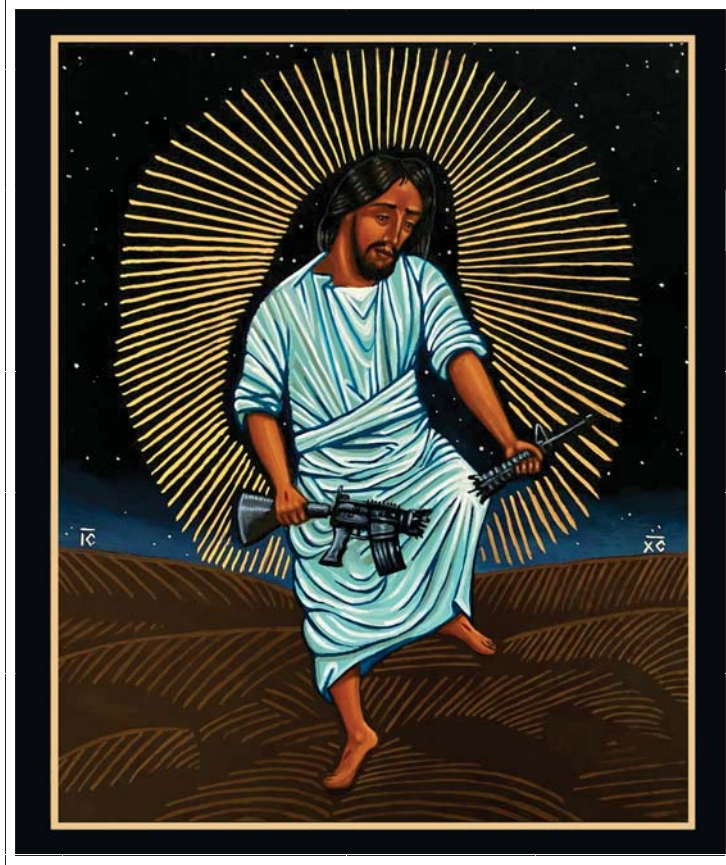


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Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time · September 21, 2025



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE
A PRAYER FOR GUN REFORM

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WE ARE FRANCIS



Pope Francis & Saint Francis Celebrating Two Holy Lives

MASS & COMMUNITY SUPPER
WELCOME BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 5:30PM

In the scriptures, Jesus reaches out to the poor, heals the sick, and breaks bread with the left behind. In the thirteenth century, Saint Francis of Assisi called his followers to “heal wounds, bind what is broken, and bring home those who are lost.” And in the twenty-first century, Pope Francis reminds us: “In the Church, no one is left out or left over. There is room for everyone, just the way we are...The Lord does not point a finger, but opens his arms. He embraces us all.”

In this spirit of universal love, boundless mercy, and radical welcome, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are invited to join Father Jim and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport on Friday, October 3rd for a special evening of prayer, fellowship, and service in celebration of Pope Francis and Saint Francis of Assisi. We will begin with a Vigil Mass for the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi at 5:30pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Mark O’Connell, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Boston, as principal celebrant.

After Mass, Bishop Mark will offer a brief reflection on the life and legacy of Pope Francis. Bishop Mark will then bless a new hand painted icon of Pope Francis that was recently created by Kelly Latimore, a world famous artist and iconographer. This large and breathtaking icon will be hung in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church beside our much-loved statue of Our Lady of Fatima to whom the Holy Father dedicated his papacy. The icon is a precious gift on loan to us from the Assisi Project which has also paid for new paint and lighting in the hallways on both sides of the church.

When this blessing is complete, we will adjourn to Our Lady’s Hall for a community supper featuring pizza, soup, and salad provided by the Azorean Restaurant in Gloucester. Desserts will be provided by our pastoral team. A cash bar will be available, too. Although the supper is free and all are welcome, a collection will be taken up during Mass to support the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes. If you plan to join us for supper, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend! Bring your family! All are welcome!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The peace you proclaim with your words
must dwell even more abundantly in your hearts.
Do not provoke others to anger or give scandal.
Rather, let your gentleness draw them to peace,
goodwill, and reconciliation.
This is our vocation: to heal wounds, to bind what is broken,
and to bring home those who are lost.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

A Prayer for Gun Reform

BY CAMERON BELLM

When Jesus told Peter to put away his sword,
he spoke a truth both simple and profound:
“Those who live by the sword, die by the sword.”
And we are dying. And dying. And dying.
There is no safe place in a country
that swells with an ocean of weapons.
Lord of mercy, prince of peace,
strengthen the lungs of the living
to cry out for change.
May our song of lament be long and loud.
May its deep roar shake us from complacency
until we are free from terror,
until we may say, and we may see,
that no more, no more, no more shall perish. Amen.

A Sacred Protest

BY CAMERON BELLM

Give me a church that understands
she is not a structure of stone and glass,
but a cathedral made up of her people.
Give me a church that will not abide
threats and violence against her neighbors,
that will not rest until there's justice and peace.
Give me a church that does not hide
behind the walls of institution,
but hears a human cry and runs toward it,
stole flapping behind her in the breeze.
Give me a church that knows
this is the moment to take a stand,
and we will stand with her. Amen.

