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On behalf of our parish communities, we welcome you to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Please feel welcome to contact our pastoral team. Contact information is available at ccgronline.com.

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We welcome new parishioners to Gloucester & Rockport!

Please introduce yourself and contact the parish center to register as a parishioner!

In Case You Missed It...

OUR PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE: A TOWERING CHALLENGE

On behalf of our senior priests, deacons, and pastoral team, we welcome you to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter! If you are a regular churchgoer, we are grateful for your ongoing presence, prayers, and generous support of our parish communities. If you are a guest or newcomer, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts. And we pray that you will continue to join us for the celebration of Mass and the many opportunities for prayer, fellowship, and service that are available at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

As we celebrate this time of new hope and new life, I am compelled to share with you what can only be called a "towering challenge" for the good and faithful people of Holy Family Parish. As many of you know, when I arrived here last summer, I was bombarded with opinions and questions about a proposal to build an elevator in Saint Ann Church. At that time, the cost of this proposal was nearly one million dollars (and approximately forty percent of the funds would have been borrowed from the Archdiocese of Boston). There appeared to be much support for this project. However, after serving just a few weeks as your pastor, it became abundantly clear to me that there was also much concern and doubt about the project. And there were also many unanswered questions. How would we repay the loan or raise additional funds necessary to complete the project? Was there another way to improve access to the church and its restrooms for our disabled and elderly parishioners? And what would happen when we began construction on a project both inside and outside of a 125 year old church building?

Last fall, Michael Horgan (our new buildings & facilities manager who is also an experienced contractor with deep roots in our community) toured and inspected every inch of Saint Ann Church with me and with members of our pastoral team. What we found was both disturbing and disheartening. We discovered that the "virtue" of long-deferred maintenance has become the vice of deterioration and neglect throughout Saint Ann Church. The ceiling over the spot where the elevator would have opened into the church is cracked and crumbling. Archways and ceilings in the choir loft are crumbling and literally crashing to the floor to the point where we have now restricted all access to the choir loft and bell tower. The anchors, frames, pins, and sills that support both the large and small rose windows in the church have decayed to the point where they may have to be removed so that the structures that support them can be rebuilt. Likewise, the buttresses on the front of the church have deteriorated to the point where we fear that they are literally separating from the building. Both side entrances and vestibules of the church are in desperate and obvious need of much repair and refurbishment. And this to-do list does not include the long-overdue painting of the interior of the church or the long-overdue renovation of the parish hall.

Most of the problems described above have been caused by leaks in the bell tower that allow water to travel from the steeple, through the tower, between the exterior masonry and the interior plaster. These leaks are causing the tower, the east wall of the church, and the interior plaster in the choir loft and vestibule to deteriorate at an accelerated pace, causing damage to the front doors, walls, and woodwork of the church. And this "towering challenge" is worsened by severe winters which cause water to freeze, expand, melt and contract. Overall, this potentially ruinous situation is urgent and must be addressed now. In short, we have reached the point where major portions of our beautiful and historic church must be restored, not just repaired – for both safety and structural reasons. Again, we are not talking about just maintaining and repairing our church; we are now talking about restoring and saving it!

As I promised to you last fall, after consulting with our finance council and pastoral council, I commissioned an independent engineering firm to formally inspect our church buildings and report their findings. Needless to say, their formal inspection revealed results almost identical to our informal inspections. So after again consulting with our finance council, I gave approval to contract CBI Consulting of Boston to again inspect the church and tower in order to determine the cost of necessary repairs to restore Saint Ann Church and preserve it for future generations of parishioners. The cost of this inspection, study, and proposal is approximately \$15,000 and includes the use a special crane to examine every aspect of the bell tower and steeple. These costs will be paid from the funds already raised as part of the Building Restoration & Accessibility Fund.

As we undertake this first step toward restoring Saint Ann Church and improving accessibility for all of our parishioners, I humbly ask for your prayers and support. I am committed to preserving and restoring this beautiful church. And I am confident that with God's help, we can accomplish our goals. As a people of faith, we know that with God, all is possible! May you and your family find peace and joy at Easter and always! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

News & Notes

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY A Celebration of God's Love & Mercy Sunday, April 12th · Saint Ann Church

All parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12th from 2:00pm until 3:30pm in Saint Ann Church.

