

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

United in Prayer for Peace, Truth & Justice in Our World
The Epiphany of the Lord · January 4, 2026



OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

CHRIST LIVES!

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport
United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

Phone: 978-281-4820

Email: office@ccgronline.com

Website: ccgronline.com

Cover Art: Zatlatic - 94817865 - Dreamstime

SAINTS FOR ALL SEASONS



The First Franciscan Martyrs Friends of Francis 2026

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH
BEGINS WITH MASS AT 5:30PM

All Christians are called to holiness. All Christians are called to be saints. A saint is a person who has lived a courageous and virtuous life; a life lived for God; a life lived for others; a life worthy of imitation by others. Pope Leo XIV recently proclaimed: "The lives of the saints teach us that it is possible to live passionately amidst the complexities of the present time without neglecting [Saint Paul's] mandate to 'shine like stars in the world (Philippians 2:15).'"

This year, the Catholic Church marks the 800th anniversary of the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi (1226-2026). As part of our commemoration of this special year, we look not just to Saint Francis, but to the friends who knew him best; to the holy men and women who sought to follow in his footsteps; to the "shining stars" who sought to live the Gospel of Christ with every thought, word, and deed.

In this spirit, all are invited to join Father Jim and Brother Patrick for this year's first *Saints for All Seasons Mini-Retreat* which will begin with Holy Mass on Wednesday, January 14th at 5:30pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. After Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Brother Patrick will offer a reflection on the Franciscan Protomartyrs, the first followers of Saint Francis to lose their lives for simply living and preaching the Good News of the Poor Christ.

After our reflection, Father Jim will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (for those who feel called to confession) during a period of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This special evening of prayer and devotion will conclude with Benediction and veneration of a relic of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Throughout the year, our challenge will be to turn what we learn about the Friends of Francis into living more faithfully as disciples. After all, Saint Francis once said: "What a great shame that while the saints actually followed the Lord, we expect glory and honor simply because we can recite what they did." Mindful of this counsel, we will seek to renew our timeless mission to live the Gospel, share God's love and rebuild the Church.

For more information about our *Saints for All Seasons Mini-Retreats*, please contact Brother Patrick at brpatrick@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Our complete schedule of mini-retreats is now posted at ccgronline.com/formation. 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! Please join us! All are welcome!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Christ Lives!

BY FATHER JIM

An apostolic exhortation is a form of communication from a pope that usually encourages the People of God to some form of action or prayer. Seven years ago, not long before the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis (1936-2025) published an apostolic exhortation called *Christus Vivit* or *Christ Lives!* It was addressed to young people and also to all people of faith and goodwill. It is a document of great beauty and a compelling call to prayer, discernment, and discipleship. In deep spiritual communion with each other, let us reflect on the opening passage of this important invitation to prayer and action:

Christ is alive!
 He is our hope, and in a wonderful way,
 he brings youth to our world,
 and everything he touches
 becomes young, new, and full of life.
 The very first words that I wish to say
 to every Christian are these:
 Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!
 He is in you, he is with you, he never abandons you.
 However far you may wander,
 he is always there, the Risen One.
 He calls you and he waits for you
 to return to him and start over.
 When you feel that you are growing old
 out of sorrow, resentment, fear, doubt, or failure,
 he will always be there
 to restore your strength and your hope.

Throughout his inspiring tenure, Pope Francis understood and appreciated the challenges associated with living a life of faith in the modern world and the particular challenges associated with passing that faith along to our children, grandchildren, and godchildren. At the same time, the Holy Father reminded us of three important truths that we should keep close to our hearts and share with others, both young and old. First, God loves you! Second, Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross for you and for all people everywhere! And finally, Christ is alive!

With these truths rooted in our hearts and minds, we can have confidence that “goodness will have the upper hand” in our lives and that “all of our struggles will prove worthwhile” because all things are possible, all challenges can be overcome, and all will be well because Jesus is alive and ever present in our suffering world.

Such confidence is the product of our dedication to prayer, diligence in good works, and sincere love for God for each other. As a new year begins, let us renew our commitment to live the Gospel, share God’s love, and rebuild the Church. From my heart, thank you for your love and support! Peace and blessing to all!

