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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

## **SAINT ROMUALD'S JOURNEY**

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**CALL TO CONTEMPLATION**

**The Little Rule of Saint Romuald**

PAUSE. PRAY. PERSEVERE.

Sit in your cell as in paradise.

Put the whole world behind you and forget it.

Watch your thoughts  
like a good fisherman watches for fish.

The path to follow is in the psalms.  
Never leave it.

If you have just arrived at your monastery,  
and if you cannot accomplish  
what you wish despite your best efforts,  
then take every opportunity  
to pray the psalms  
and to understand them in your heart.

If your mind wanders as you pray,  
do not give up!

Hurray back and apply your mind  
to the words of the psalms once more.

Realize above all  
that you are in God's presence.  
So stand with the outlook of someone  
who stands before a monarch.

Empty yourself completely.  
Sit and wait.

Be content with the grace of God,  
like a chick who tastes and eats nothing  
except what his mother brings.

**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM SAINT ROMUALD**

It is better to say one prayer  
with fervor and devotion  
than to say a thousand prayers  
that have no devotion  
and are full of distractions.

*Saint Romuald (957-1027)*  
*Feast Day - June 19th*  
*Patron of Monks & Hermits*  
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## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Saint Romuald's Journey

BY BROTHER PATRICK

Romuald Onesti (951-1027) was twenty years old when he watched his father kill a relative in a duel over a disputed piece of property. Devastated by this act of vengeance and violence, Romuald fled the family home in Ravenna and withdrew to the nearby Basilica of Saint Apollinaris for forty days of fasting, penance, and prayer. During this retreat, Romuald discerned a vocation to religious life. He longed for austerity and solitude. He soon found a mentor in Marinus, a hermit who was well-known for his holiness and penitential way of life. Romuald then took vows as a Benedictine monk.

After spending a decade learning from Marinus, Romuald lived for almost thirty years as a hermit-mendicant. He traveled throughout Italy. He founded or reformed several hermitages and monasteries. In the end, he was invited back to Saint Apollinaris as abbot. But Romuald's efforts at reforms were deeply unpopular so he resigned. Before long, a local nobleman offered Romuald a large parcel of lush and secluded land upon which he built his own hermitage. It was here that he founded the Camaldolese Hermits of the Order of Saint Benedict in 1025.

Romuald's goal was to integrate the solitary life of hermits with the communal life of monks who lived according to the Rule of Saint Benedict of Nursia (480-547). The Camaldolese hermits value prayer, solitude, and radical detachment from material goods. They live alone in individual cells, simple and unadorned, but come together for prayer and worship. Then and now, they wear white habits to signify humble purity, joy in their vocation, and victory over the petty tyrannies of the world.

The Camaldolese way of life is rooted in the Benedictine tradition, but it is inspired and animated by the Rule of Saint Romuald. His *little rule* (see page two) is directed toward the lives of hermit-monks, but its seven simple (yet all too challenging) instructions can help all people of faith, regardless of their vocation, to grow closer to Christ, closer to the Church, and closer to each other.

Before reading and reflecting on Saint Romuald's *little rule*, please consider that our cell or monastery can be our home, school, parish, family, or place of work. Please also remember that when the saint refers to the Book of Psalms, he is reminding his followers of their promise to pray the Divine Office (a four week cycle of prayer from the psalms and other scriptures) that fulfills Saint Paul's command to pray without ceasing. In this sense, Romuald reminds us that however we are called to live and pray, we should devote ourselves — heart and soul — to a discipline of prayer (however simple) that can become the spiritual center of our lives.

Although overshadowed for centuries by larger orders like the Jesuits, Franciscans, and Dominicans, the Camaldolese still flourish in six countries on five continents around the world, including the Immaculate Heart Hermitage in Big Sur, California. Almost one thousand years after his death, Saint Romuald continues to share timeless wisdom with God's children. And along with the whole communion of saints, he continues to intercede for us and accompany us along life's way. Saint Romuald, pray for us!

**LIVE THE GOSPEL**



**America’s 250th Anniversary  
Mass & Rosary for Solidarity**

**SATURDAY, JULY 4TH AT 8:00AM**

During his recent Apostolic Journey to Spain and the Canary Islands, Pope Leo XIV said: “The moral greatness of a nation is manifested above all in its capacity to accompany, protect, and love those lives that are most fragile.” The Holy Father’s challenge is a universal call to solidarity with the poor, the sick, and the persecuted.

In this spirit, as our nation commemorates its 250th anniversary, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Father Jim for a special morning prayer and adoration beginning with the celebration of Holy Mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

After Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Father Jim will lead us in *A Rosary for Solidarity*, a new devotion that is rooted in the scriptures, the teachings of the Catholic Church, and our shared love for the Lord, the Blessed Mother, and our brothers and sisters in need.

