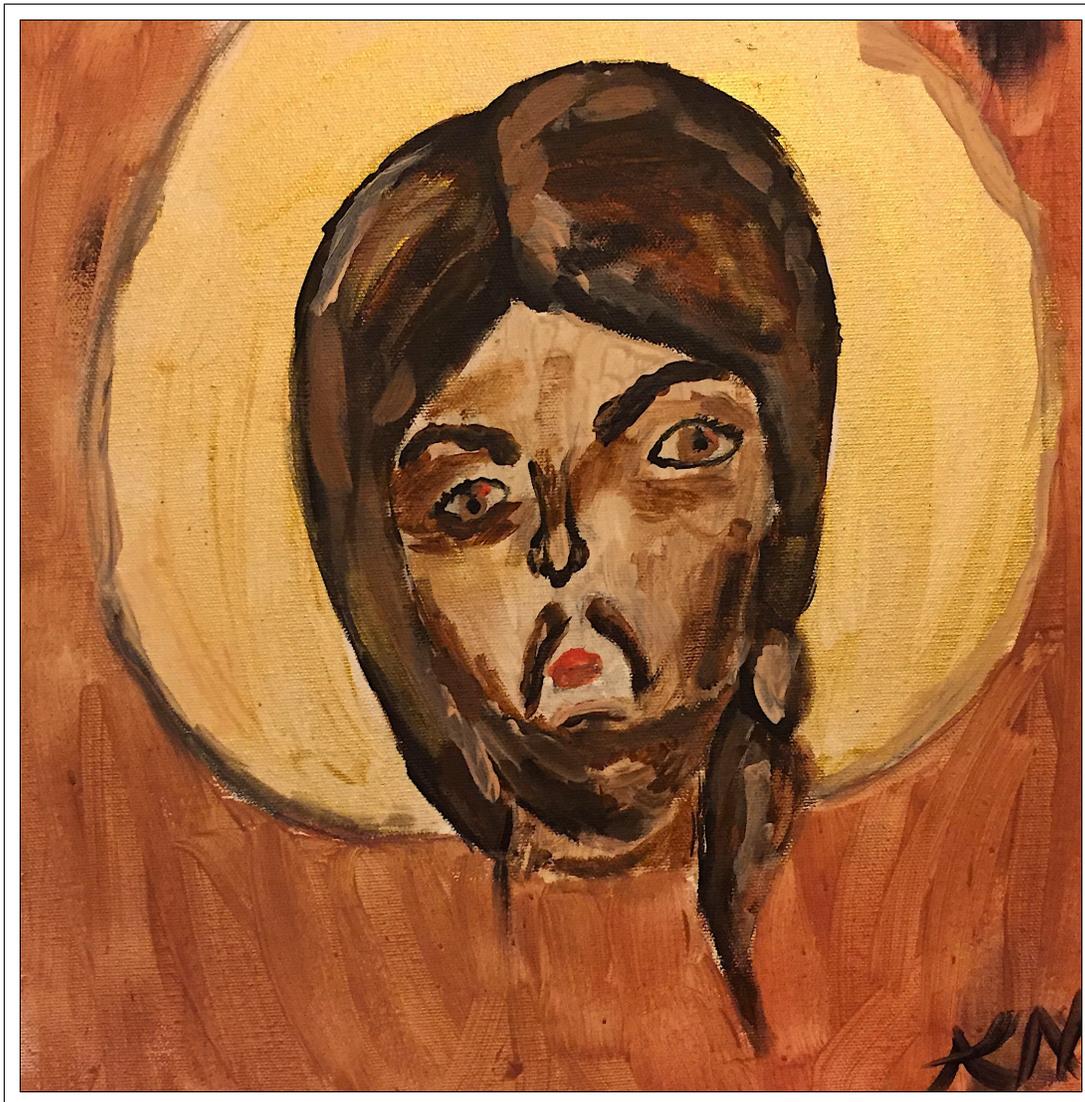


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
The Solemnity of Christ the King · November 20, 2016