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CALL TO WORSHIP



**The Feast of the Archangels
Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Mass**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport’s forty day observance of Saint Michael’s Lent will conclude on Monday, September 29th, the Feast of the Archangels, in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

This special day of prayer and devotion will begin with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:00am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After Morning Prayer, the church will remain open all day for silent prayer and adoration. At 12:00pm, we will gather again for Daytime Prayer and a Rosary for Peace. We will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Mass at 5:30pm.

As the Feast of the Archangels approaches, all are invited to join us in spiritual communion with Pope Leo XIV by offering the following prayers each day: Angelus at 12:00pm; Psalm 77 at 3:00pm; and the following prayer to Saint Michael for the Holy Father’s intentions of peace, truth, and justice in our violent and war torn world:

**A PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL
FOR PEACE, TRUTH & JUSTICE**

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle;
be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and may you, O prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all other evil spirits
who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls. Amen.

For more information about this special event, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! Saint Michael, pray for us! Saint Gabriel, pray for us! Saint Raphael, pray for us! Peace and blessings to all!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

**Our Lady of Good Voyage
Fall Yard Sale**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

Since 1944, Our Lady’s Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events.

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Guild for a Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, September 27th from 9:00am until 12:00pm in Our Lady’s Hall. Muffins, coffee, and tea will be offered for sale. In addition, the yard sale will feature numerous raffles and sale tables for browsing and buying. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

For more information about Our Lady’s Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com or leave a message at 978-790-0196. Please join us! Bring a friend! Bring your family! New members and volunteers are always welcome!

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society
Special Fall Collection**

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27TH & 28TH

Following in the footsteps of its patron and inspiration, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a fraternity of men and women that offers person-to-person service to local families and individuals in need.

During the weekend of September 27th and 28th, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will sponsor a Special Fall Collection at all Weekend Masses to benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. All donations will go directly to assist the poor in our community.

For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parishes and community at large, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-8672 or Robert Weeks at svdpmember1@gmail.com. New members and volunteers are always welcome! Thank you for your ongoing support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! May God bless you and your family!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,347
Electronic	\$1,993
Total	\$7,340

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$4,360
Electronic	\$338
Total	\$4,698

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

The Blessing of the Animals Celebrating Saint Francis of Assisi

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 11:00AM

Saint Francis of Assisi is venerated around the world as the patron of animals and the environment. During his lifetime, Saint Francis is credited with countless miracles, with many of those miracles involving animals. Whether Francis was preaching to birds or taming a wolf, he has been regarded as the friend and protector of pets and animals of all kinds for more than eight hundred years.

On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Saturday, October 4th at 11:00am, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are cordially invited to join Father Jim and Brother Patrick for the Blessing of the Animals in Our Lady of Good Voyage Rectory Parking Lot.

All family-friendly pets are welcome (but must be leashed or secured in carriers). For more information about this beautiful annual tradition, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgrronline.com. Please join us! Bring your family! All are welcome!

THE FIVE FINGER PRAYER
PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS
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Becoming Pilgrims of Hope Celebrating Saint Francis & Pope Francis

WELCOME KELLY LATIMORE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH 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 that we so urgently desire.”

On Saturday, October 4th, the Assisi Project and the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport will be pleased to welcome Kelly Latimore, a world famous artist and iconographer, as our special guest. This special morning of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing will begin with Holy Mass for the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

After Mass, Kelly will share his personal faith journey and the inspiration behind his beautiful and compelling icons of both Saint Francis and Pope Francis (including the icon of the late pope which will soon be displayed in our church). After Kelly’s reflection, all are welcome to ask questions and share their own personal devotions to the saint and pope who have long inspired our work together.

After our program, we will gather in Our Lady’s Hall for coffee, muffins, and fellowship. For more information about Kelly Latimore, please visit kellylatimoreicons.com. 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! Bring a friend! All are welcome! Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of the Angels, pray for us! Pope Francis, pray for us!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

September 20 – September 28

Saturday, September 20	Vigil · Twenty-Fifth Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	The Brandt Family
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Christopher Dailey
Sunday, September 21	Twenty-Fifth Sunday
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	John Orlando
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Jennie Interrante
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Marianne St. Pierre
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Jordyn Bettencourt
	Ordinary Time
September 24 at 5:30pm Our Lady’s Church	Rose Novello
September 25 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	All Souls in Purgatory
September 26 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Sam & Henry Joseph
Saturday, September 27	Vigil · Twenty-Sixth Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Gaetano & Ninfa Trupiano
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Francesco Ciaramitaro
Sunday, September 28	Twenty-Sixth Sunday
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	Alphonse Ayite Ajavon
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Vincenzo Terranova
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Jean Russo
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, September 21st, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Allerio & Joseph Brancaleone
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Brian McCook II
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Robert Maltese
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Alfredo & Berta Silva
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Antonio Viviano
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage

For the Intentions of Pope Leo XIV
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 CAMERON BELLM

Maybe the most important word we’ll ever say is no.
No to violence. No to racism
No to hatred. No to war.
May every footfall of our march echo no, no, no.
May our no be our song,
the prayer of our lives.

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