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Sixth Sunday of Easter · May 10, 2015



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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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Icon of Our Lady of the Rosary (See Page 5)

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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!

Our Pastor's Message

OUR NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE: A TIME FOR PRAYER & DISCERNMENT

Last weekend, sixty-eight of our youngest fellow parishioners from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish received the Body & Blood of Christ for the first time. These annual celebrations of First Holy Communion are a time of great joy for our students, for their parents and families, and for our parishes.

For me and for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, this time of great blessing and joy also has been a time for much prayer and discernment. During the past month, we have had much to pray about. First, Father Al Puccinelli has accepted a new pastoral assignment back in Brazil where he had served for many years before joining our community. Second, it is now clear that I will be the only priest assigned full-time to our two parishes. And finally, although we are very grateful for their help, our two senior priests are already doing what they can in retirement to help serve our two parishes.

In recent weeks, I have consulted with our pastoral team, both of our parish councils, our finance councils, many of our fellow parishioners, and representatives from all of our parish ministries and organizations about the need for a new weekend worship schedule. Their good advice, wise counsel, and generosity of spirit were invaluable in helping me to pray, discern, and decide how best to balance the pastoral needs of our parish communities and the pastoral and priestly resources available to us at this time.

This new schedule (see right) will begin during the weekend of May 30th-May 31st. My hope and prayer is that this schedule, which reflects the shared sacrifice of both parishes, will continue to build, deepen, and strengthen the growing collaboration between Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. As I share this new worship schedule with you, I am reminded of the parishioner who recently told me that wherever Jesus goes, she will follow. I hope that you will join her and me on this challenging journey of faith, hope, and love!

Two weeks ago, we learned that Father Michael McLellan, Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist in Canton, died suddenly at the start of Mass last Sunday morning. Father Mike was just 64 years old. He was a good and faithful priest who dedicated his life to serving God's Church throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. He will be greatly missed. Please pray for him and his grieving parish!

As our journey continues, please pray for me, for Father Alves and Father Gariboldi, for all of our brother priests who devote their lives to the people of God, and for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport! Thank you!

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

Our New Worship Schedule

BEGINS MAY 30th-MAY 31st PLEASE JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

In Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, the celebration of Mass is the source and summit of our community's joy and the center of our life of prayer, fellowship, and service. Regardless of where we might worship, the Holy Eucharist brings God's consolation, love, and mercy into our midst; it brings the Real Presence of Jesus Christ into our lives and hearts!

All are welcome to join us for Mass and to participate in Holy Communion in accordance with their conscience and the teachings of Catholic Church. Beginning during the weekend of Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Mass according to the following schedule:

Saturday Vigil Masses

Saint Ann Church · 4:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 6:00pm

Sunday Masses

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 7:00am

Saint Ann Church · 8:15am

Saint Joachim Church · 10:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 11:45am

Saint Ann Church · 5:00pm (Brazilian Community)

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am

Saint Joachim Church

Saturday at 8:00am

Saint Ann Church

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:00pm

Saint Ann Church

Also By Appointment

SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of the LORD MASS SCHEDULE

In celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (a holy day of obligation) on Thursday, May 14th, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, May 13th

Vigil Mass · Saint Ann Church · 6:30pm

Thursday, May 14th

Saint Joachim Church · 8:30am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 12:00pm

Please join us! All are welcome!

Thoughts & Prayers for Mother's Day

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Lord, give me patience
when little hands tug at me
with ceaseless small demands.

Give me gentle words and smiling eyes,
and keep my lips from sharp and hasty replies.

Let me not in weariness, confusion, or noise
obscure my vision from life's fleeting joys.
Then when in years to come my house is still,
beautiful memories its rooms may fill.

Amen.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

I thank you Creator of us all for my mother.
I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me.

She gave me my faith.

She helped me to know you.

She helped me to know Jesus and his ways.

She taught me how to love.

