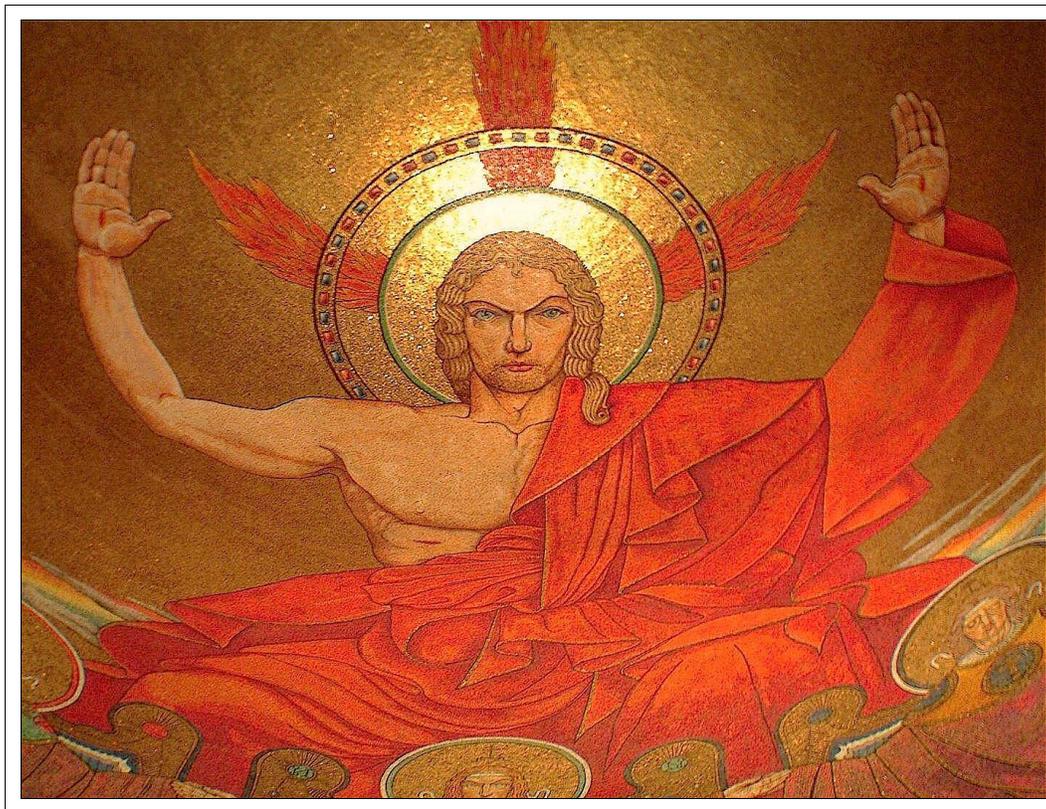


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service · All Are Welcome!
Solemnity of Christ the King · November 22, 2015



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Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!

We welcome new parishioners to Gloucester & Rockport!

Please introduce yourself and contact the pastoral office to register as a parishioner!

Holy Season of Advent

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 6th · 2:00pm · Saint Ann Church

All parishioners, friends, and visitors of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Parish Music Ministry for its Eleventh Annual Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church.

As always, this year's musical selections have been chosen to help prepare our hearts to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. Our Adult Choir and Youth Choir will perform with our team of talented instrumentalists. In addition, members of our Brazilian Community's music ministry will perform for us! So, please join us as we share the gift of music this holiday season! For more information, please contact Tom Misuraca at 978-281-4820 or tmis1@verizon.net. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation · Tuesday, December 8th

In celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, December 8th, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate Masses according to the following schedule:

Monday, December 7th · Vigil Mass
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 4:00pm

Tuesday, December 8th · Holy Day Masses
Saint Joachim Church · 8:00am
Saint Ann Church · 12:00pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church · 7:00pm

Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary! All are invited! All are welcome! Our Lady, pray for us!

ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT

"MERCY & DISCIPLESHIP"

December 8th through December 10th

All are invited to join us for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Advent Mission & Retreat from Tuesday, December 8th through Thursday, December 10th at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each evening will begin with Mass at 7:00pm, followed by a reflection based on the theme of "Mercy & Discipleship."

Our guest celebrant and homilist will be the Reverend Gary M. Gurtler, S.J. Father Gurtler is a member of the Society of Jesus, a graduate of Fordham University, and since 1992, has served as an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Boston College.

Our Advent Mission & Retreat is free but donations will be gratefully accepted at each evening's Mass. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgrounline.com. All are welcome!

