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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

UP TO ELEVEN

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COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit

BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 2ND

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are invited to join Father Jim, imperators Fitz and Ellen Lufkin, the Holy Name Society, Our Lady's Guild, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport in celebrating the Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit from Monday, June 2nd through Sunday, June 8th. Here's our schedule of events for this beautiful and inspiring annual tradition:

MONDAY, JUNE 2ND

Mass & Holy Hour at 8:00am (OLGV Church)
 Holy Rosary at 6:30pm (OLGV Church)
 Followed by Azorean Catered Supper
 & Father Jim's 50th Birthday Celebration (OLGV Hall)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD

Mass & Holy Hour at 8:00am (OLGV Church)
 Holy Rosary & Supper at 6:30pm (OLGV Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH

Holy Rosary at 5:30pm (OLGV Church)
 Holy Mass at 6:00pm (OLGV Church)
 Soup & Bread Supper at 6:30pm (OLGV Hall)

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

Mass & Holy Hour at 8:00am (OLGV Church)
 Holy Rosary & Supper at 6:30pm (OLGV Hall)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH

Mass & Holy Hour at 8:00am (OLGV Church)
 Sung Rosary in Portuguese at 6:30pm (OLGV Hall)
 Followed by Azorean Catered Supper

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

Holy Rosary at 5:15pm (OLGV Church)
 Holy Mass at 6:00pm (OLGV Church)

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

Holy Mass & Crowning at 11:45am (OLGV Church)
 Crowning Luncheon at 1:00pm (OLGV Hall)

Tickets for Sunday's Crowning Luncheon are available after all Weekend Masses in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church or through the parish office. A donation of \$25 per person is requested. Donations of gift cards for the Crowning Raffle are also appreciated! Pre-orders for the traditional Rosquilhas (round sweet bread) are now being accepted. For more information about donations and reservations for the Crowning Luncheon, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com; Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com; or our parish office at 978-281-4820. Save the date! Spread the word! Bring your family and friends! All are invited! All are welcome! Come, Holy Spirit!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Up to Eleven

BY FATHER JIM

As I prayed about our eleven years together as the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, I was reminded of an old movie. In the 1984 comic rock film, *This Is Spinal Tap*, the phrase “up to eleven” means to raise the volume on a speaker to its highest level. Since then, the term has taken on more meanings: to push boundaries, think outside of the box, and transcend the limits of a system. This is us. We are “up to eleven.”

To be sure, there is room for improvement in our parishes. We can always do more. We can always do better. We can always push “up to eleven” and strive to “beyond eleven.” For example, we have not done enough to reach out to young families. We have not done enough to explore alternative energy sources. We have not done enough to face the challenge of maintaining and making the best use of our eleven old buildings.

From the beginning, our collaborative has been inspired by the good example of Pope Francis. Our core values of prayer, fellowship, and service are rooted in the pope’s generous sacrifice of his life for the People of God. Our mission to live the Gospel, share God’s love, and rebuild the Church is inspired by *The Joy of the Gospel*, the pope’s apostolic exhortation, which was the blueprint of his pontificate. Everything we do as a community is empowered by our core values and our mission statement. We have much to celebrate.

Our parish organizations bring people together to pray, serve the poor, console the sick, and raise necessary funds to support the good works of our parishes. The Assisi Project, Our Lady’s Guild, Holy Name Society, Holy Family Women’s Guild, Knights of Columbus, and Saint Vincent de Paul Society are effective and welcoming fellowships. They are not stuck in the past or resistant to new ways of doing God’s work. We can do more. We can do better. But these groups deserve our time, talent, and treasure. They deserve our thanks.

Our adult and youth faith formation programs are laser focused on bringing people closer to Christ, closer to the Church, and closer to each other. These programs are always about cultivating personal relationships with Jesus and building community; not just doctrinal instruction. When Cardinal Sean personally approved our pastoral plan, one of the most favorable comments was our goal to make our parishes into “schools of prayer” for disciples of all ages and backgrounds. We can do more, but we have made much progress.