She taught me how to sacrifice for others.

She taught me that it was good to cry.

She taught me that it was good to tell the truth.

Bless her with the grace she needs
and which you give her each and every day.

Help her to feel precious in your eyes.

Help her to know that I love her.

Give her strength and courage.

Give her consolation and peace.

Bless her this day and everyday with your love.

Amen.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR HOLY FATHER

"Mothers are the strongest antidote
to the spread of selfish individualism.

Individual means that which cannot be divided.

Mothers, however, are divided when they bear a child
that they give to the world and raise.

Mother witness to the beauty of life...

Motherhood is not only giving birth.

It is a lifestyle choice.

What does a mother choose? What is her life choice?

The choice of a mother's life is to give life.

And this is great. This is beautiful."

+ POPE FRANCIS

Wednesday Audience · January 7, 2015

**On this Mother's Day Weekend,
let us take a moment to dedicate
a beautiful thought and a prayer for all mothers.
In trusting them to the Mother of Jesus,
let us pray for our mothers and all mothers! Amen!**

This Week's Message

A MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION

By Cliff Garvey · Minister of Evangelization

My parents celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary late last year. Since then, I have been thinking a lot about them – especially my mom. She came of age during the 1960's, a turbulent time in our nation's history. She married her high school sweetheart. In less than a year, she went from being someone's daughter, to being someone's wife, to being someone's mother. Her husband survived Vietnam. She lost a brother in Vietnam. She and my dad struggled to buy a house and make ends meet. And all around us, the world was changing – that seemingly endless war, the cultural revolution, and the sexual revolution. It was not an easy life. And it was not an easy time to be married or to raise a child.

At so many points during their five decades together, my parents could have called it quits. But unlike so many others in our family and so many others of their generation, they remained together. It was not easy, but their love and their marriage endured. For better or worse. For richer or poorer. In sickness and in health. In retirement now, my parents seem truly content and happy. It is a beautiful thing to watch and share with them. And I pray that they remain healthy for many years to come.

My mom is an amazing person. Unlike my dad and me, she makes friends easily, loves easily, forgives easily, and is generous and loyal almost beyond belief. She never holds a grudge. She has close friends from infancy and kindergarten. She sends and receives dozens (if not hundreds) of cards for birthdays and holidays each year. If someone she loves is sick or grieving, she is the one who visits when others have lost hope, interest, or patience.

My mom is not a saint. Like you and me, she has faults. She makes mistakes. She sometimes makes me crazy. But something beautiful and holy has happened between us. I now see in my mom qualities that so many of us see in our prayerful devotion to the Blessed Mother: boundless courage, devotion, faith, and perseverance.

When I think of Our Blessed Mother, I think of her as the mother who stood and wept at the foot of the cross. When others had fled, Mary stayed and wept as her son suffered. Of course, nothing so horrific has ever happened to me. But no matter what, my mom has forgiven me, loved me, sacrificed for me, and stood by me through every challenge, every failure, and every mistake. They say that the bond between mother and son is unbreakable. Our faith teaches us that. Experience teaches me that, too.

This Mother's Day, let us thank God for our mothers; let us ask God to bless them, protect them, and strengthen them; and let us ask for the grace to love our moms like they love us – beyond all measure. Amen!

May the Risen Lord give you peace!

Cliff

Fall 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 del Comune, 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@ccgrronline.com; or visit our website at assisiproject.com. Space is limited! Please join us!

Coming Events

SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS Saturday, May 16th · Begins at 7:30am

More than 800 years ago, Saint Francis of Assisi encouraged a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother as a way of growing closer to Christ Jesus. As a way of encouraging that same devotion in our own times, all are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for 'Saturday Morning with Saint Francis' on Saturday, May 16th at Saint Ann Church.