News & Notes

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

All parishioners, friends, and visitors are welcome to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we gather for Holy Mass in celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday. On Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00pm, Father Jim will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. And on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th at 8:00am, Father Jim will celebrate Mass at Saint Joachim Church. Please join us as we give thanks and praise for God's abundant goodness and blessings!

MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

Thursday, December 3rd · 10:00am – 2:00pm

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Mass Intentions Book (January 2016 – June 2016) will be opened on Thursday, December 3rd from 10:00am until 2:00pm at our Pastoral Office (74 Pleasant Street). On that day, all parishioners are welcome to book one Sunday and one weekday Mass at Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, or Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. A donation of \$10 per Mass intention is requested.

Please note that on December 3rd, all Mass intentions must be booked in person. No email or phone requests will be accepted; no exceptions. Any remaining Masses can be booked on or after December 4th. If you have questions or need more information, please see Father Jim or contact Linda Rogers at lrogers@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and generous support of our parishes.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All submissions to our bulletin & website must be sent to Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.com by Friday at 12:00pm for publication in the following week's bulletin. All submissions may be edited for content and must include clear and concise details about a program or event; date, time, and location; and contact information. Please note that not all requests can be honored. Priority is given to programs and events sponsored by the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

BRINGING HOME THE WORD

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Bringing Home the Word is a weekly resource for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. It also includes great ideas for sharing the faith with family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Every Saturday, a new issue is posted at ccgrounline.com/news/

Pastor's Notes

CONGRATULATIONS MARY ANN FITTRO BISHOP CHEVERUS MEDAL RECIPIENT

On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, Father Jim congratulates Mary Ann Fittro who will receive the Bishop Cheverus Medal during a Solemn Vespers Service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, November 29th at 3:00pm. All parishioners and friend are invited to attend!

For more than fifty years, Mary Ann has worked in Saint Ann Rectory where she serves as our cook and helps with laundry, maintaining our altar cloths, and other important chores that often go unnoticed by most parishioners. Mary Ann is a person of deep faith and prayer who works hard and gives witness to Christ's love for his people in all that she does and says.

The Bishop Cheverus Medal was created in 2008 to recognize exemplary service given in the name of the Lord by parish staff or volunteers. This award is often given in grateful appreciation for the unsung heroes of God's Church. In his letter announcing Mary Ann's award, Cardinal Sean wrote: "I have learned of your selfless dedication and commitment and your many contributions to advancing Christ's mission. We are blessed by your service to the Archdiocese and we are privileged to name you for this honor."

Please join Father Jim, our pastoral team, and all of our fellow parishioners in congratulating Mary Ann Fittro for receiving the Archdiocese of Boston's Bishop Cheverus Medal! Please thank her for all that she does with love and good cheer for our parish communities! And please pray for Mary Ann and her ministry! Mary Ann, may God bless you always!

ADVENT MASS FOR FAMILIES WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 5th-DECEMBER 6th

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 (Mt 19:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all parents, grandparents, godparents, and children are invited to join Father Jim for our "Advent Mass for Families" on either Saturday, December 5th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church or Sunday, December 6th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about Saint Nicholas and a special blessing for all families and children. In addition, all children (under age 12) will receive a special gift from Father Jim in celebration of the Feast of Saint Nicholas.

Let us reaffirm that Mass is our class! Jesus is our Teacher! Every child in our pews is a gift from God! Every family in our pews is a gift from God! So, please spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

This Week's Message

CHRIST IN MAJESTY!

By Cliff Garvey · Associate Minister

As a young graduate student at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., I was just beginning to appreciate and understand the depth and beauty of our shared faith. As Advent approached during my first semester at the university, I had begun attending Daily Mass in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, but I had not yet ventured upstairs into the main church. So, I was understandably stunned to see the mosaic of "Christ in Majesty" which appears on the cover of this weekend's bulletin.

This powerful image looms over the sanctuary of the Basilica. Some people love it; some do not. For some, Jesus seems angry, perhaps even threatening. But nothing could be further from the truth. Christ's eyes are blue and symbolize the glory of heaven. His arms are outstretched and invite us to meditate on the wounds of his crucifixion. He is clothed in red which symbolizes his martyrdom on the cross for the sake of our salvation. Indeed, this image of "Christ in Majesty" is consistent with the earliest images of Christ that can be found in the Roman catacombs.

As we commemorate the Solemnity of Christ the King, journey through the last week of Ordinary Time, and prepare for the Holy Season of Advent, this awesome mosaic should remind us that Christ is both King of the Universe and a humble servant of God who embraced his vocation, his mission, and ultimately his cross. And through these acts of extreme humility, God raises Christ Jesus from death, exalts him among the angels, glorifies him in the heavens, and entrusts him with an everlasting kingship.

