The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

United in Prayer, Fellowship & Service
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time · November 15, 2026



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

THE PROFOUND CONNECTION

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

Contact: 978-281-4820 or office@ccgronline.com
Website: ccgronline.com

Two Women with a Candle (1616) by Peter Paul Rubens

CALL TO PRAYER



A Prayer for the Month of All Holy Souls

BY CAMERON BELLM

In these days,
when we look back upon generations
of the mercy of God,
brilliantly lit in those who came before us,
I like to think, too, of the mercy
that will stretch beyond us.

We have laid so many to rest this year
that our grief is ever present within us,
but so, likewise, are our loved ones:
the paths they walked,
the prayers they prayed.

May we realize, too, that someday
we also will live on earth
only in memory,
carried in the hearts
of those who loved us.

In remembering our death,
may we move through each day
with tenderness, with gentleness,
with love strong enough
to stretch that thin veil
between heaven and earth
into transparency.

May we light the candles
that will brighten the lives of those
who will come after us.
And me we always remember this truth:
that the goodness of God
is matched only by its might,
ever transcending both life and death.
Amen.

About the Author: After completing a doctorate in Russian Literature from the University of California at Berkeley, Cameron Bellm traded the academic life for the contemplative life, inspired by Catholic Social Teaching and the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Cameron is now an acclaimed author and retreat leader. She lives in Seattle with her husband and children. Learn more about Cameron and her ministry at cameronbellm.com.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Profound Connection

BY KATHLEEN M. BASI

I was a young girl when my great-grandparents passed away. I remember being afraid of them. I was intimidated by their vast age and had difficulty communicating with them. So, it has been wonderful for me to see my children developing relationships with their great-grandmothers, relationships that cross the boundaries of this world. My children prayed for my grandmother before she died and they pray for her now, two years after her death.

In a world that depends on the tangible and measurable, even people of faith sometimes shy away from praying for the dead. Some say: "Really, what is the point? They are dead." But even popular culture is peppered with stories about people who sense that their loved ones are still with them. As Catholics, we have inherited a holistic and beautiful approach to death and resurrection. Believing in eternal life means that those we love are dead only in the body. They are still able to care for us. So, it is still worthwhile to pray for them.

Our Catholic faith also gives us a realistic perspective on holiness. We know that few among us are worthy of the kingdom when we die, but we believe that God is too merciful to condemn us for all eternity. Just as we pray for those we love in life, so we pray also for them in death. Even better, we can ask them to pray for us. This is an amazing thing. Those who formed us in faith — not only family members but also mentors and teachers — are still in our lives.

We talk a great deal about the role of the saints as inspirations for daily living. But those we actually knew in daily living influenced us most. We find ourselves repeating our father's wisdom, our mother's mannerisms, and pondering the life philosophy of the grandmother whose sugar jar we dipped into as she baked cookies.

I am not saying anything new here, but it bears repeating. Catholics may no longer suffer from over discrimination, but we are still aware of the ways in which our beliefs do not quite match those of the broader Christian family. We sometimes can be hesitant to embrace the profound connection between us and the communion of saints, both the big *S* and the little *s* varieties.

This is as good a time as any to reconnect with those who have gone before us; to recollect what they taught us; and to imagine them standing by our side at our toughest moments, whispering the good advice that we treasure (or perhaps have not treasured enough) when they were here in the flesh. During this Month of All Souls, we should try to remember. We will be better Christians because of it.

About the Author: Kathleen M. Basi is a composer, musician, essayist, and disability rights advocate. She is also a wife and mother of four children, one of whom lives with Down Syndrome. Kathleen is also a contributor to Bringing Home the Word, a resource for families that is posted every weekend on our website: ccgronline.com/resources.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

The saints...are not symbols, distant, unreachable human beings.
They are people who lived with their feet on the ground;
they experienced the daily toil of existence with its failures and successes,
finding in the Lord the strength to rise again and continue on the journey.

CALL TO CELEBRATE



Christmas Fair
Holy Family Parish

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

All friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join the Holy Family Women's Guild for the Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00am until 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church Hall.

This year's fair will feature various sale tables that will included kissing balls, cemetery baskets, holiday decorations, homemade baked goods, Bea's Raffle, and our world famous basket wheel. Refreshments will be available for sale, too. In addition, raffle tickets are now available for cash prizes, a homemade quilt, lottery tickets, and an Amazon Fire Tablet.

Please help us make this year's Christmas Fair our most successful fair ever! For more information, please contact Lydia Bertolino at lbbglosta1929@outlook.com or 978-281-4820. Spread the word! Bring a friend! Bring your family! All are welcome! Peace and blessings to all for a very happy holiday season!

Christmas Fair Basket Wheel
Holy Family Parish

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Our world famous basket wheel is the biggest money-maker 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.

