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A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

**Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit
A Beloved Annual Tradition**

BEGINS MONDAY, MAY 18TH

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners are invited to join Father Jim, our imperatrix Linda Galvin and her family, 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, May 18th through Sunday, May 24th. Here's our schedule of events for this beautiful annual tradition:

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

Mass & Holy Hour at 8:00am - Our Lady's Church
Holy Rosary at 6:30pm - Our Lady's Church
Followed by Supper - Our Lady's Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

Mass & Holy Hour at 8:00am - Our Lady's Church
Holy Rosary & Supper at 6:30pm - Our Lady's Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

Holy Rosary at 5:30pm - Our Lady's Church
Holy Mass at 6:00pm - Our Lady's Church
Soup & Bread Supper at 6:30pm - Our Lady's Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

Mass & Holy Hour at 8:00am - Our Lady's Church
Holy Rosary & Supper at 6:30pm - Our Lady's Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND

Mass & Holy Hour at 8:00am - Our Lady's Church
Sung Rosary in Portuguese at 6:30pm - Our Lady's Hall
Followed by Supper - Our Lady's Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

Holy Rosary at 5:15pm - Our Lady's Church
Holy Mass at 6:00pm - Our Lady's Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

Holy Mass & Crowning at 11:45am - Our Lady's Church
Crowning Luncheon at 1:00pm - Our Lady's 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 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 luncheon, please contact Matt Parisi at mparisi101@gmail.com; Beth Fosberry at jcbf33@yahoo.com; or our parish office at 978-281-4820. Bring your family & friends! All are welcome! Come, Holy Spirit!

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

BY FATHER JIM

As Pentecost approaches, we are mindful of the glorious moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and blessed them with the necessary grace, strength, and courage to preach the Good News of Christ throughout the world. More specifically, the Holy Spirit offered them seven gifts: knowledge, wisdom, fortitude, reverence, understanding, right judgment, and awe at God's power and majesty.

Here and now, the beautiful burden of sharing the Gospel falls to us, each one of us, in our homes, hometowns, parishes, and workplaces. It falls to us, each one of us, to open our hearts and minds, embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and give witness to God's love and mercy to the four corners of the world, even if our own personal world barely extends beyond the borders of Gloucester and Rockport.

As we gather this week for our annual celebration of the Crowning Feast of the Holy Spirit, we renew our shared vocation to living the Gospel, sharing God's love, and rebuilding the Church. And each day, we pledge to offer this compelling prayer during this special week in the life of our beloved faith community:

Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
enlighten our minds
to perceive the mysteries of the universe
in relation to eternity.
Spirit of right judgment and courage,
guide us and make us firm
in our baptismal decision
to follow the Lord's way of love.
Spirit of knowledge and reverence,
help us to see the lasting value
of justice and mercy
in our everyday dealings with one another.
May we respect life
as we work to solve problems
of nation and family, ecology and economy.
Spirit of God,
spark our faith, hope, and love
into new action each and every day.
Fill our lives with wonder and awe
at your presence which penetrates all creation.
Amen. Amen.

Regardless of where you worship on the weekend, please remember that all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are welcome to join us for Crowning Week! May the Holy Spirit inspire us with a joyful zeal for prayer, fellowship, and service! And may we cry out with one voice: Come, Holy Spirit! Come! Enkindle in us the fire of your love! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE



A Rosary for Peace

**IN COMMUNION WITH POPE LEO XIV,
LET'S PRAY TOGETHER!**

In January 2003, just a few weeks before the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, an ailing Pope John Paul II (1920-2005) met with international diplomats in Rome. The Holy Father did not mince words about the looming prospect of hostilities between nations. In a frail voice, he cried out: "No to war! War is not always inevitable, but it is always a defeat for humanity!"

At the same time, the pope and saint reminded his audience that peace is always within reach. He said: "It is possible to change the course of events, once goodwill, trust in others, fidelity to commitments, and cooperation between responsible partners are allowed to prevail."

In this spirit and in spiritual communion with those who long for peace around the world, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim and Brother Patrick in offering *A Rosary for Peace Featuring Prayers by Pope Francis* at the following days and times:

A ROSARY FOR PEACE

Saturday, May 30th at 2:30pm
With Eucharistic Adoration
Saint Ann Church

A ROSARY FOR PEACE

Sunday, June 7th at 8:45am
With Eucharistic Adoration
Saint Joachim Church

A ROSARY FOR PEACE

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For more information about *A Rosary for Peace* and these special moments of prayer for our suffering world, please contact Brother Patrick at brpatrick@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! Spread the word! All are welcome! May the Risen Lord give you peace!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

**Holy Family Women's Guild
Spring Bake & Plant Sale**

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for a Spring Bake & Plant Sale on Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00am until 1:00pm at Saint Ann Church.

We will have raffles, baked goods, cemetery baskets (see below), colorful hanging baskets, and various seasonal plants and flowers. All proceeds will benefit the good works of Holy Family Parish. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

Established in 2005, the Holy Family Women's Guild brings together women of all ages and backgrounds in prayer, fellowship, and service to our parish and the wider community. For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbglosta1929@outlook.com or Celia Gray at 978-281-2072. Please join us! All are welcome!

**Holy Family Women's Guild
Memorial Day Cemetery Baskets**

NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS!

In prayerful preparation for Memorial Day, the Holy Family Women's Guild is working with Cressey & Sons in Rowley to offer Memorial Day Baskets in honor of our fallen heroes. A donation of \$30 each is requested for each one of the beautifully decorated log-shaped baskets.

