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**THE ANCHOR OF HOPE**

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**The Building Hope Prayer**

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Pilgrim God,  
 we give you thanks and praise.  
 You constantly journey with us  
 even in our darkness and our doubts.  
 We seek your way of loving kindness  
 to walk together as one family.  
 Open our eyes to recognize you  
 in the faces of one another,  
 in the breaking of bread,  
 and in the splendor of creation.  
 May the Risen Christ sow seeds of hope  
 and new life deep within us.  
 May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,  
 bring forth truth, justice, and peace.  
 May the Holy Spirit working in and through us  
 do much more than we can dare imagine  
 as we live out our baptismal calling  
 in humble and loving service.  
 We make this prayer through Christ Jesus,  
 our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS  
 FROM 'HOPE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY'**

Human hope is far more than an illusion  
 and is far more than simple trust:  
 It is in fact a medicine and a cure.

But Christian hope is infinitely more than this:  
 It is the certainty  
 that we are born no longer to die,  
 that we are born for pinnacles,  
 to enjoy happiness.

It is the awareness  
 that God has always loved us,  
 and will always love us,  
 and never leave us alone.

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## OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### The Anchor of Hope

BY FATHER JIM

Most scripture scholars agree that Saint Paul wrote the Letter to the Romans while staying with a friend in the City of Corinth, which was a prosperous center of commerce. Paul's plan was to leave Corinth, then visit Rome, and then travel to Spain where he longed to preach the Good News of the Risen Christ. In a sense, Paul's epistle is a letter of introduction to the Roman people. It is a kind of spiritual opening statement to the most important city in the ancient world.

One prominent scholar, N.T. Wright, writes that the Letter to the Romans is "neither a systematic theology nor a summary of Paul's lifework, but it is by common consent his masterpiece." In this classic work, his longest letter to an early Christian community, Saint Paul seeks to explain the gift of salvation that is offered to all people by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In addition, Paul strives to resolve the divisions between Christian leaders and Jewish converts to the faith.

In this Sunday's Second Reading (Romans 5:1-5), Saint Paul builds on three themes that are introduced in the previous chapter (Romans 4:23-25). The first theme is justification and righteousness. In short, justification is how a person is made just or deserving before God. It is a grace-filled process that involves mercy and conversion. Righteousness is a way of living that is good, true, and honorable. It is a state of being in right relationship with God.

The second theme is that Jesus suffered and died for us – to forgive our sins, to wash away our guilt, and to reconcile us with God. Finally, the third theme is that Jesus rose from the dead for our sake – to justify us in God's eyes, to confirm us as children of God, and to enable our conversion and sanctification. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ...and the source of our future resurrection (CCG 638)."

Saint Paul then dives deep into the painful realities of life. He knows what we know. Life can be hard. Life can be challenging. Life can be filled with hardships of all kinds. But rather than wallow in our *afflictions*, Paul reminds us that all of our pain and suffering has already been transformed and transcended by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. He reminds us that because we believe in the Good News, we are blessed with the virtue of *hope*.

Holding on to hope is not easy. Pope Francis once said: "Hope is like throwing an anchor to the other shore and clinging to the rope...Hope is poor and humble. It is a virtue that we must cultivate every day. We must take the rope, see that the anchor remains fixed in place and hold it in our hands. We must remember we have security which is the Holy Spirit who works within us (10-29-19)."

Hope, then, is an exercise of the soul, an exercise that keeps us close to God, close to the Church, and close to each other even during the darkest times. Even when all seems lost. As God's children, made just and righteous, by the Poor Christ, we can "boast in hope (5:2)" because we know in our hearts, at the core of our being, that "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts (5:5)." Thank you, Lord, for the anchor of hope!

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**



**Sacrament of Baptism**

**GATEWAY TO LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church. The two others are Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission (CCC 1213)." During May and June, Father Jim baptized the following young disciples:

- Ford Burnham · Leonardo Cannavo
- Elizabeth Carlson · Kaden Curley
- Miles D'Angelo · Christopher DeFreitas
- Winston Doane · William Foss
- Gianna Giovinco · Griffin Gonzalez
- Theo Grabus · Andreilys Hernandez
- Benson Martorana · Yociel Melo
- Aiden Moynahan · Matteo Numerosi
- Caesar Pellerano · Zion Perry
- Cashel Poliskey · Adel Quirk
- Matteo Randazzo · Ivy Reardon

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during any Sunday Mass at 10:00am in Saint Joachim Church; on the second Saturday of the month at 11:30am in Saint Ann Church; and on the third Saturday of the month at 11:30am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

For more information about having your child or grandchild baptized in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sheila McCarthy-Durkin at 978-281-4820 or smccarthy@ccgrronline.com.

As a community united in prayer, fellowship, and service, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport prays for all of our newly baptized young disciples; and for all of their parents, godparents, and grandparents! Peace, blessings, and congratulations to all!

**PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE**

**Saint Peter's Novena  
An Annual Summer Tradition**

**BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 16TH**

In prayerful anticipation of the 98th Annual Saint Peter's Fiesta, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join together in praying the Nine Day Novena to Saint Peter from Monday, June 16th through Tuesday, June 24th at 7:00pm in American Legion Hall, which is located at 8 Washington Street in Gloucester.