Our program of prayer will begin with Eucharistic Adoration at 2:00pm; the Holy Rosary at 2:30pm; and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. We will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30pm. Please join us for all or part of our celebration! For more information, please contact Jane Russo at jlrusso333@hotmail.com or 978-430-7196. All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTE CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, Father Jim wishes to congratulate and thank the following fellow parishioners who received the Sacraments of Initiation at last week's Easter Vigil Mass:

Andrea Ando · Meghan Arnold
Bridget Ernest · Colleen Gorman
Kaitlin Guardino · Samantha Spinola
Ryan Whittemore

Since last October, these seven young adults met almost every week. They prayed and studied together. And they grew in appreciation for and knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church. We congratulate them for their accomplishment and thank them for their sincere commitment to their faith formation.

Finally, Father Jim wishes to thank Cliff Garvey, our Minister of Evangelization, for his dedication and hard work in this adult faith formation program. If you are an adult and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), please contact Cliff at cgarvey@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820 for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Our next program will begin in the fall!

CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY Saturday, April 11th at 5:00pm Saint John's Parish Hall in Essex

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community is hosting their next Ultreya-Pot Luck Supper on Saturday, April 11th at Saint John's Hall in Essex. Our Pot Luck Supper will begin at 5:00pm; the Ultreya will follow at 6:00pm. All are invited to join us for great food and fellowship! For more information, please contact Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655. Please join us! All are welcome!

Our Pastor's Message

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY A Celebration of God's Love & Mercy

On January 9, 1984, Time Magazine published a cover story entitled "Why Forgive?" about Pope John Paul II's meeting with Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist who attempted to assassinate him three years earlier. The cover featured a remarkable photograph of the pope with his arm around the shoulder of the assassin along with a caption that read: "The Pope Pardons the Gunman."

More than thirty years later, Saint John Paul II's sincere gesture of Christian love and mercy toward an assailant remains one of his great gifts to the People of God. No one doubted then and no one doubts now that John Paul II truly forgave Mehmet Ali Agca. In fact, after the attempted assassination, the pope wrote: "Pray for my brother Agca...whom I have sincerely forgiven." And just last December, Agca visited Saint Peter's Basilica and laid a bouquet of white roses at the tomb of the new saint.

Why forgive? Unlike Saint John Paul II, we may not be victims of violent crime. But each of us knows the sting of betrayal, gossip, and insult. Each of us knows the pain of lasting conflict or disagreement with family, friends, and colleagues. And each of us knows something about the sadness of a broken heart.

We may not be called back into relationship with those who hurt us, but like Saint John Paul II, we are called to reach out to those who hurt us. We are called to love them and pray for them. And we are called to forgive them with our whole heart and soul. This is the true foundation of the Christian's life – to imitate the Risen Lord and his saints through sacrificial acts of love and mercy.

This weekend throughout the world, the Catholic Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy. We rejoice again over the Resurrection of the Lord as he appears to his astonished disciples. And we reflect again on the Lord's boundless love for us – that he lived, suffered, died, and rose for our sake and for our eternal salvation. This is God's mercy made flesh and recognizable in the world for us, for all people, and for all time! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Sunday, April 12th, all parishioners and friends of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for "Divine Mercy Sunday: A Celebration of God's Love & Mercy" from 2:00pm until 3:30pm in Saint Ann Church. Our celebration will include ninety minutes of Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and finally, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us for all or part of this beautiful celebration! All are welcome!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Holy Family News

HOLY FAMILY CEVICOS MISSION Message of Thanks · Request for Prayers

The Holy Family Parish Mission thanks everyone for their generosity during a recent second collection in support of our work in Cevicos in the Dominican Republic. Your donations help to support our medical mission, as well as scholarships and small business loans in our twin parish.

Many of our parishioners recently met our little friend, Elizabeth, who was here for surgery at Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston. You will be happy to learn that the surgery to treat her burns was successful and that she is now back at home and school in Cevicos, running around like any other little girl. Your donations change lives!

From May 2nd through May 9th, a team of twelve missionaries will be traveling to Cevicos. As they prepare for their mission, please pray for them! For more information about the Holy Family Parish Mission, please visit our website at holyfamilycevicos.com. You can also "like" our mission on Facebook. Thank you!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Saturday, May 30th · 9:00am-1:00pm Saint Ann Church Hall

Spring is finally here! So, it's time to think about how you might help Holy Family's Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 30th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in the Parish Hall at Saint Ann Church.

Are you an artist? Are you a crafter? Are you a gardener? Can you knit a spring or winter scarf? Build a birdhouse? Create a beautiful piece of art? Make jewelry? Frame a photograph of an island landmark? Bake something delicious? Can you separate and share your garden perennials with your fellow parishioners? Can you buy annual flowers and donate them for sale?

Everyone has a special talent that can be shared and offered for sale at the Strawberry Festival! In addition, we will be offering homemade pies and baked goods, jams, pickles, and ethnic desserts! All proceeds benefit Holy Family Parish! Please help!

