

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

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LIVING THE GOSPEL

The Way

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS
BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

“The Way” was the among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. The Way also appears as a biblical reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. In addition, tradition teaches that both before and after his conversion, Saint Paul referred to the disciples of Christ as part of the Way. More than two thousand years later, Catholic Christians are still part of the Way of Jesus Christ. But as we all know, a life of discipleship is not a hobby or pastime. It is a vocation, a way of life that lays claim to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in Christ, who is our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. And as disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need our help in growing closer to Christ and the Church.

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), then please consider joining “The Way”, a new adult faith formation program that will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning on Sunday, October 6th in Saint Ann House of Prayer. The Way (typically called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a seven month program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of this same program, we will prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation (to be received at either the Easter Vigil or at a regional archdiocesan celebration). Other parishioners who have received the Sacraments are also welcome to join us!

Our group will meet every other week for fellowship, formation, and faith sharing. As a community of disciples, we will learn together about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Church; and we will explore the methods of prayer and spirituality that have brought centuries of believers closer to Christ Jesus and to the Church. In addition, we will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of living an authentic life of faith, hope, and love in the modern world. If you would like to learn more about this journey of faith and become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God’s Church, then please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!



OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Sharing the Wisdom of Time

BY FATHER JIM

Last week, eighty-seven friends and fellow parishioners joined Cliff Garvey and me for all or part of our Sixth Annual Summer Retreat: "Sharing the Wisdom of Time with Pope Francis." Over the course of five nights, we reflected on a beautiful book by the same name in which Pope Francis and dozens of men and women, from all walks of life, from all around the world, shared their lives and wisdom. We also shared our own experiences and memories, accumulated over long years, during both good and hard times. We laughed together, cried together, and offered each other the kind of mutual love, compassion, and understanding that would have so pleased the Holy Father. Our goal was to pray about how to share the wisdom of faith with the young people that we love — not so much with words, but by how we live as disciples.

Each evening on retreat, we focused on a different theme: work, struggle, love, death, and hope. Each of these themes can provoke compelling memories that have the potential to transform every human life. In his nightly reflections, Cliff skillfully wove his own family experiences into what we learned from Pope Francis and those interviewed for the book. What we found most thought-provoking was not what someone might have said, but what someone actually did in their life. We learned that good works and virtuous actions spoke more powerfully than words. Our loved ones and those we read about lived the Gospel and shared God's love by preaching with their whole lives, not just with words. Nevertheless, Cliff and I assembled five quotations from the retreat that we felt give voice to the spirit of last week's prayers, reflections, and faith sharing:

"Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best,
that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower might grow."
Abraham Lincoln

"An elder who has fought for the future has a vision, and it is a hymn to human possibilities."
Pope Francis

"What is life all about? To love and be loved.
To feel loved and accepted...You should not be ashamed of love, hide it,
or pretend that you are indifferent."
Maria Smialowska

"If we truly love, nothing, not even suffering or death,
can separate us from the love of God or from one another."
Tom McGrath

"When you fall, and you will fall, look up to the Lord. He is there waiting for you.
He will offer you his hand. No matter what you have done, take it.
He will offer you his embrace. No matter what you have done, accept it.
Do not forget. Do this over and over, again and again."
Archbishop-Emeritus Francisco Viti

We hope that these words might inspire you to pray about how you might better share the wisdom of time and the beauty of our faith with our families and friends. My special thanks go to Cliff Garvey for leading us on a truly amazing retreat. My sincere thanks also goes to everyone who walked with us on this incredible journey of prayer and reflection. Peace and blessings!

LIVING THE GOSPEL



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM BEGINS WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 12TH & 13TH!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers a creative and innovative way for younger children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. Our program is designed to prepare both children and their parents for these sacraments; to encourage lifelong relationships with Jesus Christ and his Church; and to help families grow together in prayer, fellowship, and service.

Our program is simple and family-friendly! First, our top priority is to invite all families to attend one of our seven weekend Masses on a regular basis. Second, all second grade students and their parents, grandparents, and/or guardians are asked to attend two 90 minute workshops during the fall season and three 90 minute workshops during the winter-spring seasons. Our "Faith & Family Workshops" are offered at three different times so that each family can choose which option works best for them.

Our program begins during the weekend of October 12th & October 13th! Calendars and registration forms are available on our website: ccgrounline.com/formation. Forms can be returned by mail or hand-delivered to our parish offices (which are located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester). If you have questions or need more information about our youth faith formation programs, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! 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 Tuesdays at 5:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Each weekend, the youth choir sings at one of our seven weekend Masses. New members, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school, are welcome to join us! Young musicians and their instruments are welcome, too! Being a part of our youth music ministry is a great way to make new friends and learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church through the gift of music! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at 978-281-4820 or pnatti@comcast.net. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH HOLY NAME SOCIETY Sunday, September 8th at 6:30pm

The Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is a service organization of men which was founded to support the parish through volunteering and fundraising. The first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by the officers. In addition, annual dues of \$20 will be collected. For more information about the Holy Name Society and its good work in our parish, please contact Matt Parisi at 978-281-4820 or mparisi101@gmail.com. Please join us! Spread the word! We always welcome new members!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE OUR LADY'S GUILD Monday, September 9th 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 fundraising, good works, prayer, and social events. The Guild's first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by the officers. The requested offering is \$10 per person. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at 978-281-4820 or jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! Spread the word! We always welcome new members!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL MASS & BREAKFAST Sunday, September 15th · Begins at 8:15am

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal and charitable organization of Catholic men that serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Since 1897, our award-winning council has sponsored countless good works of charity and community service. If you can spare just twenty-four hours this year to volunteer with us, we can transform that commitment into meaningful results for you, your family, and our community.

