

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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LIVING KINDNESS

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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@ccgronline.com. For a complete schedule of adult faith formation events, visit: ccgronline.com/formation. Please join us! Bring a friend! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Living Kindness

BY FATHER JIM

Last week, a market research firm in the United Kingdom released the results of a new poll that asked: "What is the most important trait for someone to show in order to be considered a good Christian?" The most popular answer was not regular church attendance. It was not knowledge about church teaching. It was not chastity or piety or prayerfulness. According to a plurality of those who participated in the poll, the most important trait of a "good" Christian was kindness. Love, goodness, and faithfulness trailed far behind. Joy, patience, and self-control trailed even farther behind.

This poll prompted me to think about kindness in today's world. Kindness is one of those qualities that can seem so abstract, so vague, so pie-in-the-sky. It can mean being friendly, charitable, or considerate. It can also mean gentleness, thoughtfulness, or concern for the well-being of others. It is often associated with generosity, hospitality, and neighborliness. We know kindness when we see it. And we know its mortal enemies: cruelty and indifference.

If our life experience was confined to watching cable news programs or so-called reality television shows, then we might think that kindness is a thing of the past. Indeed, it sometimes seems like kindness is in retreat all around the world: dark shadows of hatred, bigotry, and brutality; ongoing threats of terrorism, gun violence, and sexual abuse; and a shocking lack of compassion for the poor, the sick, and the elderly. In spite of our power and affluence, we seem to be losing our collective ability to be civil, sympathetic, and understanding.

At the same time, if we pay attention, we see kindness all around us. Earlier this week, while walking my own dog, I met a woman who was caring for a sick dog that had become separated from its elderly owner. Last week, hundreds of people attended the funeral for a brother priest who died too soon after a brave battle with brain disease. On a workday, they traveled from the far reaches of the archdiocese to comfort a grieving family and faith community. And every week, members of the Legion of Mary and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society reach out to those who suffer at the margins of our community. They give without counting the cost, too often without gratitude or appreciation. This is kindness at work in the world!

In the Gospel of John, Jesus asks Peter this question three times: "Do you love me?" Each time, Peter emphatically says "yes." And after each emphatic yes, Jesus responds with a call to kindness: "Tend my lambs. Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep." He does not call upon Peter to master some complex theological text. He does not call upon the apostles to practice a particular spiritual devotion. He commands them to be kind. Love your neighbor. Feed the poor. Welcome the stranger. Take care of each other. Jesus excludes no one — ever.

If we love Jesus, then we must love others. If we love Jesus, we must serve others. If we love Jesus, we must practice kindness. Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said: "Spread love wherever you go. Let no one every come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness. Kindness in your face. Kindness in your eyes. Kindness in your smile." At a time when solutions to the world's problems seem so complex and so far beyond reach, Jesus offers a compelling solution that transcends all borders, all divisions, and all parties. That solution is kindness. This Easter Season, let us renew our commitments to love the Lord, tend his lambs, and feed his sheep. And let us always be kind to each other.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



WELCOME NEW DISCIPLES!
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 OUR SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2019

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two other Sacraments of Initiation are Eucharist and Confirmation. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)."

During the month of May, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism according to the following schedule:

Sacrament of Baptism
 Sunday, May 12th at 2:00pm
 Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Baptism
 Sunday, May 19th at 2:00pm
 Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Sacrament of Baptism
 Sunday, May 26th at 10:00am Mass
 Saint Joachim Church

The following disciples were recently baptized at our Easter Vigil Mass in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport:

Abigail Dority
 Kira Lemnah-Dority
 Kristen Johnson

If you would like to schedule your child's baptism in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult who has not received the Sacraments of Initiation of the Roman Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please pray for our newly baptized young disciples and for their parents, grandparents, godparents, and siblings! May God bless all families with good health, happiness, and much love! Congratulations to all!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

THE LEGION OF MARY
Wednesday Afternoons at 4:00pm

Each week, members of the Legion of Mary from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish reach out to our sick, aged, disabled, and homebound fellow parishioners. They visit these friends and neighbors in their homes and apartments, hospitals, and nursing homes. They pray together, offer companionship and conversation, and share God's love and mercy with those who are so often lonely and forgotten.

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in our parish office (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) to pray the Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of formation under the guidance of their spiritual directors. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in our parish communities, please contact Sue Demetri at 978-281-4820 or sdemetri2000@yahoo.com. Please join us! All are invited! New members are always 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 fellow parishioners! Don't miss your chance to win a great prize! And don't miss this chance to raise 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!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD RUN FOR THE ROSES Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30pm

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, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com or 978-281-4279. Please join us! Spread the word! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 4 – MAY 12, 2019

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
Sunday, 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
	Third Week of Easter
Monday, May 6 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, May 7 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Charles & Mary Works
Wednesday, May 8 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Thursday, May 9 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Oswald Ajavon
Friday, May 10 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, May 11 8:00am · OLGV	Frank Kelly
Saturday, May 11	Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Mothers
6:00pm · OLGV	For All Mothers
Saturday, May 12	Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	For All Mothers
8:15am · Saint Ann	For All Mothers
10:00am · Saint Joachim	For All Mothers
11:45am · OLGV	First Holy Communion
5:00pm · Saint Ann	For All Mothers

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Weekend of April 27th & April 28th

Weekly Offerings	\$7,611.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$8,489.00
Grand Annual Collection (79% of Goal)	\$59,159.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
Weekend of April 27th & April 28th

Weekly Offerings	\$3,101.00
Electronic Donations	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,181.00
Grand Annual Collection (57% of Goal)	\$25,592.00

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 the Deceased Members of the Madonna del Rosario Society
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

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

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

In Memory of Jack Giacalone
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!

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Monday, May 6th at 6:30pm · Our Lady's Hall
Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!