

# NORTH QUABBIN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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

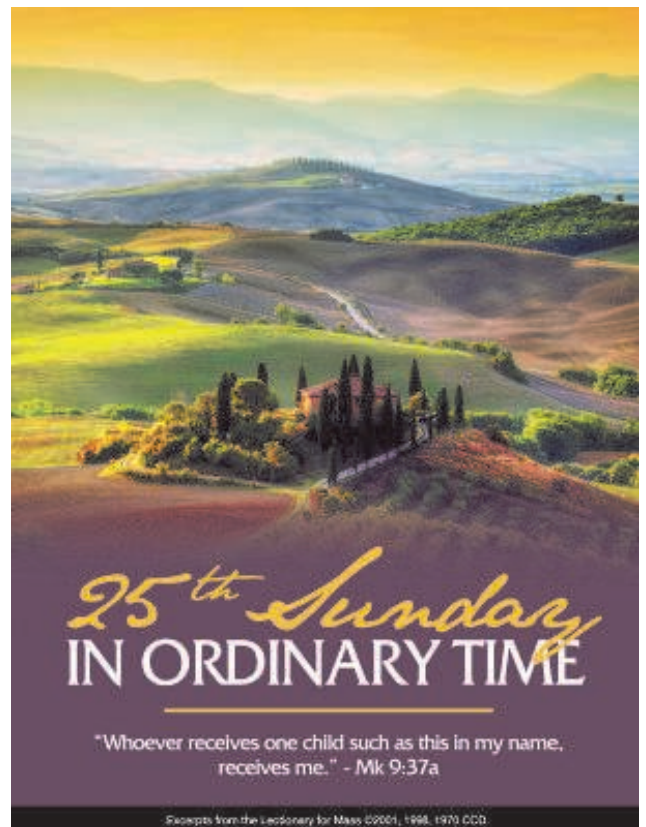
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Mass:

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

## THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

When, in this Gospel passage, Jesus takes a child and has him stand in front of the disciples, we might have expected Jesus to say that we must humble ourselves and become like little children in order to enter the kingdom of God. But Jesus says that in another passage. Here Jesus says, "whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

At that time and in that culture, children had no rights. They were the property of their father, totally his, and he could deal with them like property. In this passage, Jesus places a child before the disciples as a "visual aid" for insignificant people. The question he places before the disciples is this: How do we treat insignificant people?

There are a lot of "insignificant people" who cross the path of our lives every day. It may be the clerk in a store, or people we work with who aren't important to us. We can all think of different kinds of people who are "insignificant."

When we die, just about the only thing that will matter is how we treated other people, including "insignificant people." There will be other things that will matter too, but I have come to think that this will be most important of all: How did we treat other people, including those who are insignificant?

## 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 Dc. Scott.

## 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.



Please remember **Marilyn King and David Mertzic**, who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,508.00 Bldg: \$255.00; Fuel: \$156.00; CCD: \$37.00;  
Window: \$20.00; SOFB: \$149.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00—  
Under: \$-546.00

### SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$37.00; St. Peters: \$10.00; St. Francis: \$2.00;  
Individual: \$100.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in  
the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$27,016.07 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.

#### K of C Raffle—

**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 MEETING

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

## 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.

## HELP WANTED!

Sharing Our Father's Bread has lost a Cooking Team. If YOU, or  
someone you know, is willing to plan and cook ONE MEAL PER  
MONTH on a Wednesday, PLEASE contact Carol Ambrozy 978-  
249-7304.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and  
transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and  
wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom  
into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may  
find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord."

~ USCCB Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection "Promise to  
Protect"

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$548.00; Monthly: \$25.00; Fuel: \$181.00; 2nd Fuel:  
\$85.00; CCD: \$87.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-153.00.

## BREAKFAST

Breakfast will begin Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Francis after  
7am mass. Hope to see you there for a time of fellowship! Please  
contact Jackie Doherty if you would like to help with breakfast  
(baking, set up, clean up etc) at 978-249-3638.

## 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: \$746.00; Building: \$20.00; Initial: \$5.00; Catholic  
Schools: \$12.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over \$116.00

APPEAL: To Date: \$1,000.00

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

## Hymnal Readings: 926

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018

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

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



**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

**Monday, September 24th**  
7:00 AM +Ida Hayden by her Family  
10:30 AM All Residents

**Tuesday, September 25th**  
7:00 AM Rita Savoy ~ Celebration of 100th Birthday  
By Joyce & Ann

**Wednesday, September 26th**  
7:00 AM +Gloria Magnusen by the Family

**Saturday, September 29th Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 PM OLI: +Richard Stone, 7th Anniversary  
by his Family

**Sunday, September 30th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:00 AM St. Francis: +Roseanna Godin  
by her Family  
9:00 AM St. Peters: +George McGrath by his Family  
11:00 AM OLI: +Leon Labrie by his Family

### FOOD PANTRY

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

**Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam**



*The Lord upholds my life.*

**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

**MONDAY 24th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
10:30 AM Mass at QVHC  
3:30 PM Grades K-4 Our Lady at CCD

**TUESDAY 25th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

**WEDNESDAY 26th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
9:00 AM Prayers to Our Lady at St. Francis

**SATURDAY 29th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 30th**

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  
6:00 PM Grades 9-11 Our Lady CCD

**CEMETERY NEWS**

On Monday, October 8th, fall cleanup will begin at all Diocesan Cemeteries. Please have all flowers, plants, pots and decorations removed by Sunday, October 7th. Anything remaining after this date will be removed and discarded. Winter baskets and decorations may be placed in cemeteries on or after December 1st. Thank you for your cooperation.

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