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MONTH OF ALL SOULS**FINAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday, November 20th at 11:45am**

During November, which is also known as the Month of All Souls, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will celebrate three Masses of Remembrance for those from our parishes who have journeyed home to the Lord during the past year and whose funerals were celebrated in our churches. Earlier Masses of Remembrance were celebrated on Saturday, October 29th in Saint Ann Church and on Sunday, November 13th in Saint Joachim Church. Our final Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated this Sunday, November 20th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

At every Mass of Remembrance, the names of our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and fellow parishioners are read aloud. During November, the Month of All Souls, let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer for those we have lost. For more information about the Month of All Souls, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrounline.com or 978-281-4820; or see a member of our pastoral team. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**MONTH OF ALL SOULS
A Prayer for Our Departed Loved Ones**

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Just as our Lord Jesus Christ died and rose again,
so with our Father in Heaven bring with him
all who have died in Jesus.

Just as in Adam, all die, so in Christ Jesus,
we believe that all will be made alive.

Almighty God and Father,
we ask that you hear our prayers
and bring us some consolation in our lives.

As we remember in our prayers
all of our loved ones who have died,
we pray that they are with you
in experiencing the joys of heaven.

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.

Saint Ann & Saint Joachim, pray for us!
Saint Anthony & Saint Francis, pray for us!
Saint Peter & Saint Paul, pray for us!
Our Lady of Angels, pray for us!
Our Lady of Good Voyage, pray for us!
All Saints, pray for us!

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!
May God comfort all who grieve!
May God lift up all who are bowed down!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY**THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE
November 23rd – November 24th**

All parishioners, friends, and guests are welcome to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we gather for Holy Mass in celebration of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. All are welcome to join us for Mass on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th at 8:00am in Saint Joachim Church. Please join us as we gather to give praise and thanks for God's abundant blessings! Peace and blessings to all for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

**MASS INTENTIONS BOOK
Thursday, December 1st · 11:00am-2:00pm**

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Mass Intentions Book (January 2017 through June 2017) will be opened on Thursday, December 1st from 11:00am until 2:00pm at our pastoral office, which is located at 74 Pleasant Street in Gloucester. On that day, all parishioners are welcome to book two weekend Masses and two weekday Masses at Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. A donation of \$10 for each Mass intention is requested.

Please note that on December 1st, all Mass intentions must be booked in person. No email, fax, or phone requests will be accepted. No exceptions! Any remaining Masses can be booked on or after Monday, December 5th during regular business hours. If you have questions or need more information, please see Father Jim or contact Melissa Unis at 978-281-4820 or office@ccgrounline.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and generous support of our parishes! Peace and blessings to all!

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday, December 4th at 2:00pm**

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Tom Misuraca, LuAnn Pallazola, and the Holy Family Parish Music Ministry for its Twelfth Annual Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church. All of this year's musical selections have been chosen to help prepare our hearts to celebrate more fully the Holy Season of Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas.

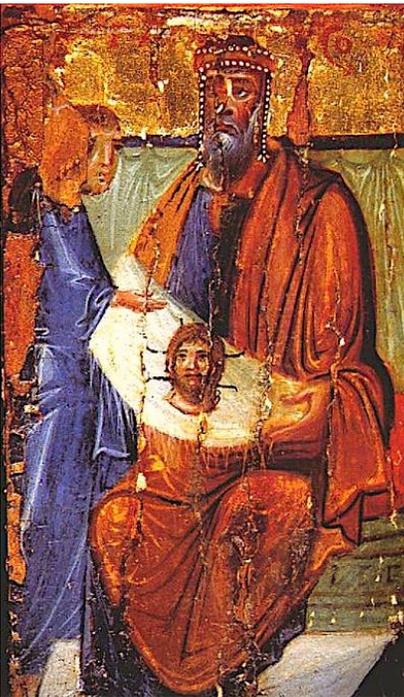
As always, both our adult and youth choirs will perform with talented instrumentalists. In addition, members of our Brazilian Community will perform with us, too! So, please join us as we share the gift of music! For more information, please contact Tom Misuraca at 978-281-4820 or tmisuraca@ccgrounline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

AN ANGRY JESUS?