We are now accepting orders! Baskets will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00am until 1:00pm at our Spring Bake & Plant Sale. If you would like to reserve a Memorial Day Basket, please contact Celia Gray at 978-281-2072 or Jane Marshall at 978-283-5111. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE OF PAZZI**

Never utter in your neighbor's absence
what you would not say in their presence!

*Saint Mary Magdalene of Pazzi
Patron of the Sick & Suffering - Feast Day: May 25th*

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF MAY 9TH & MAY 10TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,426
Electronic	\$3,484
Total	\$8,910

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$3,537
Electronic	\$892
Total	\$4,429

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

We Share!

LET US INSIST ON RAISING FUNDS FOR LOVE & PEACE.
SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Electronic giving has become an essential component of parish support in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport; and it is available in both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. It is safe and easy to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

Donations can be made on a weekly, monthly, or one-time-only basis; and it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. In addition to the weekly offering, you can also give electronically to our church restoration funds which helps us plan for the repair and maintenance of our beloved and historic churches.

Now more than ever, Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish need your generous support! Please prayerfully consider enrolling in our electronic giving program! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Thank you! Peace, blessings to all!

THE NEW BEATITUDES

POPE FRANCIS AND THE CHRISTIAN'S IDENTITY CARD

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE



Youth Faith Formation

Celebrations of First Holy Communion

CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND!

As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our shared life of prayer, fellowship, and service. We believe that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ. And like Pope Francis, we believe in our hearts: “The Eucharist is essential for us. It is Christ who wishes to enter into our lives and fill us with his grace. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of the sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak (EG 47).”

In this spirit, fifty-nine of our young disciples have completed their preparations and are ready to receive the Eucharist for the first time. As our annual celebrations of First Holy Communion continue, all are encouraged to be mindful of our upcoming schedule:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Sunday, May 17th at 11:45am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Saturday, June 6th at 6:00pm
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information, please contact Betsy Works at 978-282-4820 or bworks@ccgronline.com. Please pray for our young disciples, their families, and catechists! Peace, blessings, and congratulations to all!

Youth Choir & Music Ministry

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH AT 5:30PM

All young disciples, boys and girls, ages 8 through 17, are invited to share their musical talents with our parishes! Rehearsals continue on Wednesday, May 20th at 5:30pm in Saint Ann Church! Our youth choir and music ministry is a great way to make new friends and learn about the Lord! For more information, please contact Patty Natti at 978-281-4820 or pnatti@comcast.net. All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

May 16th – May 24th

Saturday, May 16	Vigil · Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Susan Levesque
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	Manuel I. Garcia
Sunday, May 17	Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	The Bruni Family
8:15am Saint Ann Church	David J. Crowley, Jr.
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	John Porcello
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Sergio Alviola
	Easter Season
May 20 at 5:30pm Our Lady’s Church	Anna Adelfio
May 21 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	All Souls in Purgatory
May 22 at 8:00am Our Lady’s Church	Millard & Marion Solomon
Saturday, May 23	Vigil · Pentecost
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Lorenzo & Jennie Scola
6:00pm Our Lady’s Church	John A. Brown
Sunday, May 24	Pentecost Sunday
7:00am Our Lady’s Church	The Silva Family
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Angie Taormina
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Francis “Skip” Kaminsky
11:45am Our Lady’s Church	Crowning Mass of the Holy Spirit

OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candles & Gifts

**REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES
& SUPPORTING OUR 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, May 17th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Frank & Mary Santo
Sanctuary Candle & Gifts · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Gaetano & Ninfa Trupiano
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Millard & Marion Solomon
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Joseph & Nina Randazza
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Maria “Enza” Noto
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

In Memory of Reverend Ronald J. Gariboldi
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 Father Jim at office@ccgrronline.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 FRANCIS

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. The Spirit gives life, brings forth different charisms that enrich the people of God, and above all, creates unity among believers.

From the many, the Holy Spirit makes us the one Body of Christ.

The Church’s whole life and mission depend on the Holy Spirit who fulfills all things.

Pope Francis - 2014

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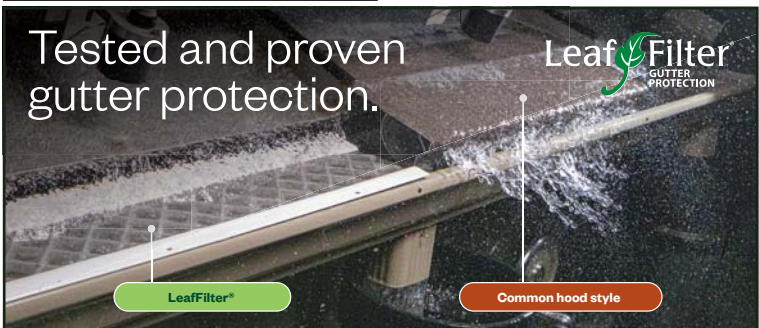
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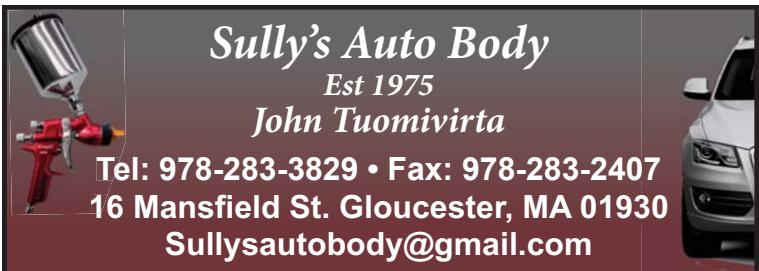
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