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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.  
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### Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!

We welcome new parishioners to Gloucester & Rockport!

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

## This Week's Wisdom from Our Holy Father

### POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

*"This is the time for the Church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord at Easter — to be a sign and instrument of God's mercy,"*

On April 11th, while celebrating Vespers for Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Francis issued a "Bull of Indiction" (a proclamation) of a Holy Year of Mercy which will begin on December 8, 2015 and conclude on November 20, 2016. Typically, such "Jubilee Years" are held every twenty-five years. However, Pope Francis decided that a holy year is needed now in order to re-focus the ministries of the Roman Catholic Church on their primary mission of sharing God's love and mercy with the whole world.

The Bull of Indiction for the Holy Year of Mercy is entitled "The Face of Mercy" and begins with this statement: "Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith." In addition, the pope's proclamation sets out three important themes under the motto of "Merciful Like the Father." First, Pope Francis explains that mercy is the foundation of the Church's work in the world. He writes: "The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality through which he reveals his love as that of a father or mother, moved to the very depths of love for their child." Second, the pope offers practical suggestions for deepening one's spiritual life during the Holy Year. He suggests making a pilgrimage; frequently and joyfully participating in the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation and the Spiritual Works of Mercy; acting in a spirit of basic kindness: forgiveness, avoiding gossip, judgement, and condemnation of others; and offering consolation to those forgotten by today's society. Third, the Holy Father issues a challenging call to conversion for those who commit acts of crime and violence. He writes: "God does not deny justice...He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater mercy through which we experience love as the foundation of all true justice."

Finally, Pope Francis asks Our Lady, Saint Faustina, and all of the saints who dedicated themselves to making God's mercy known to the world to pray for us and for the Church during what will surely be an extraordinary holy year. What follows is the pope's homily that accompanied the proclamation of the Holy Year of Mercy.

Dear Brothers and Sisters! The greeting of the Risen Christ to his disciples on the evening of Easter, "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19), continues to resound in us all. Peace, especially during the Easter season, remains the desire of so many people who suffer the unprecedented violence of discrimination and death simply because they bear the name of "Christian." Our prayer now becomes more intense and it becomes a cry for help to the Father, who is rich in mercy: that he may sustain the faith of our brothers and sisters who suffer so much pain. At the same time, we ask for the grace of conversion of our own hearts so that we move from indifference to compassion.

Saint Paul reminds us that we have been saved through the mystery of the death and resurrection of the Risen Lord. Jesus is the Reconciler, who is alive in our midst and offers the way to reconciliation with God and with each other. The Apostle recalls that — notwithstanding the difficulties and sufferings of life — the hope of salvation that Christ has sown in our hearts continues to grow. God's mercy is poured out upon us, making us just and giving us true peace!

Many may question in their hearts: Why have a Jubilee Year of Mercy now? The answer is simply because the Church, during this time of great and historic change, is called to offer more evident signs of God's presence and closeness. This is not the time to be distracted! On the contrary, we must be vigilant and reawaken in ourselves the capacity to see what is truly essential. Therefore, this is the time for the Church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord at Easter — to be a sign and instrument of God's mercy (John 20:21-23). For this reason, the Holy Year of Mercy must keep alive the desire to recognize and welcome the many signs of tenderness that God offers to the whole world, especially to those who suffer, to those who are alone and abandoned, and to those who are without hope of forgiveness or without hope of experiencing God's love.

Why a Holy Year of Mercy? To strongly experience within ourselves the joy of having been found by Jesus, the Good Shepherd who has come in search of us because we are so lost; to receive the warmth of Christ's love when he bears us upon his shoulders and carries us back to the Father's house; to be touched by the Lord Jesus and to transformed by his mercy so that we may become witnesses to his mercy. Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee Year — because this is the time for mercy! It is a good time to heal wounds; a time not to be weary of meeting all who wait to see and touch the signs of God's closeness; a time to offer the way of forgiveness and reconciliation to all people.

May the Mother of God open our eyes so that we may comprehend the task to which we have been called; and may she obtain for us the grace to experience this Holy Year of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ to the world!

## News & Notes

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH Special Note of Thanks

Thanks to the parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for your generous support during our special collection on Holy Thursday which raised \$2,136.76 for Catholic Charities North. Your continued support is much appreciated!

Catholic Charities North provides basic needs assistance (food gift cards, utilities, and rent) to needy families during these challenging economic times. Funds are also available to help our fishing community families with food, utilities, mortgage, and rental costs. If you can help us help others, please send your donation to:

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### 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](http://holyfamilycevicos.com). You can also "like" our mission on Facebook. Thank you!

### MORE NEWS ONLINE!

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

## Our Pastor's Message

### THANK YOU, FATHER AL!

As many of you know already, Father Al Puccinelli has been asked by his superior in the Society of Mary to accept an assignment back in Brazil where he served for many years before coming to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Father Al (or "Pooch" as he is affectionately called in the parish center and rectory) came here originally to celebrate our Brazilian Community Mass. Since last fall, however, he has been celebrating weekend Masses at both Saint Ann Church and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. And he has endeared himself to countless parishioners because of his straight talk, contagious sense of humor, and seemingly boundless kindness.

