of our fellow citizens now think of themselves as "nones." This group includes atheists, agnostics, and those who choose not to affiliate themselves with any organized religious practices or traditions. Perhaps more troubling is the new reality that more than 40% of adults under age 50 self-identify as "nones." This means that for the so-called GenExers (age 55-75) and Millennials (age 25-39), the most common religion is no religion at all.

When we combine this trend with the ongoing crisis of confidence in the Catholic Church, we have cause to worry, pray, and fear for the souls of our brothers and sisters, children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors. So what can we do? How can we treat old wounds, fix what is broken, and bring home those who are lost? How can we heal God's family and rebuild our church? To be sure, there is no single strategy that will bring our friends and families back to church. There is no easy answer. But there is hope! Through a renewed commitment to Christ and his gospel of love and mercy, all things are possible!

For more than four decades, Mary Ann McLaughlin has been helping adults of all ages and backgrounds encounter Jesus Christ in their day-to-day life experiences. She has proclaimed the gospel as a lay minister, retreat leader, and spiritual director; and she has lived the gospel as a wife, mother, grandmother, and working professional. Along with her late friend, Father John Sassani, Mary Ann also co-wrote "Meeting Christ in Prayer", a very popular retreat program based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Mary Ann's unique experience and prophetic voice will help us grow closer to Christ, to the Church, and perhaps even to those who have chosen a different path.

Our Spring Mission & Retreat is free but donations will be gratefully accepted during Mass to support the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's adult faith formation ministry. For more information about this special three-night series for adults and families, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgrounline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgrounline.com). For a complete schedule of adult faith formation events, visit: [ccgrounline.com/formation](http://ccgrounline.com/formation). Please join us! Bring a friend! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE



### A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS

We pray for young mothers,  
who give life and count toes and tend to our needs:  
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness  
to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers,  
who have nurtured and cared for us.  
May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated  
from their children because of cruelty, poverty, or war.  
May they feel the loving embrace of God,  
who wipes away every tear.

We pray for women who are not mothers,  
but still love us and shape us with care and compassion

We remember our mothers and grandmothers,  
who are no longer with us,  
but live forever in our memories,  
and still nourish us with their love and prayers. Amen.

### WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

Mothers are the strongest antidote  
to the spread of self-centered individualism.  
It is they who testify to the beauty of life.  
A society without mothers would be dehumanized,  
because mothers are always,  
even in the worst of times,  
witnesses to tenderness,  
dedication, and moral strength.  
Mothers often communicate  
the deepest meanings of religious practice  
through the first prayers and acts of devotion  
that are taught to children.  
Without mothers,  
not only would there be no new faithful,  
but our faith itself would lose a good part  
of its simple and profound warmth.  
Dear mothers, thank you!  
Thank you for who you are in our families  
and for what you give to the Church and the world!

+POPE FRANCIS  
Catechesis on the Family · 2015

**MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF OUR MOTHERS!**

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### PASTOR'S NOTE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, let us join together in a prayer of heartfelt thanksgiving for those parishioners and pastoral team members who dedicated their time and talent to helping us celebrate the Triduum in a true spirit of faith, hope, and love for the Lord. On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, our thanks go to Cliff Garvey, Nina Groppo, Suzanne McLaughlin, Jane Russo, Lucy Sheehan, and Lori Thorstensen for their good work in decorating our churches so beautifully for the Easter Season.

We also thank all adult and young disciples who served as acolytes, greeters, lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers during the Triduum. Last but not least, we sincerely thank Tom Misuraca, Lu Ann Palazolla, Patty Natti, Alexandra Kirby, & all members of our adult, youth, and Brazilian music ministries for sharing the gifts of beautiful music with us on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. May God bless all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Happy Easter! Alleluia! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

### PASTOR'S NOTE SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

Some weeks, it seems that the entirety of our weekly newsletter should be given over to thanking the countless friends, fellow parishioners, and volunteers who make possible all of the good, holy, and sometimes miraculous things that happen in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. This week, I wish to sincerely thank Betsy Works and her team of creative and dedicated volunteers who did such an amazing job in preparing our young disciples for First Holy Communion. That team includes: Olga Alves, Fernanda Brown, Phyllis Comeau, Angelica Duran, Mary Duran, Donna Lupo, and Mary Ellen McLeod.