Our program will begin at 7:30am with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. At 8:30am, Father Jim will celebrate our Daily Mass. After Mass, Cliff Garvey will offer a brief reflection on Saint Francis of Assisi's devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will conclude by praying the Franciscan Rosary, during which we will meditate on the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

After the Franciscan Rosary, all are welcome to join us for fellowship, and faith sharing at Saint Ann Rectory. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrronline.com. Please join us for all or part of this special morning of prayer and devotion! All are invited! All are welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

THE ASSISI PROJECT SAINT FRANCIS of ASSISI: THE CONVERSION Sunday, May 17th · Begins at 12:00pm

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of "Franciscans in Spirit" that is dedicated to helping adults of all ages to more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. We gather regularly for Mass, a community meal, and a period of faith formation and discussion.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th beginning at 12:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Cliff Garvey will offer a reflection entitled "Saint Francis of Assisi: The Conversion" which will focus on how Christ called Francis to leave the world and to "rebuild" the Church by living a life of prayer and simplicity. It's a dramatic story of faith, hope, and transformation that still speaks to us eight centuries later. After Cliff's reflection, we adjourn to the parish hall for a lunch.

If you would like to join us, please contact Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgrronline.com by May 13th so that we can plan adequately for food and drink. For more information about the Assisi Project and upcoming opportunities for prayer, fellowship, and pilgrimage in the Franciscan tradition, please join us online at assisiproject.com. May the Risen Lord give you peace!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Special Note of Congratulations

In last weekend's bulletin, we congratulated the sixty-eight students who have received First Holy Communion in Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish during this Easter Season. Unfortunately, Nicole Pierce was mistakenly excluded from our list.

On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we offer our sincere apologies to Nicole and her family. We congratulate her and all of our young fellow parishioners! And we ask all parishioners to continue praying for all of our students and their families! May God bless you always!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays at 9:30am · Holy Family Parish Center

We gather as mothers, wives, ex-wives, widows, and single women. We gather as sisters in Christ. 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 dalves@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

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 · 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. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. New members and volunteers are always welcome! 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! May God bless you!

News & Notes

THE ASSISI PROJECT · SPRING RAFFLE OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ICON Tickets Now Available!

Throughout the month of May, the Assisi Project is sponsoring a Spring Raffle for a beautiful hand-painted icon of Our Lady of the Rosary (see front cover of join us at ccgronline.com/news). Throughout the Christian world, icons are venerated as "windows into heaven" and are known to be instruments of God's grace and divine miracles. This particular icon was blessed by Father Jim and crafted in Bulgaria using traditional tempera paint, gold leaf, and covered with a protective varnish. It was donated anonymously by a member of the Assisi Project.

A donation of \$1.00 per ticket is requested. Tickets are available after Mass; at our pastoral office; or by contacting Cliff Garvey at cgarvey@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Proceeds from this raffle will be shared with the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. The winner will be drawn on May 31st! Thank you for your support!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Saturday, May 30th · 9:00am-1:00pm Now Accepting Donations!

Spring is here! If you are an artist, baker, crafter, knitter, or gardener, please consider sharing your gifts and talents by donating something to the Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 30th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall.

Everyone has a special talent that can be shared and offered for sale at the Strawberry Festival! We'll also have a great selection of homemade pies and baked goods, jams, pickles, ethnic desserts, spring and summer flowers, plants, and crafts for sale. All proceeds will benefit Holy Family Parish. For more information about the Strawberry Festival, please contact Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH GRANNY'S ATTIC · STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Saturday, May 30th · 9:00am-1:00pm Now Accepting Donations!

The Women's Guild at Holy Family Parish is once again sponsoring a "Granny's Attic" sale at the upcoming Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 30th. We're looking for your attic and basement treasures: dishes, glassware, kitchen items, table linens, and vintage clothing! But please: no electronics, televisions, computers, toys, or broken items. Thank you! Donations can be brought to the church hall after all weekend Masses during on May 16th and May 17th. For more information, please contact Arlene Lesch at arlene.lesch@outlook.com or 978-491-7543. Thank you!