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes: “It is a wonderful thing to be God’s faithful people. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and when our hearts are filled with faces and names (EG 274).” As my 50th birthday approaches, my heart is filled to overflowing with love and gratitude for the faces and names that fill my prayers each day. These are the faces and names of my friends and family. These are the faces and names of my parish family, my fellow disciples, all of you, humble workers in the Lord’s vineyard.

In his inaugural homily, Pope Leo XIV calls us to continue our good work. He says: “With the light and strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God’s love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made restless by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.” This is our calling. This is who we are. This is who we can become. This is what it means to be “up to eleven” and beyond. From my heart, thank you for your boundless love, support, and generosity. Happy 11th Anniversary! Peace, blessings, and sincere thanks to all!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



**The Assisi Project
Becoming Pilgrims of Hope**

PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS
SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 8:00AM

During this Jubilee of Hope, Pope Francis (1936-2025) called us to be “pilgrims of hope.” He beckoned us to be hopeful, to be peacemakers, and to be what he called “weavers of communion” in our suffering world.

The Holy Father wrote: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us. We must help everyone gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, trusting heart, and prophetic vision. The jubilee can contribute abundantly to the restoration of an atmosphere of hope and trust, and to the rebirth and renewal of all that we so urgently desire.”

In a unique and often breathtaking way, Pope Francis himself embodied what it means to be a pilgrim of hope and weaver of communion in an often dark and confusing world. During his twelve year papacy, the Holy Father visited sixty-eight countries, made thirty-four pastoral visits in Italy, and traveled nearly 300,000 miles. In thought, word, and deed, he exemplified the heart and soul of Christian discipleship in the modern world.

Throughout this year, the Assisi Project is focusing its prayers and reflections on men and women from across the ages, like Pope Francis, who have fulfilled the call to be pilgrims of hope. Our celebration of the jubilee continues on Saturday, June 7th beginning with Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass, Brother Patrick and Father Jim will lead us in reflection and conversation about the life and legacy of Pope Francis.

For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Brother Patrick at 978-281-4820 or brpatrick@assisiproject.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Pope Francis, pray for us! Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of the Angels, pray for us! May the Risen Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

**Pastor's Note
Special Message of Thanks**

BY FATHER JIM

Some years ago, Pope Francis (1936-2025) preached on the mission of the twelve apostles and our role as missionary disciples in the modern world. He said: “A disciple who does not serve others is not a Christian...There are no loopholes. If a disciple does not walk in order to serve, then his walking is of no use. If his life is not in service, then his life is of no use as a Christian.”

Here in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we are blessed to have a pastoral team that is dedicated to service and the walk of discipleship. As pastor, however, I often fail to thank our pastoral team members for their hard work and dedication. I often fail to recognize their extraordinary contributions to our parishes.

Sheila Durkin, Wally Durkin, Jane Russo, and Melissa Unis do remarkable work in cleaning our buildings, keeping our records, managing our office, scheduling baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and maintaining our historic churches and parish buildings. Almost always working behind the scenes, these amazing people keep the proverbial trains running on schedule. They are the backbone of our pastoral team. They deserve our prayers, gratitude, and appreciation.

Betsy Works, Tom Misuraca, and Brother Patrick are the imaginative force behind all that we do here. They are always creative. They are always thinking outside of the box. They are always striving to be better at what they have been called to do. Sometimes I need to reign them in. Sometimes they need to push me forward.

After more than two decades as a priest, Betsy, Tom, and Brother Patrick, along with Patty Natti and LuAnn Pallazola, are the most inspired and innovative lay ministers that I have ever known. We are lucky to have them. They, too, deserve our praise, prayers, and deepest thanks for all that they do for all of us.

