

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

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

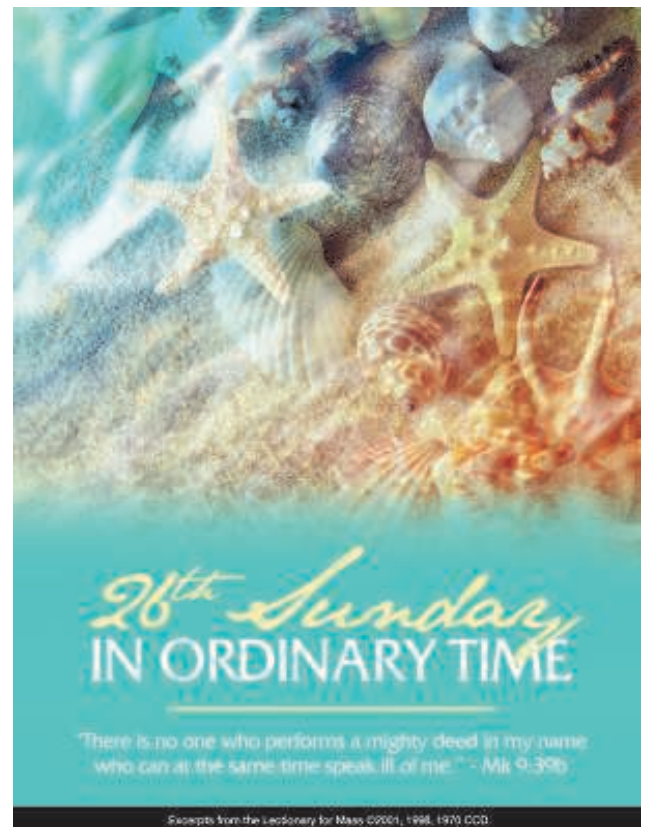
& Safe Environment Coordinator

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

ALL MEANS ALL... INCLUSIVE

'Inclusiveness' is a modern virtue! We are told of the importance of 'inclusive language,' sales people and politicians stress that all references to people must be 'inclusive'. Every decision must be inclusive because if someone or group is excluded, then there will be trouble 'Exclusiveness' seems also to be virtue! A chic, expensive restaurant where people want to be seen is an 'exclusive restaurant' — 'exclusive' is an adjective of quality and approval. 'An exclusive holiday destination' is where only a few, 'the better people' — just like us, go. An 'exclusive offer' for this or that comes with every postal delivery: it means we, just a few of us, are special. We appreciate being the special sort of people we are, we deserve this exclusive offer.

Exclusion! The tribe is defined by the people who-do-not-belong. Then they become 'the others' and because they are not 'with us,' they are opposite us, and so they can easily be seen as opposed to us, and a threat. The others must be kept in place, they must be controlled, excluded from power, made subject to us and, if necessary, be destroyed. Exclusiveness is ideal as a means of making us united, but then can often destroy us in the conflicts and wars that it makes possible. We can see this demonizing of 'the others,' the pernicious attitude that only 'we' are OK/saved / normal, in the way countries are run, in the way churches are run, or how some club or association is run. We see it at work in today's gospel: someone was doing the same things as the disciples, but because the person was not inside the group, then he was a threat; therefore, he was to be stopped.

The reply of Jesus clearly shocked them: he who is not against us is for us. This is the very opposite of exclusiveness, this is true inclusiveness — not simply a facade to make an impression. This is the inclusiveness that is based in the infinity of God's goodness and love, and it is that openness and generosity that we are called to imitate. Today's gospel calls all of us to examine our behavior. Does it reflect inclusive love: anyone who is not against us is with us; or, is it that all too human exclusivist vision: anyone who is not with us is against us?

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. 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. 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.

WORD OF LIFE

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.” ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The First Saturday Devotion for October will be held at 8:00am on October 6th at OLI. Members are reminded to exchange prayers cards outside the Chapel at 8am or 4pm Sat or 11am Sun. Please get your new card and return your old card to the basket.

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.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,435.00 Bldg: \$210.00; Fuel: \$85.00; Catholic Schools: \$11.00; Window: \$20.00; SOFB: \$70.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-735.00

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$65.00; St. Peters: \$5.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$27,036.07 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 Gayle at 978-249-2738.

BAKED GOODS WANTED

Please consider baking an item for the baked goods table. Cakes, Pies, Muffins, Breads, Cookies, Brownies, Jams, Jellies etc. Goods can be dropped off at the CCD Center on Friday after 2pm.

FUDGE FUDGE FUDGE!!!

We have received everything we need! - Thank you for your donations!

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!!

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!!

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.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of Animals will be held on Sunday, October 7th at 1pm in the parking lot of St. Francis Church. Refreshments for humans and animals will be provided. In case of rain, the blessing will be held in the church hall. Please, bring your animals.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$444.85; Monthly: \$10.00; Fuel: \$101.00; CCD: \$20.00; Catholic School: \$52.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-436.15.

BREAKFAST

Breakfasts have begun again 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-2pm. If any parishioners would like to volunteer to help at the fair, please contact Jackie Doherty at (978) 249-3638.

Lithuanian Food, Baked Goods, Chinese Auction, Holiday/Themed Baskets, Christmas Items, Crafts, Christmas Arrangements, and more! **Food will be served starting at 11am and take out will be available.

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: \$422.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$228.00

APPEAL: To Date: \$1,400.00

BAPTISMS

Our Lady Immaculate Parish welcomes *Avery Elizabeth Mallet* with great joy into the faith community, the Catholic Church. Congratulations and may the flame of the Christian faith be alive in her heart.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Hymnal Readings: 929

Readings for the Week of September 30, 2018

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

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

Tue: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 [3]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62

Thur: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab [24b]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



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

Monday, October 1st St. Therese of the Child Jesus

7:00 AM +Phyllis Jamsa 1st Anniversary
By Gloria Desruisseau and Friends

Tuesday, October 2nd

7:00 AM +Blanchard Family by the Family

Wednesday, October 3rd

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

Saturday, October 6th

8:00 AM +Alphonse & Flora Blanchard by the Family
Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Paul & Mayree Killay by the Family

Sunday, October 7th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Meg Shatos by Marie Shatos

9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Pauline Lemoine
by Diane Newton

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Frank Hughes by Ruth LaPointe

FOOD PANTRY

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

Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam



The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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

MONDAY 1st

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

3:30 PM Grades K-4 Our Lady at CCD

TUESDAY 2nd

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

WEDNESDAY 3rd

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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

5:00 PM Sharing Our Fathers Bread Meal Program

SATURDAY 6th

8:00 AM First Saturday Devotion at OLI Chapel

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

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 7th

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 5-8 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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