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OUR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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CALL TO PRAYER



A Prayer for Our Journey

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Holy Spirit,
we stand here before you
as we gather in your name.
With you alone to guide us,
make yourself at home in our hearts.

Teach us the way we should go
and how we can get there.
We are weak. We are sinful.
Do not let our ignorance lead us
down the wrong paths,
nor let prejudice influence our actions.

Help us to find you in our unity,
so that we may journey together toward eternal life
and never stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All of this we ask of you,
who are at work in every time and place
in communion with the Father
and Christ Jesus, his Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE LEO XIV

Do you know how many stars there are in the observable universe?

An impressive and marvelous number!

A sextillion stars! That's a 1 followed by 24 zeros!

If we divided them among the eight billion inhabitants of earth,
each person would have hundreds of billions of stars to themselves.

With the naked eye, on clear nights, we can see about five thousand stars.

Sailors followed the North Star.

Polynesians crossed the ocean by memorizing star charts.

According to farmers in the Andes, whom I met as a missionary in Peru,
the sky is an open book that marks the seasons...and the cycles of life.

Even the Magi followed a star
to get to Bethlehem and worship the Baby Jesus.

*Pope Leo XIV
Interview - October 30, 2025*

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Our Annual Financial Report

BY FATHER JIM

In the seminary, they don't teach you how to look into the eyes of a grieving family. They don't teach you how to find the right words to say at the funeral because there really are none. They don't teach you how to pray with someone who has lost their job. They don't teach you how to bless a premature baby while the parents weep with worry and gratitude.

They don't teach you how to stretch an already stretched parish budget when the oil bill comes due. And they don't teach you how to keep the faith when the roof begins to leak during Sunday Mass. They don't teach these things in the seminary because these lessons only can be learned from living with all of you.

Some pastors may be overwhelmed by budgets and finances. But numbers do not scare me. I studied to be a math teacher. I worked at a bank for nine years. So working with our finance councils on the budgets and operating costs of our parishes is a manageable part of my ministry. Fortunately for us, our finance councils are laser-focused on being good stewards of our weekly gifts. They and you have taught me what the seminary did not!

In this week's newsletter is an insert with financial summaries for the fiscal year that ended on June 30th and budgets for the current fiscal year. Both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish continue to have their own operating accounts for all offertory and financial gifts. From these accounts, each parish pays its portion of our shared payroll and its individual bills for insurance, maintenance, and utilities. Even in the midst of this time of rising costs, both parishes can boast of balanced budgets and small surpluses.

Your generous support for our parishes empowers us to maintain our vibrant ministries and our strong Catholic presence on Cape Ann. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! It is now time for us to plan for the future by facing several repair and restoration projects that will require all of us to pray, discern, and give generously. First, we must repair the choir loft ceiling at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Second, we must repair and paint the exterior of Saint Joachim Church. And lastly, it is long past time to paint and restore at least parts of the interior of Saint Ann Church.

None of these projects will be part of our parish operating budgets. So we will need a strategic plan to raise additional funds. Any such plan would require special collections, fundraising events, and your generous support. In the meantime, we are currently working with several contractors on bids for these costly but necessary restoration projects.

As your pastor for the past eleven plus years, I am profoundly grateful for and deeply moved by your ongoing trust and ongoing generous support. I am also very grateful to Joe Grella, Bob Krause, and Rosa Ladd (Holy Family Finance Council); and Cindy Cafasso, Becky Carrancho, and Jean Madruga (Our Lady of Good Voyage Finance Council). These dedicated men and women are wise and faithful custodians of your good gifts to our parishes. As our journey continues, please pray for all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport — so that each one of us, according to our means, continues to support our mission to live the Gospel, share God's love, and literally rebuild the Church. Peace, blessings, and many thanks to all!

CALL TO WORSHIP



**Christ the King Faith & Family Mass
A Youth Faith Formation Special Event**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT 11:45AM

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 9:14).” In response to the Lord’s call, all children, parents, grandparents, and godparents are invited to join Father Jim for our Christ the King Faith & Family Mass on Sunday, November 23rd at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily for children of all ages about how Jesus is King of heaven and earth, Lord of our hearts and souls, and merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. In addition, every child who joins us will receive their own crown to signify their participation in Christ’s ministry as priest, prophet, and king.

We believe that Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! And every child and family who joins us to pray and worship are precious gifts from God! So, please save these dates for our upcoming Faith & Family Masses which are an essential part of our youth faith formation programs:

ADVENT FAITH & FAMILY MASS

Sunday, December 7th at 11:45am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

EPIPHANY PAGEANT & FAMILY MASS

Saturday, January 3rd at 4:00pm
Saint Ann Church

LENT FAITH & FAMILY MASS

Sunday, February 22nd at 11:45am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about youth faith formation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at bworks@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Now more than ever, please pray for all of our young disciples and their families! All are invited! All are welcome! Peace and blessings to all!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

**Holy Family Parish
Annual Christmas Fair**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

All are invited to join Holy Family Parish for our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 22nd from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall. This year’s fair will feature various sale tables including homemade holiday baked goods, Bea’s Raffle, Christmas decorations, and our world famous basket wheel.