Please help us make this year's Christmas Fair Basket Wheel our most successful one ever! For more information, please contact either Stephanie Tashjy at 978-857-7994 or Lydia Bertolino at lbbglosta1929@outlook.com. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous support for Holy Family Parish!

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 beyond, please contact Jean Bianchetto at jeanbianchetto@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 new and-or gently worn clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted during our regular hours and in the bin located in the Saint Ann Church parking lot. Please note that we cannot accept donations of books, toys, appliances, or other household items.

For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Clothes Closet and its good work in our parishes and beyond, please contact Bridget Nelligan at 781-572-4752. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	$5,601
Electronic	$1,992
Total	$7,593

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	$4,336
Electronic	$547
Total	$4,883

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

Sharing God's Love
Our Christmas Giving Trees

BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND!

This year, the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is once again sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree! During the weekends of November 21st & 22nd and November 28th & 29th, 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 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 6th.

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 holiday season, let's together share God's love with children and families that need our help! Thank you! May God bless us, everyone!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MOTHER TERESA

What I can do, you cannot. What you can do, I cannot.
But together, we can do something beautiful for God.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

CALL TO WORSHIP



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND 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 22nd at 11:45am in Our Lady's 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. Every child who joins us will receive a crown to signify their part in Jesus Christ's ministry as priest, prophet, and king

We believe that Mass is our class! We believe that Jesus is our teacher! And we believe that every family that joins us for Mass is a precious gift from God! So, please save these dates for our upcoming Faith & Family Masses which are an essential component of our youth faith formation programs:

ADVENT FAITH & FAMILY MASS
Sunday, December 13th at 11:45am
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

EPIPHANY FAITH & FAMILY MASS
Annual Christmas Pageant
Saturday, January 2nd at 4:00pm
Saint Ann Church

LENT FAITH & FAMILY MASS
Sunday, February 14th 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. Please join us! Bring a friend! Bring your whole family! All are invited! All are welcome!

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

November 14th — November 22nd

Saturday, November 14	**Vigil · 33rd Sunday**
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Rosalia & Enzo Giambanco
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Arlene A. Muise
Sunday, November 15	**33rd Sunday**
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Maria "Enza" Noto
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Anthony Piraino
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Helen Downey
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Edward Horak
	Ordinary Time
November 18 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Lucia Almeida Raposo
November 19 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Mary Piscitello
November 20 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Marilyn Sweet
Saturday, November 21	**Vigil · Christ the King**
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	The Ciolino Family
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Maria "Enza" Noto
Sunday, November 22	**Christ the King**
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Eunice Hemmer
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Paula Ann Brandt
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Michael Cronin Liddell
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Captain Joseph Gonçalves

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, November 15th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Karen Castino
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Dr. Frank McNamara
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Karen Whitcomb
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Giacomo Salerno
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady's Church

In Memory of Russell Bailey
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

In Memory of Emiliano Andrade-Covarrubias
Pope Francis Candle · Our Lady's Church

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@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 C.S. LEWIS

A proud man is always looking down
on things and people;
and, of course,
as long as you are looking down,
you cannot see something
that is above you.

Clive Staples Lewis
November 29, 1898 - November 22, 1963
Educator & Christian Apologist
Author of the Chronicles of Narnia

Greely Funeral Home
& CREMATION SERVICE
"Serving Cape Ann families since 1884"



212 Washington Street,
Gloucester, MA 01930
978-283-0698

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

Ford Danvers Ford
The Guinee Family
"Where Customers Become Friends"
106 Sylvan Street, Danvers • 978-774-0727
SALES • SERVICE • BODY SHOP • RENTALS
PARISHIONER OWNED BUSINESS



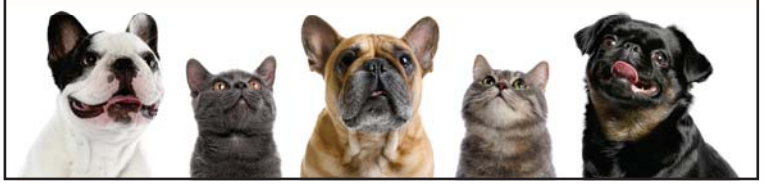
A token of thanks
For a lifetime of service

Please support the special collection for Retired Sisters on November 21 & 22.



Memorial Ads Available 617-779-3771

PilotBulletins 617-779-3771
www.pilotbulletins.net
Your Ad Could Be Here!