The Knights invite all members, friends, and fellow parishioners to a breakfast of eggs, bacon, and pancakes in Saint Ann Church Hall immediately following our 8:15am Mass on Sunday, September 15th. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted and donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. For more information, please contact us at info@kofc215.com; or visit our website at kofc215.com. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring your family! All are invited! All are welcome!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE OUR LADY'S GUILD PENNY SALE Monday, September 23rd at 7:00pm

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady's Guild for a "Penny Sale" on Monday, September 23rd at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. As always, the Penny Sale will feature great prizes, a 50-50 raffle, and our famous homemade sweetbread, along with other delicious homemade foods and snacks. Donations are being accepted at our parish offices (located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester) until the day of the Penny Sale. All proceeds are donated to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For more information, please contact Julia Garcia at 978-281-2678 or Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

FALL FAITH & FAMILY MASS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT Sunday, September 22nd at 11:45am

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 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 annual "Fall Faith & Family Mass" on Sunday, September 22nd at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special blessing and homily for all families and their children about we can all work together to heal God's family and rebuild our Church. During this new school year, we will celebrate four more "Faith & Family Masses" on the following dates and times: Saturday, November 30th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Saturday, December 28th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday March 1st at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and Saturday, May 9th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

Mark your calendar! Save the dates! Spread the word! Bring your families and friends! Now more than ever, let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! Let us remember that every child in our pews is precious blessing from God! Every family that joins us for worship is a special gift from God! For more information, please see Father Jim; or contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH FORMATION

Join us: ccgronline.com/formation!

REBUILDING THE CHURCH



HEALING GOD'S FAMILY & REBUILDING OUR CHURCH AN EVENING OF PRAYER with MYCHAL JUDGE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - BEGINS AT 6:00PM

More than eight centuries ago, the Crucified Christ called out to the young man who would become Saint Francis of Assisi: "Go! Rebuild my church which as you can see is falling into ruin!" Francis took the Lord's command literally and set out to repair small chapels in and around his hometown. Over the years, however, Francis came to understand more fully that his vocation to live the Gospel and share God's love was vital to rebuilding the Church all around our suffering world.

In this spirit and in appreciation for the ongoing crisis facing the Roman Catholic Church in our own time, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport has gathered throughout this year on a regular basis in commemoration of various feast days and important memorials to pray for the healing of God's family and for the courage to rebuild our wounded church. In addition, we have also begged the saints to pray for us and to guide us in the hard work of discipleship during these difficult times.

All are invited to join us for our next Evening of Prayer for the Healing of God's Family on Wednesday, September 11th in commemoration of the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and to reflect on the life and spirituality of Father Mychal Judge, who is recorded as the first official victim of those attacks. This special evening of prayer will begin at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 6:30pm, we will pray the Holy Rosary for the healing of God's family. And at 7:15pm, we will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction.

During Evening Prayer, Cliff Garvey will offer a brief reflection on the life and legacy of Father Mychal Judge, who was a Franciscan Friar, the chaplain for the New York City Fire Department, and widely known for his boundless care and compassion for the poor, the sick, and the addicted. We hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for all or even just part of this special evening of prayer, reflection, and devotion. For more information about this special event, 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!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 7—SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Saturday, September 7	Vigil · 23rd Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Salvatore Storniolo
6:00pm · OLGV	Joseph Heanue
Sunday, September 8	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	George C. Grace
8:15am · Saint Ann	Carlos Matos
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Annette & Jay Harrington
11:45am · OLGV	Manuel F. Garcia, Jr.
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Graziella Palazzolo
	23rd Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, September 9 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, September 10 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Jane Works
Wednesday, September 11 8:00am · OLGV	Frank Souza
Thursday, September 12 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Alice Ciaramitaro
Friday, September 13 8:00am · OLGV	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, September 14 8:00am · OLGV	Mary & Charles Works
Saturday, September 14	Vigil · 24th Sunday
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Captain Antonino Romeo
6:00pm · OLGV	Vincent Cafasso
Sunday, September 15	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am · OLGV	Jeremiah Nicastro
8:15am · Saint Ann	Knights of Columbus
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Angelina Loiacano Strescino
11:45am · OLGV	Charlotte Michon
5:00pm · Saint Ann	No Scheduled Mass

OUR WEEKLY GIFTS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of August 31st & September 1st**

Weekly Offerings	\$6,442.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$7,320.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$3,328.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of August 31st & September 1st**

Weekly Offerings	\$3,142.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	\$3,222.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$2,024.00

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 Caisey Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Keva M. O'Neil
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of the Durkin Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Joseph Heanue
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 Joseph at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

FALL DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION
REBUILDING THE CHURCH with SAINT FRANCIS

Saturday, October 5th

Begins with Mass at 8:00am · Our Lady's Church
Save the date! Please join us! All are welcome!