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OUR LADY IMMACULATE

192 School Street, Athol MA 01331

Church Office Hours:

M, T, W 8:30am-3:30pm

Masses:

Lord's Day ~ 4pm (Vigil) & 11am

Holy Days of Obligation ~ 12:10pm

Weekday ~ 7am M, T, W

First Saturday ~ 8:00am

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 3pm, First Saturday ~ 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesday ~ 7:30am-3:00pm

Rosary:

Mon, Tues, Wed, ~ 6:30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Saturday ~ 3:30pm & Sunday ~ 10:30am

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

101 Main Street, Athol MA 01331

Masses:

Lord's Day ~7:00am

Holy Days of Obligation ~7:00pm

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 3pm at OLI

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sunday ~ 6:40am

Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 9:00am

SAINT PETER

18 North Street
Petersham MA 01366

Mass:

Lord's Day ~ 9:00am

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 3pm at OLI

Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor

Scott Colley & Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacons

Gayle Bassett, Secretary

Irene Inniss, CCD Administrator

OLI & St. Francis

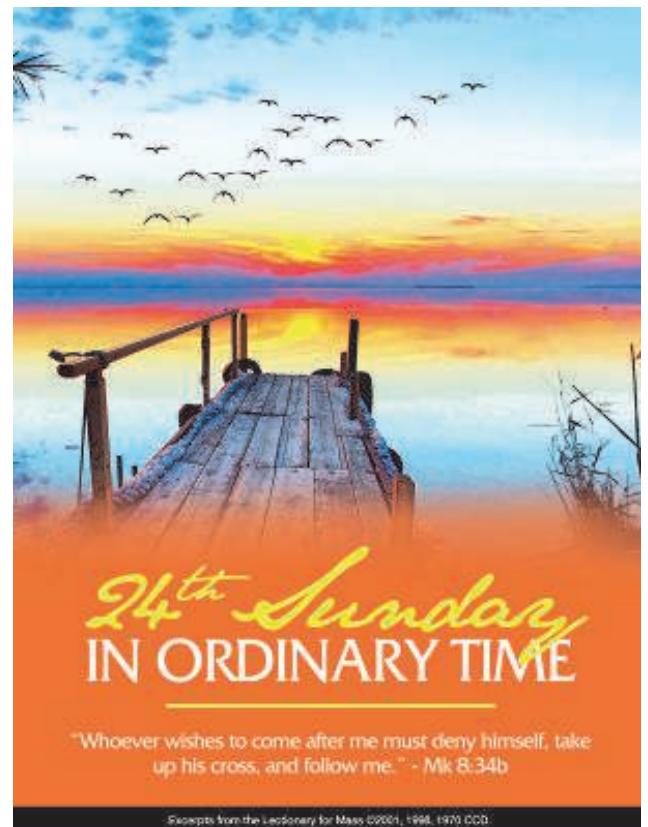
& Safe Environment Coordinator

Islay Boeri, CCD Administrator St. Peter

Terry Parker, Cindy Winters & Rene Gagliardi

Music Ministry

Rick Carrier, Maintenance



Visitors and New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself. We want to meet you.
Registration forms are available in the sacristy.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact the Church Office for the preparation session, which includes parents and godparents.

Marriage

Contact the Church Office one year in advance.

Visitation of the Ill and Homebound

Please contact the Church Office if you know of anyone who is in need, so a Priest, Deacon or Eucharistic Minister may visit.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults seeking information about the Catholic Faith or seeking full admission into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist ~ Please call the Church Office.

Lending Library

The lending library is located in the vestibule of Our Lady Immaculate Church. Books can be borrowed for a period of 4 weeks.

NQCC Facebook Page

For those of you with a Facebook page, please "LIKE" the North Quabbin Catholic Community Facebook page. Stay up to date with all the happenings in the Cluster

Sharing Our Fathers Bread

Meals are served Wednesdays, Sept.-May, at St. Francis Hall at 5pm for those in need. Donation baskets are located at each church for your convenience to support this important program. For questions please call 978-249-7304.