For more information about the Strawberry Festival at Holy Family Parish, please call Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111. Thank you in advance for your donations and generous support for our parish!

MORE NEWS & EVENTS ONLINE!

For updated information about more news about upcoming events and programs in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please join us at ccgrounline.com or follow us on Twitter: @ccgrounline!

Our Lady of Good Voyage News

OUR LADY'S GUILD Monthly Meeting · Monday, April 13th

The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild is scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Please note that because of Easter, we will meet on the second Monday of the month, not the first. This meeting is very important because we have many spring activities planned and the support of members will be much appreciated. The chairwomen for the evening will be Nancy Rose and Sandra Sperry.

If you would like to join Our Lady's Guild or learn more about its good work in our parish community, please contact Linda Galvin at lingalv2000@gmail.com or 617-803-6050. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR LADY'S GUILD Spring Fair · Saturday, April 25th

All are welcome to join Our Lady's Guild for our Spring Fair on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Highlights will include a fried dough breakfast, a linguica & hot dog lunch, and fun activities for children.

Sale tables include baked goods, fudge, jewelry, religious items, and "the general store." We will also have raffles, including a bountiful basket of wine, cheese, and crackers! Volunteers are needed! Donations are welcome! For more information, please call Joyce Lacerda at 978-283-3465 or Jean Madruga at 978-281-1992. Join us! All are welcome!

WINTER FUEL & UTILITIES COLLECTION Our Goal: \$10,000 · Donations: \$10,638.78

Like any household or family business, the winter season posed a serious financial challenge to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Each year, we pay tens of thousands of dollars in combined fuel & utilities costs for the church, rectory, hall, and school. And whether you own or rent your home, you know that utility bills have rose dramatically this winter!

This year, we asked all parishioners to give what they can to our Winter Fuel & Utilities Collection. Every contribution, whether it's \$1 or \$10 or \$100, will go directly to Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Our goal was to raise \$10,000! And we have now reached and surpassed our goal by raising \$10,638.78! Thank you!

Financial information for Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish is now printed each week in our bulletin (see page six). And Father Jim will soon announce the formation of a new finance council at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. For more information about parish finances, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrounline.com. Thank you for your generous support!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society provides food and financial assistance to parishioners and families in need throughout the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Donation baskets for non-perishable food items are placed at the entrances of our churches. Our food pantry needs the following items:

Macaroni & cheese · Jars of pasta sauce
Tuna helper · Instant potatoes · Mayonnaise
Canned fruit & vegetables · Snacks · Pork & beans · Juice
Pancake mix & syrup · Unsweetened cereal
Peanut butter & jelly · Chef Boyardee
Canned chicken, ham, stew, soup and tuna

Donation envelopes are also available and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish office. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. For assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. As always, thank you for your generosity and support!

LEGION OF MARY

Holy Family Parish Center · Tuesdays at 4:00pm

Founded in 1921, the Legion of Mary is an international fellowship of lay men and women who volunteer their time, talent, and prayer under the banner of the Blessed Virgin Mary to practice the spiritual works of mercy in our parish communities. Their primary apostolate is to visit and pray with the elderly, disabled, homebound, and sick. Our members also serve in many other volunteer ministries throughout the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

Each Tuesday at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary meets in the Holy Family Parish Center to pray the Rosary, share their faith, and participate in a period of faith formation. For more information, contact the office at 978-281-4820 or contact Joan Foster at ajay7@verizon.net or Sue Demetri at sdemetri@yahoo.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

WOMEN'S FELLOWHIP

Holy Family Parish Center · Tuesdays at 9:30am

We gather as mothers, wives, ex-wives, widows, and single women. We gather in prayer to share our joys, challenges, and struggles. If you are a woman of faith in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we invite you to join us. We meet every Tuesday from 9:30am until 11:00am for prayer, conversation, faith sharing, and reflection on the coming Sunday's scripture readings. For more information, please contact Dawn Alves at 978-281-4820 or dalves@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

Youth Faith Formation Update

HOLY FAMILY PARISH Celebration of First Holy Communion

This year, forty-seven students in our youth faith formation program will receive the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord for the first time. As our parish celebrations of First Holy Communion approach, all are reminded of our upcoming schedule:

Saint Joachim Church
First Holy Communion Celebration
Sunday, April 12th at 9:30am Mass

Saint Ann Church
First Holy Communion Rehearsal
Friday, May 1st at 4:30pm

Saint Ann Church
First Holy Communion Celebration
Sunday, May 3rd at 10:45am Mass

As we make final preparations for First Holy Communion at Holy Family Parish, please pray for all of our students, their parents, families and catechists!

