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CALL TO PRAYER

Anima Christi

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds, conceal me.
 Do not permit me to be parted from you.
 From the evil foe, protect me.
 At the hour of my death, call me.
 And bid me come to you,
 to praise you with all your saints
 for ever and ever. Amen.

O Good and Gentle Jesus,
 I kneel before you,
 and with all the fervor of my soul,
 I pray that you engrave within my heart
 lively sentiments of faith, hope, and love,
 true repentance for my sins,
 and a firm purpose of amendment.
 While I see and ponder your five wounds
 with great affection and sorrow in my soul,
 I have before my eyes those words of yours
 that David prophesied about you:
 "They have pierced my hands and feet;
 I can count all my bones." Amen.

Glory to the Father,
 to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

When we receive the Eucharist...
 Jesus knows that we are sinners; he knows that we make mistakes,
 but he does not give up on joining his life to ours.
 He knows that we need it,
 because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints,
 but the bread of sinners.
 This is why he exhorts us: Do not be afraid! Take and eat!

Pope Francis – June 6, 2021

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Cheerful in Hope of God's Mercy

BY CLIFF GARVEY

Although I have never met Roman, I consider him a good friend. He is a devoted husband, father, and son to his elderly parents. He is a man of deep faith and prayer. And he is a talented artist and iconographer. Since the beginning of Russia's lawless invasion of Ukraine more than fifteen months ago, Roman and his family have been living under almost impossible conditions. For a while, they left their home in Kyiv City and sheltered somewhere in the Carpathian Mountains. Now back in Kyiv, they endure an almost constant barrage of frightening sounds – bombs, gunfire, and air raid sirens.

In the midst of this ongoing hardship, Roman continues to create beautiful icons for the world. During the past year, he has painted (or written) a collection of truly compelling images of the Lord, the Blessed Mother, and the saints. Roman admits that it sometimes difficult to concentrate on his work, especially given the needs and fears of his family and friends. He says: "It is difficult to live in such danger and uncertainty, but the time for life is not chosen." Despite the many hardships, Roman and his family somehow carry on.

Last fall, Roman and his family were driving toward what would soon be the epicenter of a series of rocket explosions. Twenty short minutes saved them from what could have been a deadly encounter with the enemy's murderous weapons. Shortly before Christmas, the family returned to Kyiv. They reasoned that both the city's school system and missile defense system were better than in the mountains. By then, Roman and his family understood in a practical way the hard truth of the scriptures: "Lord, you have allotted me a short span of days; my life is nothing in your sight; human existence is a mere breath (Psalm 39:6)."

A few months ago, Roman was slow in responding to a message about an icon of the Risen Jesus that he was writing for me. When he finally wrote back, he apologized for the delay and wrote about what was becoming part of his family's daily routine. Roman writes: "Yesterday there was an air raid siren four or five times. At such moments, we have to go to the bomb shelter and pray, or not go to the bomb shelter and pray even harder, or hope for the prayers of good people." In your kindness, please pray for Roman, his wife Oleksandra, and their children, Myron, Tryfon, Ustyna, and Martyna.

Despite the tribulation of war, Roman and his family remain filled with faith, hope, and love. They live in a fearsome present and still plan for a brighter future. In his messages, Roman suggests that the war and its resulting uncertainty have brought them closer together. They worry less about petty problems and disputes because they see so clearly the immensity of the challenges facing them and their beloved country. He writes: "So we are cheerful in hope of God's mercy!"

Just this morning, Roman sent a photo of the newly completed icon of the Resurrection of Christ (see cover). Dressed in white and surrounded by gold stars and emanations, Jesus emerges from an almond shaped halo (called a mandorla), floats above, and seems to transcend the drab desert of our long suffering world. He opens his arms and offers an embrace to those who long for peace, safety, and stability in their lives. And he seems to say, as Roman says, be cheerful in hope of God's mercy! May the Risen Lord bring us peace!

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Pastor's Note
End of Fiscal Year Fundraising

HELP US REACH OUR GOALS BY JUNE 30TH!

As we enter the final weeks of the fiscal year, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are encouraged to prayerfully consider a gift to the Grand Annual Collection at Holy Family Parish or the Pastor's Challenge at Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish (to ensure that we are able to replace the front steps of the church).

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Goal – \$75,000
 Raised – \$67,499
 Need – \$7,501

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH
FRONT STEPS RESTORATION

Goal – \$35,000
 Raised – \$23,345
 Need – \$11,665

Our weekly offerings and these special fundraising campaigns are essential components of our parish budgets; and they are both vitally important to the financial stability of our beloved home parishes. We simply must reach our goals by the end of the fiscal year on June 30th!

Donation envelopes are available at the entrances of our churches and upon request from the parish office. During the coming weeks, let's pray together that each of us, according to our means, will give generously to these fundraising campaigns! Every donation, large or small, can make a big difference! Please help us!

For more information about how you, your family, or your business can help ensure that our parishes end the year with balanced budgets and enough funding to repair and maintain our historic church buildings, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Saint Peter's Novena
Call to Prayer & Devotion

BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 12TH

In prayerful anticipation of the 96th Annual Saint Peter's Fiesta, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are invited to pray the Nine Day Novena to Saint Peter from Monday, June 12th through Tuesday, June 20th at 7:00pm in the American Legion Hall which is located at 8 Washington Street in Gloucester.