ShelfGenie
EVERYTHING WITHIN REACH
a neighborly company

50% OFF
EXPERT INSTALLATION

- **FREE** no-obligation design consultation
- **CUSTOM-BUILT** to fit existing spaces
- **FAST,** professional installation
- **LIFETIME WARRANTY*** for peace of mind

SCHEDULE NOW:
1-855-625-9032



AS SEEN IN HGTV HOME & GARDEN REAL SIMPLE Better Homes & Gardens BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS

©2026 ShelfGenie SPC LLC. All rights reserved. Locally owned and operated franchise. Offer valid at participating locations only. Limit one offer per household. *Applies to Classic and Designer line. EXP 12/31/26. HIC # 212231

OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



BISHOP FENWICK
HIGH SCHOOL
PEABODY, MA

LET'S TALK ABOUT...

Personal Checking
CD & IRA Accounts
Mobile Banking
Business Banking
Commercial Lending
Merchant Services

Gloucester
160 Main Street
Ipswich
143 High Street
Essex
15 Martin Street

BANK GLOUCESTER
978-283-8200
BankGloucester.com
Member FDIC | Member DIF



HIGHTECH
AUTO REPAIR & ALIGNMENT
978.281.4909
Rob Madruga
5 Pond Road
Gloucester
MA 01930
COMPLETE QUALITY REPAIRS

BETTER CALL BERTO
BERTOLINO ELECTRIC LLC
978-879-8452
Mike@BertolinoElectricLLC.com
BertolinoElectricLLC.com

Carpet • Area Rugs • Vinyl
Ceramic • Wood • Laminate
GLOVER'S
FLOOR COVERINGS, INC.
Quality Dependable Service for over 50 years
18 Whittemore St. • Gloucester
978-283-3940



Over 50 years experience
• Electrical repair • Commercial
• Installation • Residential
• Maintenance • Marinas
• Renovations • Generators
Fully Licensed and Insured Electricians
(978)-283-0750 Free Estimates
www.nobleelectriciansinc.com

"Feed My Sheep" *John 21:17*


Whitmarsh Lock & Safe
800-696-1913
Locksmith *Since 1913*
Historic Preservation
Decorative Hardware
High Security Locks

Sully's Auto Body
Est 1973
16 Mansfield St. Gloucester, MA
978-283-3829

GLOUCESTER RENTAL CENTER
(978) 281-3266
www.glourental.com
info@glourental.com
32 Maplewood Ave., Gloucester

MARQUES PLUMBING
-LICENSED & INSURED-
RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING
GET DIRECT, LICENSED TECHNICAL ANSWERS WITHOUT WAITING!
978-654-0413
SCHEDULE YOUR REPAIR, INSPECTION OR UPGRADE TODAY!
www.marquesplumbing.com


Jim's Bagel & Bake Shoppe
Gloucester, MA
34 Railroad Ave. Gloucester
Monday - Friday: 5am - 7pm
Saturday: 5am - 6pm
Sunday: 5am - 3pm
978-283-3383 • www.jimsbagels.com



978.879.4244
WWW.SALTWATERGRILLELLC.COM

RE/MAX ANDREW REALTY SERVICES

John Veneziano
Broker Owner/Parishioner
Serving MA, NH & ME
617-840-5499
johneveneziano@gmail.com
JohnVRE.com

NSVH
North Shore Veterinary Hospital
Dr. Donna J. Heaney, DVM
Dr. Cary Dyer & Dr. Lee Powell
7 Dr. Osman Babson Rd., Gloucester, MA

A Locally Owned Small Animal Practice Serving the North Shore
PHONE 978-283-0214
FAX 978-283-5060
info@nsvets.com
www.nsvets.com

HANDYMAN & JB PAINTING
handymjbpainting@gmail.com
978-290-0537

Elder Law Center of Cape Ann
Bridget E. Murray, Esq
Our staff and attorneys will work to preserve and protect your assets.
Gloucester, MA 01930
978-989-9999 | bridget@cannonmurraylaw.com

Enjoy Helping Seniors?


Homemakers | HHAs
Online & On-site Training
Flexible Schedules
am-pm | weekdays | weekends
ABC Home Healthcare Professionals
978-281-1001
abchhp.com/apply-online





60 YEARS 1959 - 2019
Destino's
GLOUCESTER, MA
Subs • Soups • Salads
Full Breakfast
Free soup & Salad when you Dine with Us
Full Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Catering
Open 7 days, year round 6:00am - 10:00pm
We accept all Major Credit Cards
129 Prospect St. Gloucester, MA 01930
(978) 283 - 3100
www.destinossubs.com Like us on Facebook

MOUNT PLEASANT MEMORIALS
Serving Cape Ann Since 1979
Uncompromised Quality and Personalized Service.
Cemetery Lettering and Monument Cleaning a Specialty.
150 Eastern Ave., Gloucester
Across from Calvary Cemetery
978.283.7841


John & Julie Nicastro
Owners
mountpleasantmemorials.com