The mosaic of "Christ in Majesty" covers more than 3,600 square feet and contains more than 3 million tiles, but it is not just a magnificent work of religious art. It is an instrument of evangelization and a teaching tool. In a culture that preaches that each individual's ambitions and desires are the center of the universe, this mosaic reminds us that we are mere mortals and creatures of the Creator God. It reminds us that humility (the virtue of having a modest view of one's own importance) is at the core of our Christian vocation and the foundation of the Gospel Life.

Finally, this breathtaking image of "Christ in Majesty" is a call to prayer. It calls us to reflect deeply on this Sunday's Mass Readings and to heed Saint Paul's admonition to the Philippians "that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Ph 2:10-11)!" As Advent approaches, let us resolve to walk with humility under the gaze of Christ the King, Christ in Majesty. Amen!

May the Lord give you peace at Thanksgiving & always!
Cliff

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

THE HOLY ROSARY Every Morning After Daily Mass

All are invited to join us every morning after Daily Mass in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Lord by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by asking for her intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our world. All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S GUILD AZOREAN RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER Thursday, December 3rd · 4:00pm-9:00pm

The Women's Guild at Holy Family Parish invites you to join them on Thursday, December 3rd for our Azorean Restaurant Fundraiser. Between 4:00pm and 9:00pm, the Azorean Restaurant will donate a portion of all dinner checks to Holy Family Parish. Please support our parish by inviting family and friends to enjoy delicious Portuguese cuisine with us! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at bertolino4@msn.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

MADDONA DEL ROSARIO SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Saturday, December 5th · 12:00pm

The Madonna del Rosario Society will celebrate Christmas with a luncheon at the Gloucester House Restaurant on Saturday, December 5th. Our gathering will begin with a brief business meeting at noon, followed by our luncheon. After lunch, we have a raffle and bingo! Tickets for the lunch must be purchased by Monday, November 30th. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Grace at 978-281-1907 or Marie at 978-283-7820. Please join us! All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE Help Us Help Others!

During these challenging economic times, Catholic Charities North provides basic needs assistance (grocery gift cards, utilities, and mortgage & rent) to families in need. 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: Catholic Charities North, Attention: Sarah Gindel, 60 Prospect Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930. Please make all checks payable to Catholic Charities North and write "basic needs" in your check's memo line. For more information or assistance, please contact Sarah Gindel at sarah_gindel@ccab.org or 978-283-3055. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Our Lady of Good Voyage News

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH ANNUAL TURKEY GIVEAWAY Monday, November 23rd · 7:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for its Annual Turkey Giveaway on Monday, November 23rd at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. This year, we have 52 turkeys for raffle, along with our famous homemade sweetbread, cider, vegetables, and all the trimmings for a delicious Thanksgiving Feast! We're also having a 50-50 raffle! Pizza and cold drinks will be available! So, please join us for this fun and exciting Our Lady's Thanksgiving holiday tradition! For more information, please see Father Jim or contact him at frjim@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR LADY'S GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday, December 5th · 9:00am-1:00pm

All are welcome to join Our Lady's Guild for their Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Highlights include a fried dough breakfast, linguica & hot dog lunch, soft drinks, along with all the fixings!

Sale tables will include the general store, religious items, jewelry, cookie swap & fudge, Christmas decorations, plants, homemade sweetbread and other baked goods. In addition, we'll have a Mega Raffle Table featuring many wonderful items including a painting by Theresa Wonson!

Volunteers are needed to help set-up the parish hall on Friday, December 4th at 4:00pm! Donations are welcome! For more information, please contact Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR LADY'S GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY Monday, December 14th · 6:30pm

Our Lady's Guild is hosting their Annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 14th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Our meal will feature a hot buffet, dessert, and coffee. In addition, there will be a door prize, a 50-50 raffle, and entertainment provided by "The Original Mrs. Drinkwater Presents." If you wish to participate in our annual Christmas gift swap, please be sure to bring a wrapped (under \$10) gift!

Please contact Barbara Devlin by December 8th to make a reservation. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work on behalf of our parish, please contact Linda Galvin at lingalv2010@gmail.com or 617-803-6050. New members are always welcome! Please join us! All are welcome!

Saint Vincent de Paul Society News

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Help Us Share the Gift of Christmas!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring Holy Family Parish's Annual Christmas Giving Trees which help us share the gift of Christmas with those in need! The trees will be placed at the entrances of Saint Ann Church in Gloucester and Saint Joachim Church in Rockport. Each tree is decorated with colored stars that indicate a particular Christmas wish. If you can help fulfill this wish, please take a star. Each gift should be donated new, unused, and unwrapped; and returned with the original star to our parish office.