Healing and Prevention

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings, please call the Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363. A 24 hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

Other Information

Prayer Line: Please notify the Rectory
Bulletin Deadline: Prior Monday by 12N

FAITH & WORKS

The Christian life is a rigorous one, a daily challenge. If we're not being challenged to do more, we're not doing it right. A strong, vibrant, mature faith, which fills us with real Christian joy and wisdom can only be acquired through the test of fire. We don't have real fidelity to God unless that faith is producing works of fidelity. Lots of people who have fallen away from their Catholic faith say that it is because Christianity is a religion of hypocrites. We don't live what we believe/preach. People go to church one day, but then follow it with lives that are really no different than anyone else. That's the challenging question that our readings offer us today – is our faith alive? A faith that is alive, a faith that deeply impacts the way that we live. There's a simple practice that can help us with. It's a simple practice of prayer at the end of the day call the examination of conscience. All it consists of is 5 to 10 minutes of quiet reflection and silence. You don't even need to do it in church! You can do it from the comfort of your own bed at night. But try going through the commandments or the beatitudes step by step to see if you were faithful to each one that day. It might be tempting to say, "Nope, I didn't kill, steal, or commit adultery today! I'm good!" But look deeper at your life. Maybe I didn't kill anyone physically today, but did I do damage to their reputation? Examine your key relationships and responsibilities and see if you have lived them with maturity and true Christian purpose. And then at the conclusion, thank God for the blessings of the day, ask pardon for your failures, and make that resolution to live a life of faith that is alive tomorrow.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

All adults who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and to learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to join the RCIA program that will begin in October. This process can be applied to the following 3 groups: unbaptized, baptized in another Christian Church and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of penance, Eucharist, and confirmation. For more information and registration please contact Fr. Edwin or Deacon Scott.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

The Public Square Rosary will be held on October 13th at Fish Park in Athol at 12 Noon. Please call Cora Maramag for more information at 978-249-9569 or 978-857-8306.

MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for "You Belong to God"; a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 20th at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Main Street, Shrewsbury. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30am followed by registration and coffee/pastries. Lunch will be included with the \$15 offering, and the program will conclude by 1:30pm. Jaymie Stuart Wolfe will be the featured speaker. She combines inspirational music with spoken reflection. The program will leave you with a stronger sense of who God is and he He wants to be in your life, and who you are and can be in Him and for each other. Checks can be made payable to Commission of Women and mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Street, Millbury, MA 01527 by October 11th. Pam can be reached at 508-864-8749 with any questions.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,773.00 Bldg: \$276.00; Fuel: \$125.00; CCD: \$174.50;
Initial: \$25.00; Window: \$320.00; SOFB: \$49.00. Weekly Goal:
\$2,465.00— Under: \$-291.00

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$37.00; St. Peters: \$10.00; St. Francis: \$2.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in
the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$26,996.07 has been collected.

OUR LADY'S FAIR—LOCATION CHANGE

The Our Lady Immaculate Church Fair will take place on
Saturday, October 6th from 9am-3pm at the **CCD Center**. If you
can help in any way please contact a chairperson or call Gayle at
978-249-2738.

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Center Table/Quilt—Gayle Bassett ~249-2738

Children's Table—Elaine LeBlanc ~249-2016

Baked Goods—Gloria Dawson ~ 249-9536

Fudge—Janet Mousseau ~249-6883

Eatery—Sam Kaczmarczyk ~249-4918

Crafts/Knitted—Kathy Bryce ~ 249-3771

Hannaford/Walmart—Mallet Family Donation Thank You

Lottery Tickets—Donation Thank You

Religious—Brenda Black

CCD—Irene Inniss ~978-502-3575

FUDGE FUDGE FUDGE!!!

We are beginning to accept donations to help the Fudge Table.
Ingredients needed are: White Sugar, Light Brown Sugar,
Marshmallow Fluff, Creamy and Chunky Peanut Butter, Walnuts,
Real Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips, Canned Evaporated Milk.
Items can be dropped off at the Church Office marked "Fudge".

CENTER TABLE/CHILDREN'S TABLE

We are now accepting donations for the Center Table Chinese
Auction and the Children's Table Auction. **BRAND NEW
ITEMS ONLY PLEASE.** Items can be dropped off at the
Church Office marked "Auction" THANK YOU!!