PASTOR'S NOTE CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS First Holy Communion Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

On behalf of Holy Family Parish, Father Jim wishes to congratulate the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday, April 12th at Saint Joachim Church:

Joseph Aiello · Jackson Altier · Lassen Ando
Amiyah Boyle · Christopher James Brousseau
Morgan Brady · Julia Carrancho
Christopher Daily · Ivana Ferrara · Cosima Mosher
Liliah Mueller · Julia Schena
Samantha Spano · Grace Tierney

In addition, we congratulate and welcome the following children who successfully completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children and received the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Sunday at Saint Ann Church:

Julitza Baez · Juliana Baez · Jazmin Baez
Maya Churchill · Kyriah Smithson

Finally, Father Jim wishes to thank Dawn Alves, Director of Faith Formation at Holy Family Parish, along with all of our catechists, hall monitors, and volunteers for their dedication and hard work in sharing the Catholic faith with our youngest fellow parishioners.

For more information about the youth faith formation program at Holy Family Parish, please contact Dawn at 978-281-4820 or dalves@ccgronline.com or visit our website at ccgronline.com. Congratulations! Thank you!

Our Mass Intentions

Unless otherwise noted,
all intentions are requested by members of the family.

Saturday, April 11	Vigil · Second Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Anthony Frontiero
4:00pm · OLGV	John Madruga
Sunday, April 12	Second Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	Angela & Antonio Mistretta and Salvatore Mistretta
8:00am · Saint Ann	Maria Bairos
9:30am · Saint Joachim	First Holy Communion Mass
10:00am · OLGV	Manuel Domingos Goulart, Sr.
10:45am · Saint Ann	Ralph Martin
12:00pm · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Brazilian Community Mass
Second Week of Easter	
Monday, April 13 8:30am · OLGV	Maria & Jose Vinagre
Tuesday, April 14 8:30am · Saint Joachim	Special Intention
Wednesday, April 15 8:30am · OLGV	Manuel Leal Cardoso, Maria de Jesus & Jose Leal Cardoso
Thursday, April 16 8:30am · Saint Joachim	Ann & Andrew Smith, William & Eunice Smith
Friday, April 17 8:30am · OLGV	Reverend Henry Cicale
Saturday, April 18 8:30am · Saint Ann	Debbie Hinckley
Saturday, April 18	Vigil · Third Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Sebastian & Agatha Lovasco & Deceased Family Members
4:00pm · OLGV	Agnes Sliwa
Sunday, April 19	Third Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	Clement & Charlotte Aikens & Sons
8:00am · Saint Ann	Habeeb & Rose Sallah, Rita & Joseph Girard
9:30am · Saint Joachim	Carol Jean Malkovich
10:00am · OLGV	John Testaverde
10:45am · Saint Ann	Stephen Russo
12:00pm · OLGV	Elvino da Silveira
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Brazilian Community Mass

Our Weekly Gifts

Holy Family Parish
Easter Weekend of April 4th & April 5th

Mass	Attendance	Collection
7:30pm Saint Ann	532	N/A
8:00am Saint Ann	335	N/A
9:30am Saint Joachim	331	N/A
10:45am Saint Ann	366	N/A
5:00pm Saint Ann	N/A	N/A
Weekly Totals:	1,564	\$10,606.00
Office Offertory:		\$590.00
Electronic Donations 4 week avg.		\$957.00
TOTAL		\$12,153.00

The Easter Collection supports the Clergy Funds.
Thank you for supporting Holy Family Parish!

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish
Easter Weekend of April 4th & April 5th

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4:00pm Our Lady's	N/A	N/A
7:00am Our Lady's	N/A	N/A
10:00am Our Lady's	N/A	N/A
12:00pm Our Lady's	N/A	N/A
TOTAL		\$5,116

Thank you for supporting
Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

OUR SANCTUARY LAMPS

Altar Flowers for Easter at Saint Ann Church were donated by the Groppo Family and the Friends of Saint Joseph.

This week, the sanctuary candle at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church was donated in memory of the Melo & Machado Families.

The sanctuary lamp signifies the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. These lamps can be donated in memory of departed loved ones. Unless otherwise noted, such donations are made by the family. The requested donation for a sanctuary lamp is \$25.00 per week. For more information, please contact us at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgonline.com. Thank you for your generous support of our parish communities!

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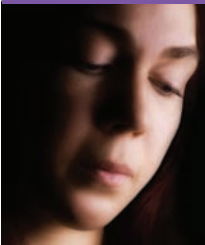
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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."
Jeremiah 31:15-17



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