Our Christmas Giving Trees will remain at the entrances of both churches through Sunday, December 13th. All gifts should be returned to the parish office by Tuesday, December 15th at 12:00pm. Gifts will be distributed to families in need on Thursday, December 17th.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our Annual Christmas Giving Trees! For more information, please contact Ethel Weeks at eweeks25@msn.com or leave a message at the parish office by calling 978-281-4820. May God bless us, everyone!

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 on Cape Ann.

Our "Clothes Closet" is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm until 8:00pm; and on Saturday mornings from 10:00am until 12:00pm. In addition, our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry currently needs the following items:

Canned Chicken or Ham · Chicken or Tuna Helper
Mayonnaise · Instant Potatoes · Canned Stew
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup · Chef Boyardee
Jelly & Crackers · Juice · Jarred Pasta Sauce

Donation envelopes are also located at the entrances of our churches and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish center. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held 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 Annette Kennedy at 978-283-1268 or Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. For assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Prayer, Fellowship & Service

MONTH OF ALL SOULS A DAILY PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

As the Month of All Souls comes to a close, all are encouraged to continue praying for all of our beloved family members, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and benefactors who have passed away during the past year:

Almighty God and Father,
we raise our hearts to you today
for those who have passed from this mortal life.

In Your loving mercy,
receive them into Your heavenly company
and forgive the faults and failings
that they may have committed in human weakness.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
suffered so that He might deliver all souls into heaven.
By his grace, may they share in the glory
of Christ's victory over sin and death.

We pray for all who have died,
but we pray especially for those dearest to us:
our parents, relatives, and friends.

We pray for all who did good to us while on earth,
who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice & good example.

And we pray for those who did harm,
and stand in need of your mercy.

May the prayers of our Blessed Mother Mary
and all those of the angels and saints
pray for us and for all souls.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Please also pray for all who grieve! May God bless them
and keep them close to His most merciful heart! Amen!

THE LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday Afternoons · 4:00pm

Founded in 1921, the Legion of Mary is an international fellowship of lay men and women who volunteer their time, talents, and prayers under the banner of the Blessed Virgin Mary by practicing the Spiritual Works of Mercy in our parish communities. The Legion's primary apostolate is to visit and pray with our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners.

Every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus) to pray the Holy Rosary, share their faith experiences, and participate in a period of faith formation under the guidance of their spiritual director. For more information about the Legion of Mary and its good work in our parishes, please contact Joan Foster at ajay7@verizon.net; Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a phone message for them by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

Our Mass Intentions

NOVEMBER 21-NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Saturday, November 21	Vigil · Solemnity of Christ the King
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Mortillaro
6:00pm · OLGV	Menotti Gatti
Sunday, November 22	Solemnity of Christ the King
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Rose & Larry Misuraca
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Seamus Densmore & Cynthia Loiacano
11:45am · OLGV	Eduardo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, November 23 8:00am · OLGV	Daniel Mantone
Tuesday, November 24 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Pasquale D'Erasmus
Wednesday, November 25 8:00am · OLGV	Jared Knowlton
Wednesday, November 25 Thanksgiving Eve Mass	Ligia Tayake
Thursday, November 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Millard & Marion Solomon
Friday, November 27 8:00am · OLGV	John Carrancho
Saturday, November 28 8:00am · Saint Ann	Matthew Palazola
Saturday, November 28	Vigil · First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Habeeb & Rose Sallah and Joseph & Rita Girard
6:00pm · OLGV	Francis Mitchell, Jr.
Sunday, November 29	First Sunday of Advent
7:00am · OLGV	Frank Ahearn
8:15am · Saint Ann	José Carlos & Isolina Matos
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Phyllis Toppan
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

Our Weekly Gifts

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekend of November 14th – November 15th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$5,762.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$1,031.00
Electronic Donations	\$816.00
Total Offerings	\$7,609.00
Second Collection (Harvest Meals)	\$1,296.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$12,073.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of November 14th – November 15th

Weekly Offerings at Mass	\$2,815.00
Second Collection (Thanksgiving Meals)	\$1,252.00
Grand Annual Collection:	\$23,604.00

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 lamps, and altar gifts (hosts and 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. And the requested donation for a sanctuary lamp is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Cynthia Loiacano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John W. Orlando, Grandson Kyle Orlando,
and Mary & Joe Orlando
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Helen Korpi
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Vincenza Cusumano
Altar Gifts · Holy Family Parish

For more information about donating sanctuary gifts in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support!

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