For me personally, Father Al has become a trusted source for advice, encouragement, and support. In less than one year's time, I am honored and humbled to count him among my dearest friends. Although I understand his desire to return to Brazil and to resume his ministry among that nation's poor, I still grieve over the departure of this good and faithful friend and brother priest.

Last December, Father Al delivered a memorable homily at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church and was generous enough to share his handwritten notes with a member of our pastoral team. The homily was typical of Father Al and his preaching style: short, straightforward, and infused with deep faith and purpose. In a passage that spoke volumes about the ongoing work of building collaboration between our two historic parishes, Father Al urged all people of goodwill to work tirelessly toward breaking down the barriers that divide God's family; and to share the Good News of the Risen Lord with everyone.

At the conclusion of that memorable homily, Father Al said: "I hope that we will commit ourselves to the work of spreading the Good News of Jesus and what God's love really means; and that we will work to transform our world into the reign of God where peace, justice, love, and goodness will prevail until we all enter into the fullness of God's light forever." Amen, Father Al! May God bless you always! And thank you!

Father Al's departure forces us to revise our weekend worship schedule in light of the increasingly clear reality that only one priest will be assigned to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Last week, I met with our pastoral team and parish councils to discuss a new Mass schedule that reflects both the pastoral needs of our parishes and the clergy available to us at this time. After taking some time to pray about these changes, my hope is to share this new schedule very soon. Please continue to pray for me and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

Peace and blessings to all,  
Father Jim



## Pilgrimage 2015

### ASSISI PROJECT FALL PILGRIMAGE

#### Only Three Spaces Remaining!

For the eighth consecutive year, Father Jim, Cliff Garvey, and the Assisi Project are sponsoring a week-long, small group pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy from October 30th through November 7th. Last year, a group of sixteen pilgrims literally walked in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. This year, we will journey back to some of the world's most holy pilgrimage sites in Assisi, La Verna, and the Rieti Valley.

Each morning, our pilgrims will begin with breakfast, followed by Morning Prayer and Mass. Our Masses will be celebrated at the Church of San Damiano, the Porziuncola, and Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Each afternoon, the pilgrims will have the free time and guidance to explore the medieval city of Assisi at their own pace and to visit the countless churches, cafes, museums, and shops. Each evening, we will gather for supper, Evening Prayer, and a period of faith formation and fellowship.

As a fellowship of pilgrims, we will visit the historic Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Each of these great basilicas contains the tombs of the saints, holy relics, and priceless works of art. But these basilicas are also places for prayer, silent meditation, and worship. We will visit the Basilica of Saint Rufino, where Francis and Clare were baptized; the Church of Saint Damian, where the famous crucifix spoke to Francis; and the little chapel known as the Porziuncola, which is considered the home church of the worldwide Franciscan community.

In addition, we will spend leisurely afternoons in and around the Piazza de Commune, Assisi's city center, with its ancient Roman temple (now a Catholic church), sidewalk cafes, restaurants, and shops. The more adventurous will also have an opportunity to visit the Rocca Maggiore, the great medieval fortress with its stunning views of Assisi, the Spoleto Valley, and Mount Subasio.

Finally, we will travel to La Verna, the mountain sanctuary in Tuscany, where Saint Francis received the stigmata (five wounds of the Crucified Christ). At La Verna, we will celebrate Mass, enjoy a delicious lunch, and participate in the daily procession that commemorates how Saint Francis received the stigmata. We will also travel to Greccio (where Francis created the first live nativity scene) and to Fonte Columbo (where Francis wrote his rule under the guidance of an angel).

The cost of this extraordinary pilgrimage is just \$3,299 and includes air fare and associated fees; guest house accommodations, and ground transportation (except personal taxi services). All meals are included. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com; or visit our website at assisiproject.com. Space is limited! Please join us!

## Upcoming Events

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

#### OUR LADY'S GUILD · SPRING FAIR

Saturday, April 25th · 9:00am-1:00pm

Our Lady's Parish Hall

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!

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

#### 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!

### PASTOR'S NOTE

#### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests for submissions to our bulletin are due on Fridays by 12:00pm, one full week before the following Sunday's bulletin. Submissions regarding parish events must include a date, time, location, and contact information (name, phone, e-mail). All requests must be sent directly to Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.com. Priority will be given to programs and events within the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Thank you!

## Sacraments

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Season of Easter 2015

During the Easter Season in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated during Mass according to the following schedule: Sunday, May 10th at 10:45am in Saint Ann Church; Sunday, May 17th at 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and Sunday, May 24th at 9:30am in Saint Joachim Church.

Our next Baptism Preparation Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd at 12:00pm in Saint Ann Church. If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact our pastoral office at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgrronline.com. Please pray for our newly baptized children, godchildren, and grandchildren! Thank you!