APPLE CRISP

Donations are being accepted for the Apple Crisp. Regular
Oatmeal, White and Brown Sugar and Margarine (tubs) are
needed. Items can be delivered to the Rectory M,T or W before
3:30pm. Thank You!

***Apple Peelers will be needed on Thursday Oct 4th at 8:30am.
Meet at the Rectory and bring your peelers!!

EATERY

Please contact Sam if you can help in the kitchen. Also, anyone
wishing to donate money to help offset the cost of food can do so
by sending it to the Rectory marked "Eatery". Thank you.

FAIR SIGNS READY

The fair signs have been repainted. If you live in a high traffic
area, please take one to display on your lawn. Thank You!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETINGS

Information meetings: First Communion meeting for
parents will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 6pm.
Confirmation parents meeting will be held on Wednesday,
September 26th at 6pm. Both to be held at CCD.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Many sincere THANKS to all of you who made a sacrificial gift
to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thanks to everyone's
efforts the Diocese reached its \$5 million goal for this year.

Our Lady: \$23,800 ~ GOAL MET!

St. Francis: \$5,300 ~ GOAL EXCEEDED! \$6,500

St. Peter: \$6,000 ~ GOAL MET!

WORD OF LIFE

"We share Pope Francis' 'conviction that everything possible
must be done to rid the Church of the scourge of the sexual abuse
of minors and to pen pathways of reconciliation and healing for
those who were abused.'" ~USCCB, "*Charter for the Protection
of Children and Young People*"

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$509.00; Monthly: \$58.00; Reno: \$43.00; Fuel: \$208.00;
Initial: \$5.00; Peter's Pence: \$13.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00—
Under: \$-217.00.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Francis will be holding their annual Christmas Fair and Bake
sale on Saturday December 1st in the church hall from 9am-1pm.
If any parishioners would like to volunteer to help at the fair,
please contact Jackie Doherty at (978) 249-3638. We are also
accepting donations from parishioners of 'new' items for our
Chinese Auction table. A basket will be placed in the back of the
church for these donations. Thank you in advance for your
generosity and help with this most important fundraiser which
helps offset the costs of our fuel for the winter!

RECYCLE DAY

An Electronic, Appliance and Bicycle Recycle Day in Athol will
be held at St. Francis Church on Saturday Oct. 6th, 9am-2pm
(Cash or personal checks accepted) (Rain or Shine) ~ All Towns
are welcome – for product information and pricing please contact
Dennis Wood at: 508-277-7513.

ST. PETER'S COLLECTION

Sunday: \$654.00; Building: \$40.00; Initial: \$10.00; Peter's Pence:
\$10.00; CCD: \$5.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over \$44.00

APPEAL: To Date: \$300.00



SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Hymnal Readings: 923

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37



Saturday, September 15th Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Charles Young, 17th Anniversary
by the Family

Sunday, September 16th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Margaret Shatos, Anniversary
By Marie Shatos
9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Dominic Gingras Sr.
by his Family
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Thomas Lawsky

Monday, September 17th

7:00 AM +David Gauthier by his sister Gail O'Malley

Tuesday, September 18th

7:00 AM +Frank Farnello, John Fanelli & Leo Fanelli
By Stella Murphy

Wednesday, September 19th

7:00 AM +Marcial & Emerenciana Yandoc
By the Family

Saturday, Sept. 22nd Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Mary Blake by the Family

Sunday, September 23rd 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Sr. Mary Matthew and
+Sr. Mary Joan Blanchard by the Family
9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Rita Renaud
by Mark & Cindy Winters
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Etienne Lozier by his Family

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your support! This week we will collect:

Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam



I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SATURDAY 15th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 16th

7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

9:00 AM Mass at St. Peter's Church

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

MONDAY 17th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

6:30 PM St. Peter's Finance followed by Parish Council Meeting

TUESDAY 18th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

WEDNESDAY 19th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

9:00 AM Prayers to Our Lady at St. Francis

SATURDAY 22nd

8:30 AM St. Peter's CCD Grades 1-9

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 23rd

7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

9:00 AM Mass at St. Peter's Church

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

5:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry at CCD

6:00 PM Grades 5-8 Our Lady CCD



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