This beloved and beautiful summer tradition affords us a special opportunity to offer our heartfelt prayers and petitions to Saint Peter the Apostle — patron of our parishes and patron of fishermen all around the world. For more information about the Saint Peter Novena, please contact Joe Novello at 978-283-4367. Save the dates! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

**A PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT PETER**

O Saint Peter the Apostle,  
 you are the rock  
 upon which Jesus built his church.  
 Obtain for us, we pray:  
 a lively faith, firm hope, and burning love;  
 complete detachment from self-interest;  
 contempt for the world and the ways of corruption;  
 patience in adversity, humility in prosperity,  
 recollection in prayer and adoration,  
 purity of heart, right intention in all of our actions,  
 diligence in fulfilling the duties of our vocations,  
 constancy in our resolutions to do good,  
 perseverance in God's grace unto death;  
 so that by means of your powerful intercession,  
 we may be worthy to appear  
 before the chief judge and eternal shepherd  
 of our souls, who is the Lord Jesus Christ,  
 our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother.  
 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.  
 Saint Peter the Apostle, pray for us!

**PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE****Our Weekly Gifts****WEEKEND OF JUNE 7TH & 8TH****Holy Family Parish**

Offertory	\$5,275
Electronic	\$2,203
Total	\$7,478

**Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish**

Offertory	\$3,220
Electronic	\$1,198
Total	\$4,418

**Grand Annual Collections**

Holy Family	\$77,754 (104%)
Our Lady's	\$33,050 (110%)

**Our Lady of Good Voyage  
Special Spring Collection**

Urgent Goal	\$25,000
Raised So Far	\$7,305 (29%)

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

**Saint Peter's Fiesta  
Outdoor Mass & Procession****SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH AT 10:00AM**

Saint Peter's Fiesta begins on Wednesday, June 25th and concludes on Sunday, June 29th. On that final day, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim for the annual outdoor celebration of Holy Mass at 10:00am at Saint Peter's Square in Gloucester.

After Mass, all are welcome to join us for the traditional procession through the streets of our beloved city with Saint Peter! Trailers are available for groups and families who wish to participate in the procession with a faith-based float in celebration of Saint Peter's Fiesta.

For more information, please contact Rose Aiello at 978-283-1664 or visit [stpetersfiesta.org](http://stpetersfiesta.org). Spread the word! Bring your family! All are invited! All are welcome!

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE****Into the Deep  
Mass & Eucharistic Procession****WELCOME ARCHBISHOP RICHARD HENNING  
SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST AT 8:30AM**

In the Gospel of Luke, Peter is tired and discouraged, but he answers the Lord's call to "put out into the deep." Peter's simple "yes" not only fills his nets, but his heart. As Peter draws up the fish, Jesus draws Peter to himself. The Lord desires to draw all people to himself through the Eucharist. Archbishop Richard Henning says: "The whole point of the Eucharist is to draw us to the heart of God."

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Archbishop Richard for "Into the Deep" on Saturday, June 21st beginning with Mass at 8:30am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

After Mass, we will walk in procession with the Eucharist from Our Lady of Good Voyage to the Jodrey State Fish Pier where Archbishop Richard will begin a journey by sea from Gloucester to other parish churches – in Manchester, Salem, Marblehead, Swampscott, Winthrop, East Boston, and Boston (including the North End, Seaport District, and South Boston).

For more information about this special event, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com); or visit [bostoncatholic.org](http://bostoncatholic.org). Father Jim and our pastoral team hope and pray that you and your family will be able to join us for this unique opportunity to meet our new archbishop and share our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Save the date! All are invited! All are welcome!

**A ROSARY FOR PEACE  
SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST**

For those unable to process with Archbishop Richard due to age, illness, or disability,  
Brother Patrick will lead a Rosary for Peace immediately after the beginning of the procession.  
All are invited! All are welcome!

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**June 14 – June 22**

<b>Saturday, June 14</b>	<b>Vigil · Most Holy Trinity</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Salvatore & Grazia Storniolo
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Philip David Moran
<b>Sunday, June 15</b>	<b>Most Holy Trinity</b>
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	Charles Michael O’Maley
8:15am Saint Ann Church	For Our Fathers
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Captain Andrew Porter
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Linda Burns
	<b>Ordinary Time</b>
June 18 at 5:30pm Our Lady’s Church	Maria Castaldi
June 19 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	The Shallow Family
June 20 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday, June 21</b>	<b>Vigil · Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Anthony Piraino
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Adeline Vitale
<b>Sunday, June 22</b>	<b>Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	José Carlos & Isolina Matos
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Maria Millefoglie
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Sally Costello
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Alex & Tina Borge

**OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS**

**Sanctuary Candles & Gifts**

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 15th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Salvatore Scola  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Andrew Porter  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

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

In Memory of Joseph Ciaramitaro  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Pope Francis  
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**

The Holy Spirit opens borders,  
first of all, in our hearts.  
He is the gift that opens our lives to love.  
His presence breaks down our hardness of heart,  
our narrowness of mind, our selfishness,  
the fears that enchain us,  
and the narcissism that makes us  
only think of ourselves.

*Pope Leo XIV  
Holy Mass for Pentecost Sunday  
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