LIVE THE GOSPEL



Sacrament of Baptism

BASIS OF THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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)." Father Jim recently baptized the following young disciples:

- Enzo Anthony Emerson
- Jace James Laird
- Julian Gerard LeBlanc
- Roma Jane Lograsso
- Salvatore Jacob Lograsso
- Julien Steven Salah
- Amelia Grace Vivian

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 celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with your child or grandchild in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Sheila McCarthy-Durkin at smccarthy@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. If you are an adult who has not received the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact Brother Patrick at brpatrick@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820.

Please pray for all of our newly baptized young disciples, along with their parents, siblings, godparents, and grandparents! Every child and every family in our parishes is a gift from heaven! May God bless you! Peace, blessings, and congratulations to all! Happy New Year!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

**NOW MORE THAN EVER,
WE NEED YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization that is dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work through Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and the needy. Help us help others! Donations can be pushed through the mail slot in the parish office, dropped in the collection basket at any Weekend Mass, or mailed to:

Saint Vincent de Paul Society
74 Pleasant Street
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

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

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

**OUR CLOTHES CLOSET
OPEN SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH SATURDAYS**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet is open for business in Saint Ann Church Hall on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of every month from 9:00am until 12:00pm. All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are welcome to drop by and check out the Clothes Closet by entering through the Pleasant Street doors of Saint Ann Church Hall.

Donations of gently worn clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted during our regular hours and in the bin located in the Saint Ann School parking lot. Please note that we cannot accept donations of books, toys, or household items. For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet, please contact Bridget Nelligan at 781-572-4752 or Cathy Kyrouz at 978-290-1756. Thank you for your generous support! Happy New Year!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 20TH & 21ST

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,417
Electronic	\$985
Total	\$6,402

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$3,397
Electronic	\$637
Total	\$4,034

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

Special Message of Thanks to Some Very Special People

A PASTOR'S NOTE

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season, we join together in a prayer of thanksgiving for parishioners and pastoral team members who dedicated their time, talent, and treasure to help us celebrate these holy days in a joyful spirit of faith, hope, and love.

On behalf of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, we sincerely thank Caroline Bachman, Celia Barletta, Nina Groppo, Michele Herlihy, Bob Krause, Terri Krause, Kim LoGrasso, Suzanne McLaughlin, Mark Natti, Brian Rano, Jane Russo, Neil Scannell, Lucy Sheehan, Marilyn Thompson, Lori Thorstensen, a humble hermit and three rambunctious dachshunds for their good work in decorating our churches so beautifully.

We also offer deep thanks to Lori Thorstensen and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for their hard work in organizing our Christmas Giving Trees. In addition, we thank all young and adult disciples who served as acolytes, greeters, lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers.

Last but not least, we thank Tom Misuraca, LuAnn Pallazola, Patti Natti, and all of our musicians and choir members for the gift of beautiful music during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Peace and blessings to all for a happy and healthy New Year! — Father Jim

CALL TO PRAYER



The Epiphany Proclamation

A CALL TO WORSHIP

While Christmas day is fixed in our hearts and on our calendars, many important holy days move based on the date of Easter Sunday. Each year, Easter falls on the First Sunday after the so-called Paschal Full Moon, and can occur between March 22nd and April 25th.

In ancient times, before calendars were commonplace, most people did not know the dates for the holy days of the new liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, therefore, the dates were proclaimed during the celebration of Holy Mass. After the proclamation of the Gospel, in keeping with tradition, a cantor, deacon, or lector may announce from the ambo the moveable feasts of the year.

THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

Brothers and sisters,
now that we have rejoiced
at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy,
we announce to you also the joy
of his Resurrection, who is our savior.
On the Eighteenth Day of February,
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast
of the most sacred Lenten Season.
On the Fifth Day of April,
you will celebrate with joy Easter Sunday,
the Paschal Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
On the Twenty-Fourth Day of May,
the Feast of Pentecost.
On the Seventh Day of June,
the Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.
On the Twenty-Ninth Day of November,
the First Sunday of the Advent
of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

ALL ARE WELCOME! ALWAYS!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

January 3 – January 11

Saturday, January 3	Vigil · Epiphany of the Lord
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Maria “Enza” Noto
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Rosa Lucido
Sunday, January 4	Epiphany of the Lord
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	Robert & Bernadette Kerrigan
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Ann-Margaret Ferrante
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Virginia “Ginny” Waitkus
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Matteo & Vincenza Cusumano
	Christmas Season
January 7 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Setti Warren
January 8 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Tracie Lee
January 9 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Jodi Wall
Saturday, January 10	Vigil · Baptism of the Lord
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Annette Mannone
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	William Vitagliano
Sunday, January 11	Baptism of the Lord
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	John & Anna Barbosa
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Gilbert & Nancy Gossom
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Frank LaFrance
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	John Orlando

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, January 4th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Matteo Russo
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Virginia Waitkus
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Jerry Russo
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Vicki Bruno
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Alfredo Silva
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

In Memory of Onofrio Maggiore
Pope Francis Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

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 Word became flesh.
Though he will grow and one day learn
the language of his people, for now he speaks only
through his simple, fragile presence...
Human flesh asks for care;
it pleads for welcome and recognition;
it seeks hands capable of tenderness
and minds willing to listen;
it longs for words of kindness.

Pope Leo XIV – Christmas Day 2025

Greely Funeral Home

& CREMATION SERVICE

"Serving Cape Ann families since 1884"



212 Washington Street,
Gloucester, MA 01930

978-283-0698



Danvers Ford

The Guinee Family

"Where Customers Become Friends"

106 Sylvan Street, Danvers • 978-774-0727

SALES • SERVICE • BODY SHOP • RENTALS

PARISHIONER OWNED BUSINESS

A Gift of Hope for Hurting Marriages

This Christmas, give your marriage the gift of healing and connection.

For over 35 years, Retrouvaille of New England has helped couples rediscover love, rebuild trust, and renew their commitment through a powerful, faith-based weekend experience.



Take the first step today. MarriageHelpNewEngland.org



rediscovery
retrouvaille
building stronger marriages

Call us at
508-271-7155



SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS
THIS CHRISTMAS

Your gift helps care for the health and well-being of priests in good standing.

Give today at
clergytrust.org

SCAN HERE for
Venmo, Google/
Apple Pay, PayPal
via Givebuttr.



Pittman & Davis
Farm Fresh Gifts Since 1926

REG. \$29.99
NOW \$19.99
+ \$7.99 SHIPPING



SAVE
32%

CALL 1-833-808-1814

PITTMANDAVIS.COM/P6YG26 USE CODE: P6YG26

Good while supplies last. Some restrictions may apply. Limit 5 tins per customer.

IC: P6YG26

LOBSTER IN-THE-ROUGH

ON SEVEN SEAS WHARF AT THE GLOUCESTER HOUSE



HOT BOILED LOBSTERS - LOBSTER ROLLS - FRESH OYSTERS - SHRIMP COCKTAIL
CLAM CHOWDER - CALAMARI - LIVE LOBSTERS - HARBORSIDE BAR
63 ROGERS ST, GLOUCESTER • 978-283-1812 • OPEN 7 DAYS

AD SPACE
AVAILABLE
617-779-3771

Preferred Auto Body

Steve Lambert Jr. • Ralph E. Martin, Jr.

Preferredautobody@outlook.com
7 Pond Road • Gloucester, MA 01930



978.283.2008

Memorial Ads

Available 617-779-3771



"Feed My Sheep" John 21:17



Celebrating Traditions and Legacies by Planning Ahead

For information about our services, pricing, and pre-planning options, contact us at
info@campbellfuneral.com

61 Middle Street, Gloucester
(978) 283-0884
www.campbellfuneral.com

The Catholic Cemetery Association

of the Archdiocese of Boston, Inc.

- Serene & Peaceful Setting
- Sacred Consecrated Ground
- Financing Available
- Cremation Options Available

Call today for your FREE
Pre-Planning Guide

781-322-6300 www.ccemetry.org

SOLAR BY JAZZI

\$0 OUT-OF-POCKET IF YOU QUALIFY!

Visiting Your Area Soon!

Scan Here

603-560-3999

SUNRUN
NIC 180120