Congratulations to Allie Nicastro!
Winner of Father Jim's Summer Art Contest 2016



King Abgar and the Image of Edessa

The cover of this week's newsletter features a compelling and iconic rendering of the face of Christ, hand painted by Allie Nicastro, an eleven year old girl from Holy Family Parish, who is the winner of this year's summer art contest. Allie's painting will be professionally framed and displayed during the coming year in our pastoral office, then returned to her and her family. But what about this image and others like it? Do you find them disturbing? Is Jesus angry? And if so, is Jesus angry at us because of our sins, faults, or lack of faith? The answer to these questions should and must always be a resounding no! Jesus is not angry. His love is limitless. His mercy is boundless. His friendship is forever. But again, what about this image? Are we kidding ourselves? Jesus surely looks angry!

The original image is considered the first icon of Jesus Christ and is called either the "Image of Edessa" or the "Mandylinion." It appeared on cloth, dates back to the first century, and was first revealed in Edessa (a city in southern Turkey known now as Urfa). Tradition holds that King Abgar, an Arab monarch who lived during the first decades after the Resurrection of Christ, was converted to Christianity by one of the Seventy Disciples mentioned in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 10:1-24). Suffering from a mysterious and serious illness, King Abgar wrote to Jesus and begged him to both visit him and cure him. Miraculously, Jesus responded! He declined the invitation to visit but sent an emissary, who might have been Saint Jude the Apostle. This emissary cured the king from the illness and delivered an image of the face of Christ that is known now as the "Image of Edessa."

For centuries, the original icon was lost, but it reappeared in Edessa during the sixth century, was moved to Constantinople during the 10th century, reappeared in France during the 13th century, and disappeared again sometime during the French Revolution (1789-1799). Although it has not been seen since, many copies survive. The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates its transfer from Edessa to Constantinople as a feast day on August 16th. In our tradition, many Roman Catholics believe that the "Image of Edessa" actually could be the Shroud of Turin, the Veil of Veronica, or one of the countless icons of the face of Christ that call us to prayer and to faith in the miraculous power of God.

We may never know the truth about the origins and current whereabouts of the "Image of Edessa." What we know with certainty is that for centuries, Christians have believed that the original icon and the countless copies rendered of it were not made by human hands alone. Rather, they were made by the hand and inspiration of God, who works through ordinary souls to accomplish extraordinary graces. History and tradition are filled with testimonies about conversions, cures, and other miracles that have been accomplished through these iconic images of the face of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When we look at these images, when we dare to look into the eyes of the Lord, we should not see anger. Instead, we should see the awesome glory and power of our God who humbled himself, was born poor in a stable, walked among us, healed the sick, forgave sinners, and suffered, died, and rose again to life for each and every one of us. Ours is a God of real and radical friendship, healing, love, mercy and welcome. This weekend, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and begin the final week of Ordinary Time, let us look deeply into the eyes of Jesus, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and Prince of Peace. Let us look into his eyes and see his love for each and every one of us and let us share that love with the world.

Peace and blessings to all,
Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY'S GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, December 3rd · 9:00am – 1:00pm

All are welcome to join Our Lady's Guild for their Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00am until 1:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Highlights will include a fried dough breakfast, a linguica & hot dog lunch, coffee & soft drinks, and all the fixings!