Our time together will conclude by 9:30am with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and *A Prayer of Consecration of America* by Archbishop John Carroll (1735-1815) which entrusts our country, along with its leaders and peoples, into the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In addition to being America’s first Roman Catholic bishop, Archbishop Carroll was a cousin of Charles Carroll (1737-1832), the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. And Archbishop Carroll’s brother, Daniel Carroll II (1730-1796) was one of only five founding fathers to sign both the Articles of Confederation (1778) and the United States Constitution (1787).

For more information about this morning of prayer, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome! May God bless the United States of America! Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!

**PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE**

**Novena to Saint Peter  
An Annual Summer Tradition**

**CONTINUES THIS WEEK!**

In prayerful anticipation of the 99th Annual Saint Peter’s Fiesta, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join together in offering the Nine Day Novena to Saint Peter from Monday, June 15th through Tuesday, June 23rd 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 share our heartfelt prayers and petitions with 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!

**The Assisi Project  
We Pray for You!**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY**

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Brother Patrick, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with friends and followers around the world. We are dedicated to helping believers of all ages and backgrounds more faithfully live the Gospel of the Poor Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

Our members range in age from 18 to 102. Each day, we pray for all who ask for our prayers. If you would like us to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Brother Patrick at brpatrick@assisiproject.com or 978-281-4820. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of the Angels, pray for us! May God bless you! May the Lord give you peace!

**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

My brothers and sisters,  
let us begin again to serve God,  
for until now  
we have done little or nothing

*Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)*

**PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE****Our Weekly Gifts**

WEEKEND OF JUNE 13TH &amp; JUNE 14TH

**Holy Family Parish**

Offertory	\$4,744
Electronic	\$1,904
Total	\$6,648

**Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish**

Offertory	\$4,321
Electronic	\$596
Total	\$4,917

**Grand Annual Collections**

Holy Family	\$37,104 (74%)
Our Lady's	\$20,657 (103%)

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

**Pastor's Note****Our Grand Annual Collections****URGENT CALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Along with our weekly offerings, the Grand Annual Collections are a crucial component of our efforts to balance our budgets and ensure the financial stability of our beloved and historic home parishes.

As the end of the fiscal year approaches, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are encouraged to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to the Grand Annual Collection at either Holy Family Parish or Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

By June 30th, Holy Family Parish must raise \$50,000; and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish must raise \$20,000. Your urgent support is needed more than ever! Please join me in praying that each one of us will give what we can to these vitally important fundraising campaigns.

Grand Annual Collection envelopes are available at the entrances to our churches. For more information, please contact Father Jim at [frjim@ccgronline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Peace, blessings, and sincere thanks to all!

**LIVE THE GOSPEL**

**Saint Peter's Fiesta**  
**Outdoor Mass & Procession**

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH AT 10:00AM

Saint Peter's Fiesta begins on Wednesday, June 24th and concludes on Sunday, June 28th. 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! For more information, please contact Rose Aiello at 978-283-1664 or visit [stpetersfiesta.org](http://stpetersfiesta.org). Spread the word! 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!**  
**VIVA SAN PIETRO! VIVA!**

**OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**June 20th – June 28th**

<b>Saturday, June 20</b>	<b>Vigil · Twelfth Sunday</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	The McCalla Family
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Sebastian Mocerì
<b>Sunday, June 21</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday</b>
7:00am Our Lady's Church	José & Isolina Matos
8:15am Saint Ann Church	The Leonard Family
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Sally Costello
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Francesco Taormina
	<b>Ordinary Time</b>
June 24 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Marc Pomerleau
June 25 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Arthur Tucker
June 26 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Antonio Procaccini
<b>Saturday, June 27</b>	<b>Vigil · 13th Sunday</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Michael LoGrande
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Michael Hostage
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	<b>13th Sunday</b>
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Helen & Louis Balastraci
8:15am Saint Ann Church	The Brandt & Hurst Families
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	The Morrison Family
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Salvatore Loiacano

**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, June 21st, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

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Sanctuary Candle & Gifts · Our Lady of Good Voyage

In Memory of Mary Sheldon  
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

In Memory of Marilyn Saunders  
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](mailto: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**

When God comes,  
he always calls us out of our homes.  
We are visited so that we can visit others.  
We are encountered so that we can encounter others.  
We receive love in order to give love.

*Pope Francis (1936-2025)*  
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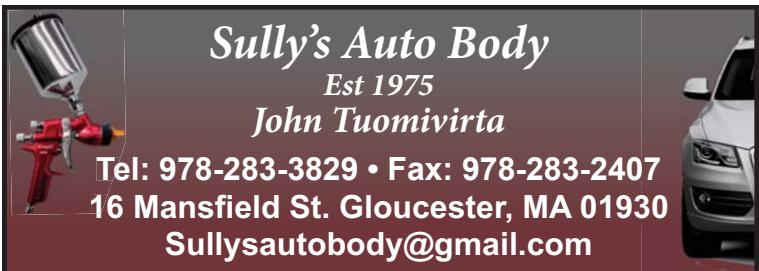


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