When you see members of our pastoral team this week, please express our shared thanks for their good work. Happy 11th Anniversary! May God bless our pastoral team! Peace, blessings, and thanks to all! – Father Jim

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF MAY 24TH & 25TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$4,637
Electronic	\$1,395
Total	\$6,032

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$4,115
Electronic	\$366
Total	\$4,481

Grand Annual Collections

Holy Family	\$52,420 (70%)
Our Lady's	\$30,150 (100%)

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

Pastor's Note

Grand Annual Collections

FATHER JIM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Along with our weekly offerings, the Grand Annual Collection is a crucial component of our efforts to balance our budgets and ensure the financial stability of our beloved home parishes. As we begin the final quarter of the fiscal year, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider a gift to the Grand Annual Collections in either Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

Consider this fact: Even though attendance at Sunday Mass is steady, if not growing, in both parishes, weekly offerings are down 5% in Holy Family Parish. This stark reality makes it increasingly difficult to balance our budget and ensure the financial stability of our parish.

Grand Annual envelopes are available at all the entrances of our churches. Please join me in praying that each one of us will give what we can to these vitally important fundraising campaigns. For more information, please contact me at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you! Peace and blessings to all!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



Celebrating Saint Anthony Mass & Holy Hour for Peace

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH AT 8:00AM

Saint Anthony (1195-1231) is a patron of our parishes, the patron of lost things, the patron of fishermen and mariners, and the patron of the poor and the hungry.

The beloved saint once said: "In this murky world, the saints shine like the firmament of heaven. And just as shoes protect the feet, so the example of the saints protects our souls, by giving us the strength to trample on the tempter's deceit and the world's seduction."

In this spirit and in prayerful anticipation of the Feast of Saint Anthony, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim for a Mass and Holy Hour for Peace on Friday, June 13th beginning at 8:00am in Saint Anthony Chapel.

After Mass, Father Jim and Brother Patrick will lead us in prayer including Eucharistic Adoration and a Rosary for Peace featuring prayers by Pope Francis (1936-2025). This special morning of prayer and devotion will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:30am.

For more information about Saint Anthony, please visit: ccgronline.com/resources. For more information about this special event, please see Father Jim or contact him at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Anthony, pray for us! Saint Anthony, pray for peace! Saint Anthony, pray for our suffering world!

GO INTO THE DEEP

MASS & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION WITH ARCHBISHOP RICHARD HENNING

Saturday, June 21st - Begins at 8:30am

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Learn more: ccgronline.com

All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

May 31st – June 8th

Saturday, May 31	Vigil · Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	The Orlando Family
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Francesco & Giuseppa Passalacqua
Sunday, June 1st	Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	George Medeiros
8:15am Saint Ann Church	John G. Interrante
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Alphonse F. Russo, III
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Kyle Quinn
	Easter Season
June 4 at 5:30pm Our Lady’s Church	Francesco Paolo Napoli
June 5 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	All Souls in Purgatory
June 6 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Norberto Moniz
Saturday, June 7th	Vigil · Pentecost
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Joseph & Rose Ciaramitaro
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Richard Devlin
Sunday, June 8th	Pentecost Sunday
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	Mass for the People
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Lillian Sanfilippo
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Francis “Skip” Kennedy
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Crowning Mass

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 1st, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Joseph Pratt
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John G. Interrante
Sanctuary Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Gerardo Nigro
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Giovanni Di Stefano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of James Marr
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Giovanni Di Stefano
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Sergio Alviola
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

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! May God bless our departed brothers and sisters! Peace & blessings to all!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE LEO XIV

We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine,
the way of living our faith,
but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach
what it means to know Jesus
and to give witness to our closeness to the Lord.

Pope Leo XIV - 2023

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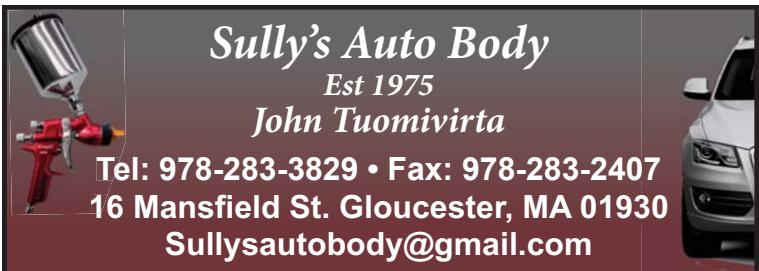
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