In addition, I wish to thank Cliff Garvey, along with all members of the Legion of Mary and the Assisi Project for making last weekend's "Spring Day of Prayer & Reflection: Mary, Mother of All Peoples" so special. More than 75 parishioners, friends, and visitors from Gloucester, Rockport, and beyond joined us for all or part of this special morning of prayer! Cliff's reflections on the Blessed Mother were deeply touching and universally praised. I am forever grateful for Cliff's dedication, good work, and best friendship. Special thanks to everyone who helped with our delicious potluck lunch! Happy Mother's Day! Peace and blessings to all! — Father Jim

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### 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 created 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 volunteer 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 make new friends and learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church! Training is available! If your son or daughter is interested in helping out, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com! Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

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

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Youth Choir & Music Ministry meets for fellowship and rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Under the direction of Patty Natti, our youth choir sings at one Mass every weekend. We welcome new members, boys and girls, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school. Young musicians are also welcome to join us. Being part of our youth music ministry is a great way to make new friends. It is also a great way to participate more fully in the life of our parishes and to learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. If your son or daughter is interested in joining us, please contact Patty Natti at pnatti@comcast.net or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! 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 Mother's Day!

### MADONNA DEL ROSARIO SOCIETY Mother's Day Brunch · Saturday, May 18th

The Madonna del Rosario Society will host its annual Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 18th beginning at noon in the Gloucester House Restaurant (located at 63 Rogers Street in Gloucester). After a brief business meeting, a delicious brunch with dessert will be served, followed by a friendly game of bingo! For more information about tickets or if you would like to learn more about the Madonna del Rosario Society and its good work in our parishes, please contact Grace at 978-281-1907 or Marie at 978-283-7820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Mother's Day!

## OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 11 – MAY 19, 2019

<b>Saturday, May 11</b>	<b>Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	For Our Mothers
6:00pm · OLGV	For Our Mothers
<b>Sunday, May 12</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
7:00am · OLGV	For Our Mothers
8:15am · Saint Ann	For Our Mothers
10:00am · Saint Joachim	For Our Mothers
11:45am · OLGV	First Holy Communion
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For Our Mothers
	<b>Fourth Week of Easter</b>
Monday, May 13 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, May 14 8:00am · Saint Joachim	June Kavanaugh
Wednesday, May 15 8:00am · OLGV	Manuel I. Garcia
Thursday, May 16 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Norman Taylor
Friday, May 17 8:00am · OLGV	Matteo & Santina LoGrande
Saturday, May 18 8:00am · OLGV	Ted Costa
<b>Saturday, May 18</b>	<b>Vigil · Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	David J. Crowley, Jr.
6:00pm · OLGV	The Bruni Family
<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
7:00am · OLGV	The Goulart Family
8:15am · Saint Ann	Capt. Joe & Felicia Ciaramitaro & Sons
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Pietro Noto
11:45am · OLGV	First Holy Communion
5:00pm · Saint Ann	John Cusumano

## OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
Weekend of May 4th & May 5th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,391.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,269.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (81% of Goal)	\$61,119.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**  
Weekend of May 4th & 5th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,260.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,340.00
Second Collection	N/A
Grand Annual Collection (59% of Goal)	\$26,623.00

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 Robert & Greg Swinson  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Manuel I. Garcia  
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Charlie & Libby Ciaramitaro  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Deceased Members  
of the Madonna del Rosario Society  
Sanctuary Flowers · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Francis J. Sullivan  
Sanctuary Flowers · Saint Joachim 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!