Sale tables will include the general store, Christmas decorations, religious items, jewelry, plants, homemade sweetbread, cookies & fudge, and other baked goods. We will also have a Mega Raffle Table with many items & a painting by Theresa Wonson! Volunteers are still needed for set-up and clean-up! For more information, please contact Linda Galvin at 617-803-6050 or lingalv2010@gmail.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE LEGION OF MARY Wednesday Afternoons at 4:15pm

Founded in Ireland 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 both of our parish communities. The Legion's primary apostolate is to visit and pray with our aged, disabled, homebound, and sick fellow parishioners. Members also serve in many other volunteer ministries in both Holy Family Parish & Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4:15pm, the Legion of Mary gathers in the parish center, which is located beside Saint Ann Church, to pray the 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 Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please contact Joan Foster at ajay7@verizon.net; Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com; or leave a message by calling our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

SAVE THE DATES! ADVENT MISSION & RETREAT December 6th through December 8th

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport for our Third Annual Advent Mission & Retreat from Tuesday, December 6th through Thursday, December 8th in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Our special guest and spiritual director will be Sister Ellen Dabrieo, SND. Each evening will begin with Mass and Evening Prayer at 7:00pm. More information coming soon! Save the dates! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE MEANING OF MERCY WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier,
and leads us always to see the face of every person.
And it is mercy that changes hearts and lives,
which can regenerate a people and integrate them
into society in a new way.

Pope Francis
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 2014

We must break down the walls that divide us.
We must increase well-being, make it more widespread;
but to achieve this, we need to break down walls
and build bridges that allow us to reduce inequality
and increase freedom and rights.

Pope Francis
Feast of Saint Martin of Tours 2016

THE MEANING OF MERCY IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Old Testament, the gift of mercy is dependent on God (Deuteronomy 7:9); and God's message to the repentant sinner is mercy rather than punishment. Likewise, God calls upon his people to show the same mercy to others that He shows to them. Mercy is an attitude which calls us to help those in distress. In the New Testament, through Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, mercy is always present in the world (Hebrews 2:17).

The sinner should not presume that God automatically or mechanically offers divine mercy. It is only granted by God if and when the sinner acknowledges that mercy is incalculable and beyond human understanding. Mercy does not override justice; it transcends justice and it converts the sinner into a just person by bringing about repentance and openness to the Holy Spirit.

Human mercy is an expression of divine mercy. Mercy sees the distress of others, identifies with it, and seeks to overcome it as one seeks to have one's own suffering, guilt, and burdens overcome with the aid and assistance of others. Human mercy manifests divine mercy because of Christ's identification with our plight through His passion, death, and resurrection.

The Christian must forgive seven times seventy times, and Christian mercy is an expression of the double commandment to love both God and neighbor. Mercy united with love fulfills the command of perfection (Colossians 3:14), showing the same hospitality to others that is shown to Christ (Source: Our Sunday Visitor's Revised Catholic Encyclopedia, 666-667).

God's love is boundless: it has no limits!

Pope Francis – August 26, 2014

DAILY PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: [ccgonline.com/prayer!](http://ccgonline.com/prayer/)

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at ccgonline.com/prayer. Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are 90 second reflections based on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also features an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours online.

In addition, please join us every week for a new edition of Bringing Home the Word, a lectionary-based newsletter for individuals and families that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each issue includes words of wisdom from Pope Francis, along with prayerful reflections about the scriptures, prayer and spirituality, and the lives of saints. Every Saturday, a new edition of Bringing Home the Word is posted on our website: [ccgonline.com/news!](http://ccgonline.com/news/) Please join us!

THE HOLY ROSARY

Monday Through Saturday After Daily Mass!

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport as we pray the Holy Rosary every morning immediately after our 8:00am Daily Mass. By praying the Rosary, we grow closer to our Risen Lord by meditating on the mysteries of his life, death, and resurrection; and we grow closer to our Blessed Mother by asking for her powerful intercession for ourselves, our parishes, and our troubled world.

Daily Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8:00am; in Saint Joachim Church on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00am; and in Saint Ann Church on Saturday mornings at 8:00am. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Holy Father's Favorite Way to Pray!