In addition, raffle tickets are now available for cash prizes, a homemade quilt, an Apple iPad and Smartwatch. Please join us in helping to make this year’s fair our most successful ever! For more information please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbbglosta1929@outlook.com or 978-281-4820. Save the date! All are invited! All are welcome!

**Holy Family Parish
Christmas Fair Basket Wheel**

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Our world famous basket wheel is the biggest moneymaker at our biggest fundraising event of the year! But our success depends on donations from friends and fellow parishioners! So, all are invited to create and donate a \$25 theme basket for crafts, movie nights, school snow days, holiday gift wrap, or summer barbecues. For more information, please contact Stephanie Tashj at 978-857-7994. Help us keep the basket wheel spinning! Thanks in advance for your generous support!

**Holy Family Parish
Cemetery Baskets & Kissing Balls**

NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS

As part of the Christmas Fair, the Holy Family Women’s Guild is working again with Cressey & Sons in Rowley to offer for sale both Christmas Cemetery Baskets and Christmas Kissing Balls! Each log-shaped basket is \$30 and each decorated kissing ball is \$35. Orders are now being accepted until November 16th. For more information or purchases, please contact Cecilia Gray (HFP) at 978-281-2072; Jane Marshall (HFP) at 978-283-5111 or Beth Fosberry (OLGV) at jcbf33@yahoo.com. Thank you!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 8TH & 9TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,361
Electronic	\$1,970
Total	\$7,331

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$3,619
Electronic	\$685
Total	\$4,304

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

Christmas Giving Trees Sharing God's Love

BEGINS WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 22ND & 23RD

This year, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is once again sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree! During the weekends of November 22nd and 23rd and November 29th and 30th, a Christmas Giving Tree will be placed at the entrances of Saint Ann Church, Saint Joachim Church, and Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Each tree will be decorated with stars that include a Christmas wish for a local child or family in need. If you can make their wish come true, then please take the star! Every donated gift should be new, unused, unwrapped, and placed under any Christmas Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 7th.

For more information about the Christmas Giving Tree, please contact Lori Thorstensen at lorithor@hotmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820. As we deck the halls and celebrate the season, let's work together to share God's love with children and families who need our help! Thank you! May God bless us, everyone!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION

Sunday, December 7th at 2:00pm
Saint Ann Church

CALL TO WORSHIP



Happy Thanksgiving! A Celebration of Holy Mass

NOVEMBER 26TH & 27TH

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to gather as God's pilgrim family for the celebration of Holy Mass in commemoration of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Here's our upcoming worship schedule:

Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, November 26th at 5:30pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 27th at 8:00am
Saint Joachim Church

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

BY REVEREND SAMUEL F. PUGH

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry.
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless.
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home.
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer.
And by remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency,
and be concerned enough to help,
by word and deed,
all those who cry out
for what we take for granted. Amen.

On behalf of Father Jim, Father Ben, Father Bill, Father Bruce, our pastoral team, and all who live, work, and worship in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving! Please join us! Bring a friend! Bring your family! All are welcome! Peace and blessings to all!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

November 15 – November 23

Saturday, November 15	Vigil · Thirty-Third Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Jack & Carolyn Gove
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Al Puopolo
Sunday, November 16	Thirty-Third Sunday
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Arlene A. Muise
8:15am Saint Ann Church	David T. Erwin
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Stephen L. Barusso
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Alex & Tina Borge
	Ordinary Time
November 19 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Joseph & Nina Randazza
November 20 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Peace in Our World
November 21 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	James & Catherine Burke
Saturday, November 22	Vigil · Christ the King
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Domenic Ciolino
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	John S. Testaverde
Sunday, November 23	Solemnity of Christ the King
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Robert Kerrigan
8:15am Saint Ann Church	David Semple
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Bill & Phyllis Toppan
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Alfredo Silva

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, November 16th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Salvatore J. Lucido
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Stephen Barusso
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Rosa Lucido
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Alex & Tina Borge
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Alex & Tina Borge
Sanctuary Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Alex & Tina Borge
Sanctuary Flowers · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Antonio & Eugenia Ribeiro
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 DOROTHY DAY

The first job of the Christian...
is to grow in faith in God, in his power,
in the conviction that we are all held
in the hollow of his hand.

*Servant of God Dorothy Day
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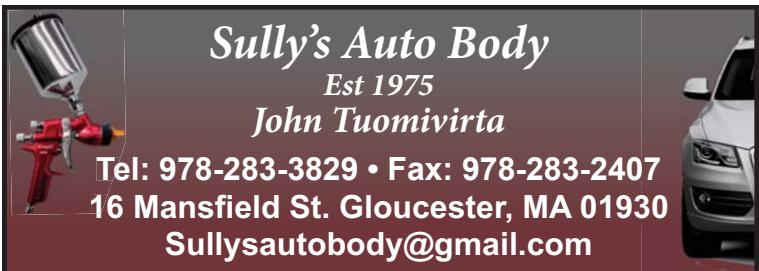


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