This beautiful tradition affords us an opportunity to offer our prayers and petitions for the intercession of Saint Peter, Apostle of the Apostles and Patron of Fishermen. For more information about this special event, please contact Joe Novello at 978-283-4367. Save the dates! Spread the word! Please join us! All are welcome!

Saint Peter's Fiesta
Outdoor Mass & Procession

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH AT 10:00AM

This year, Saint Peter's Fiesta runs from Wednesday, June 21st through Sunday, June 25th. All are invited to join Father Jim and Father Anthony Luongo of Ave Maria Parish in Lynnfield for an outdoor celebration of Holy Mass on Sunday, June 25th at 10:00am at Saint Peter's Square in Gloucester. After Mass, all are welcome to join friends and fellow parishioners for the procession through the streets of our beloved city.

Trailers are still available for groups, families, and individuals who wish to participate in the procession with a religious-themed float in celebration of Saint Peter's Fiesta. For more information about the 96th Saint Peter's Fiesta, please contact Rose Aiello at 978-283-1664 or visit the website: stpetersfiesta.org. Spread the word! Bring a friend! Please join us! All are welcome! Viva San Pietro!

Let's Pray Together!

OUR DAILY PRAYERS
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THE LITANY OF THE SACRED WOUNDS
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PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF JUNE 3RD & 4TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,754
Electronic	\$562
Total	\$6,316

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$2,956
Electronic	\$567
Total	\$3,523

Holy Family Grand Annual

Goal	\$75,000
Raised So Far	\$67,499

Thank you for your generous support
for Holy Family Parish
& Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

We Share!

DO NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD.
POPE FRANCIS

Electronic giving has become an essential component of parish support in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport; and it is available in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is safe and easy to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

Donations can be made on a weekly, monthly, or one-time-only basis; and it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. In addition to the weekly offering, you can also give electronically to our church restoration funds which helps us plan for the repair and maintenance of our beloved and historic churches.

During these challenging times, Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish need your support more than ever! Please prayerfully consider enrolling in our 'We Share!' electronic giving program! For more information about setting up a new account or assistance with an existing account, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Thank you!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



Pastor's Note

A SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS
TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

Saint Anthony of Padua once said: "Charity is the soul of faith. It gives it life. Without love, faith dies." As we continue to celebrate our shared history as a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, the godly virtues of faith, hope, and love are very much alive and well here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

Needless to say, it is impossible to thank each person who helps to make our home parishes such special places. It is also difficult to thank each person who made the Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit such a prayerful and inspiring week in the life of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

So, let us pray in heartfelt thanksgiving for Our Lady's Guild and the Holy Name Society for all of their hard work and support during Crowning Week. In a special way, we thank Julia Garcia and her family; along with our dedicated team of sweet bread bakers and every volunteer who helped make this year's feast so successful.

As we begin our ninth year together, we pray and give thanks for every one of our fellow parishioners who enriches our lives and the lives of our parishes with a kind word, good deed, or helping hand. Let us raise our hearts and voices in prayer that the Holy Spirit will inspire us each and every day to live the Gospel, share God's love, and rebuild the Church.

If you and your family are not yet registered as parishioners at Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, please be sure to contact me at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Every person who joins for prayer and worship is truly a gift from heaven. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Always! Peace, blessings, and sincere thanks to all! — Father Jim

THE POPE VIDEO
PRAYING WITH THE HOLY FATHER
ccgronline.com/resources

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

June 10th – June 18th

Saturday, June 10	Vigil · Body & Blood of Christ
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Grazia Storniolo
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Evelina DaRosa
Sunday, June 11	Body & Blood of Christ
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Lorinda José Ramos
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Captain Joe & Felicia Ciaramitaro
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Josephine Taormina
11:45am Our Lady's Church	José Nunes Silva
	Ordinary Time
June 14 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Katy Ciolino
June 15 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	James King
June 16 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Claude Souza
Saturday, June 17	Vigil · 11th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	40th Wedding Anniversary of Valerio & Elizabeth Passalacqua
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Francesco Taormina
Sunday, June 18	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Theresa Wonson
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Captain Frank & Vita Santuccio
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Sally Costello
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Alex & Tina Borge

OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES & SUPPORTING OUR HOME PARISHES

At each of our churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary candles and sanctuary gifts (hosts and wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a friend or loved one. The requested donation for both sanctuary gifts and candles is now \$25 per week. For the week of Sunday, June 11th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Sugrue Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of the Galvin Family
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Kathleen Rose Legendre
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Celebration of the Wedding
of Paula Rose Galvin & Dan Sugrue
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

In Memory of Rosaria Favazza
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

The Chapel of the Archangels, dedicated to Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, is located on the ground floor of the rectory. You can see the sanctuary candle from the street. In addition to their better-known patronages, Michael is also venerated as a patron of the sick and suffering; Raphael is a patron of medical professionals; and Gabriel is a patron of priests. We all need their prayers and protection like never before!

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle, sanctuary gifts, or sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one in any of our churches or chapels in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Melissa Joseph at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of our home parishes! May God bless our departed brothers and sisters! May God bless all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport!

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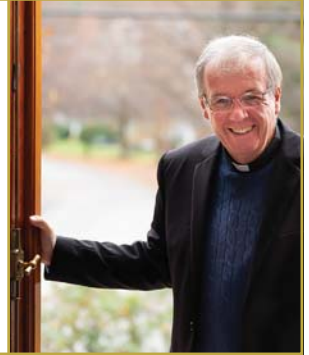
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