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

**Pastoral Care for the Sick, Disabled & Homebound**

“Is there anyone sick among you?” This question, found in the New Testament’s Letter of Saint James (James 5:14), serves as an invitation for the sick and those who care for them to call upon the priest to pray over them and to anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. All parishioners are welcome to ask for prayer and for the Sacrament of the Sick before surgery or when diagnosed with a serious illness. This beautiful sacrament should not be regarded as “Last Rites” but as a powerful instrument of the Lord’s healing presence.

If you or a loved one would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home (due to age, illness, or disability), please contact Anna Matturro, Minister of Pastoral Care, at 978-281-4820 or annamatturro@verizon.net.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

**Reminder to Parishioners, Friends & Guests**

As the summer wedding season approaches, it’s a good time to remind ourselves of our parish guidelines for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport.

Weddings are celebrated at Saint Joachim Church in Rockport, Saint Ann Church in Gloucester, Saint Anthony Chapel in Gloucester, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church in Gloucester. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of a planned wedding. Please note that if you are not a registered parishioner in one of our parishes, you must arrange for your own clergy.

If you would like to schedule a wedding in one of our churches, please contact Deacon Daniel Dunn at 978-281-4820 or dandunn6@msn.com. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support!

## 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 final parish celebration of First Holy Communion approaches, all are reminded of our upcoming schedule:

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!

Once again, we offer our sincere congratulations and prayers for those young fellow parishioners who received their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday (RCIC) and on Divine Mercy Sunday (Grade 2) at Saint Joachim Church. May God bless all of our students, their families, and our wonderful volunteers! Thank you!

For more information about youth faith formation at Holy Family Parish, please contact Dawn Alves at 978-281-4820 or dalves@ccgrronline.com.

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**Grade 9 Family Mass & Meeting  
Sunday, April 26th · Saint Ann Church  
Begins with Mass at 10:45am**

Along with Baptism and Eucharist, Confirmation is one of the Catholic Church’s Sacraments of Initiation through which we receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, fortitude, knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe. These gifts help us to grow stronger in faith and in our commitment to love and serve others.

As our Confirmation Preparation Program concludes for this school year, all ninth grade students, their parents, and sponsors are expected to join us for Mass on Sunday, April 26th at 10:45am in Saint Ann Church.

After Mass, Father Jim will lead a mandatory meeting of all students and their parents in the church. At this meeting, we will discuss the basic requirements of our program (including community service) and distribute a packet of forms that must be completed by all students and their sponsors.

For more information about our Confirmation Preparation Program at Holy Family Parish, please contact Dawn Alves at 978-281-4820 or dalves@ccgrronline.com.

## Our Mass Intentions

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

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	Clements & Charlotte Aikens & Sons
8:00am · Saint Ann	Habeeb & Rosa 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
Third Week of Easter	
Monday, April 20 8:30am · OLGV	Norman Dulong, Jr.
Tuesday, April 21 8:30am · Saint Joachim	Colonel Peter J. Foss
Wednesday, April 22 8:30am · OLGV	Leonel Leal Cardoso & Maria Leonia Moniz
Thursday, April 23 8:30am · Saint Joachim	Lello Albanese
Friday, April 24 8:30am · OLGV	Margaret & John Camille
Saturday, April 25 8:30am · Saint Ann	Paul & Sophie Brancalone and Family
Saturday, April 25	Vigil · Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Santo Aloï
4:00pm · OLGV	Anna Julia & Robert Spanks
Sunday, April 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:00am · OLGV	Sebastião & Rosaria Lima and Family
8:00am · Saint Ann	Arthur Marshall
9:30am · Saint Joachim	Carol Jean Malkovich
10:00am · OLGV	Herbert, Margaret & Robert Gray
10:45am · Saint Ann	Grazia & Salvatore Storniolo
12:00pm · OLGV	Theresa Wilkins
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Brazilian Community Mass

## Our Weekly Gifts

Holy Family Parish  
Weekend of April 11th & April 12th

Mass	Collection
4:00pm Saint Ann	\$1,319.00
8:00am Saint Ann	\$1,485.00
9:30am Saint Joachim	\$1,276.00
10:45am Saint Ann	\$1,536.00
5:00pm Saint Ann	\$200.00
Weekly Totals	\$5,816.00
Office Offertory	\$1,465.00
Electronic Donations	\$957.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,238.00</b>
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Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish  
Weekend of April 11th & April 12th

Mass	Collection
4:00pm Our Lady's	\$1,232.00
7:00am Our Lady's	\$821.00
10:00am Our Lady's	\$636.00
12:00pm Our Lady's	\$373.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,062.00</b>
Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!	

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week, the sanctuary lamp at Saint Ann Church  
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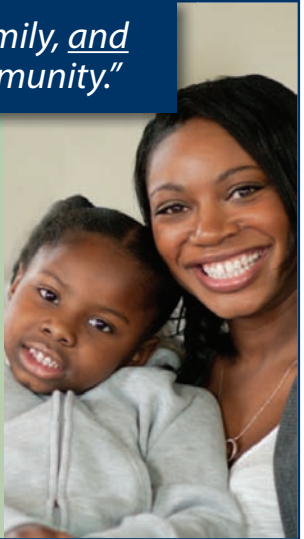
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