Pope Francis was asked in an interview about his favorite way of praying. In response, the Holy Father said: "What I truly prefer is Eucharistic Adoration...In the evening between seven and eight o'clock, I pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient and prayerful devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport offers four opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays at Saint Joachim Church (6:30pm-8:00pm); Thursdays at Saint Ann Church (6:30pm-7:30pm); and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Saint Joachim Church (8:30am-10:00am). For more information, please contact Jane Russo at 978-281-4820.

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

ANNUAL TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Monday, November 21st at 7:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway on Monday, November 21st at 7:00pm in the parish hall. This year, we will have turkeys for raffle, along with our famous homemade sweetbread, cider, vegetables, and all the trimmings for a delicious Thanksgiving Feast! In addition, we'll have a 50-50 raffle. Pizza and soft drinks will be available, too! So, please join us for this fun and exciting 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!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Help Us Share the Blessings of Christmas!

This year, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will once again sponsor the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Annual Christmas Giving Trees which help share the blessings of Christmas with local families in need. The Giving Trees will be placed at the entrances of Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church during the weekend of November 26–November 27th. Each tree will be 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 placed under the tree with the original star or delivered to our parish offices. The Christmas Giving Trees will remain at our church entrances through Sunday, December 11th. All gifts should be returned to our parish offices by Tuesday, December 13th at noon. Gifts will be wrapped and delivered to families in need on Thursday, December 15th. For more information, please contact Barbara Frontiero at 978-281-4820 or barbara.frontiero@gortons.com. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Christmas Giving Trees! May God bless us, everyone!

THE ASSISI PROJECT

Need Prayers?

Founded by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey in 2007, the Assisi Project is an international fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with active members, friends, and followers on four continents: North America, South America, Europe, and Africa. Members of the Assisi Project around the world pray for those who ask for prayers. If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Cliff at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. May the Lord give you peace, now and always!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 19 – NOVEMBER 27 2016

Saturday, November 19	Vigil · Christ the King
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Michael Mortillaro
6:00pm · OLGV	Humberto Mota
Sunday, November 20	Solemnity of Christ the King
7:00am · OLGV	Helen Korpi
8:15am · Saint Ann	Charles J. Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Phyllis Toppan and Angelina & Salvatore Loiacano
11:45am · OLGV	Joseph & Connie Zappa
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People
	34th Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, November 21 8:00am · OLGV	Robert Beauparlant
Tuesday, November 22 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Grace Ciolino
Wednesday, November 23 8:00am · OLGV	Matteo & Santina LoGrande and Family
Thursday, November 24 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Sam & Marge Rizzo
Friday, November 25 8:00am · OLGV	Millard & Marion Solomon
Saturday, November 26 8:00am · Saint Ann	Reverend Cornelius Mullaney
Saturday, November 26	Vigil · First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Joseph & Elizabeth Martell
6:00pm · OLGV	Herman & Marie Bouchie
Sunday, November 27	First Sunday of Advent
7:00am · OLGV	Norman J. Dulong, Jr.
8:15am · Saint Ann	Monsignor Francis O'Sullivan
10:00am · Saint Joachim	John Carrancho
11:45am · OLGV	Alfredo Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Mass for the People

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

Weekend of November 12th – November 13th

Weekly Offerings	\$5,698.00
Electronic Donations	\$878.00
Second Collection (Fr. Pat Universal)	\$2,360.00
Total Offerings	\$6,576.00
Saint Ann Church Restoration	\$148,893.00

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

Weekend of November 12th – November 13th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,638.00
Electronic Donations	\$30.00
Second Collection	-0-
Total Offerings	\$2,668.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$16,779.00

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 candle, and altar gifts (hosts & wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one. The requested donation for flowers is \$250. The requested donation for altar gifts is \$175. And the requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Millard & Marion Solomon
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Susan Fortune
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Francis "Chuck" Mitchell, Jr.
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of John Carrancho
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

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 of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

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