Our Mass Intentions

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

| Saturday, May 9 | Vigil · Sixth Sunday of Easter |
|---|--|
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Mass for All Mothers |
| 4:00pm · OLGV | Mass for All Mothers |
| Sunday, May 10 | Sixth Sunday of Easter |
| 7:00am · OLGV | Mass for All Mothers |
| 8:00am · Saint Ann | Mass for All Mothers |
| 9:30am · Saint Joachim | Mass for All Mothers |
| 10:00am · OLGV | Mass for All Mothers |
| 10:45am · Saint Ann | Mass for All Mothers |
| 12:00pm · OLGV | Mass for All Mothers |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | Brazilian Community Mass |
| Sixth Week of Easter | |
| Monday, May 11 8:30am · OLGV | Veronica, Eugene & Manny Naves |
| Tuesday, May 12 8:30am · Saint Joachim | Joe Flood |
| Wednesday, May 13 8:30am · OLGV | In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima |
| Thursday, May 14 Ascension Thursday | 6:30pm Vigil: Mass for the People 8:30am: Mass for the People 12:00pm: Mass for the People |
| Friday, May 15 8:30am · OLGV | Manny Garcia |
| Saturday, May 16 8:30am · Saint Ann | Francesca Gianna Maggiore |
| Saturday, May 16 | Vigil · Seventh Sunday of Easter |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Living & Deceased Members of the Madonna del Rosario Society |
| 4:00pm · OLGV | Francis, Elizabeth & Peter Bruni |
| Sunday, May 17 | Seventh Sunday of Easter |
| 7:00am · OLGV | Norman Dulong, Jr. |
| 8:00am · Saint Ann | Grace & Salvatore Parisi |
| 9:30am · Saint Joachim | Angelina Strescino & Phyllis Toppan |
| 10:00am · OLGV | Samuel F. & Viola Harnish & Sons, John, Ruseell, Edward & Ralph |
| 10:45am · Saint Ann | Frank Aloï |
| 12:00pm · OLGV | Leonel Leal Cardoso, Maria Leonia Moniz, and Francisco Augusto Cardoso da Silva |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | Brazilian Community Mass |

Our Weekly Gifts

Holy Family Parish
Weekend of May 2nd & May 3rd

| Mass | Collection |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 4:00pm Saint Ann | \$1,529.00 |
| 8:00am Saint Ann | \$1,392.00 |
| 9:30am Saint Joachim | \$2,420.00 |
| 10:45am Saint Ann | \$1,972.00 |
| 5:00pm Saint Ann | \$155.00 |
| Weekly Totals | \$7,468.00 |
| Office Offertory | \$930.00 |
| Electronic Donations | \$957.00 |
| TOTAL | \$9,355.00 |

Thank you for supporting Holy Family Parish!

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish
Weekend of May 2nd & May 3rd

| Mass | Collection |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4:00pm Our Lady of Good Voyage | \$894.00 |
| 7:00am Our Lady of Good Voyage | \$1,490.00 |
| 10:00am Our Lady of Good Voyage | \$596.00 |
| 12:00pm Our Lady of Good Voyage | \$519.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,499.00 |

Thank you for supporting Our Lady's Parish!

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week, sanctuary lamps were donated in memory of:
Deceased Members of the Madonna Del Rosario Society
Saint Ann Church
Joe Flood
Saint Joachim Church
Christine Doherty
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

The sanctuary lamp signifies the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in 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. The requested donation for sanctuary flowers is \$250.00 per week. For more information, please contact us at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgrounline.com. Thank you!

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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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 "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew."
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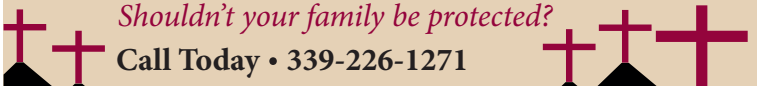



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