

# 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

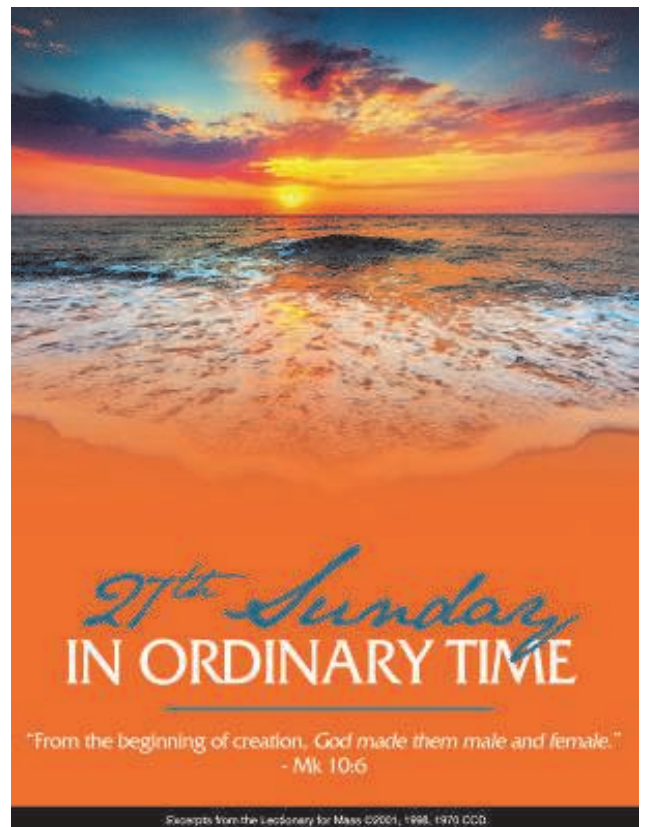
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Mass:

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

## THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

### 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

The readings today highlight three important relationships or cares in our lives:

- *Care for Creation:* Care for creation and marriage is highlighted in Genesis – Adam names the animals, and cares for the garden. An encouragement to care for the planet. The first human beings lived in perfect harmony with the creation of God and with God.

- *Care for Marriage:* Jesus' words on divorce – come from care for marriage. The encouragement to keep our promises. To mirror the faithful love of God in the loves of our lives, especially in marriage. The gospel today encourages people to enhance their marriages, to face difficulties early, to bring their marriage and all other loves to prayer. The ideal can't always happen – Divorce is not God's idea, nor the Church's ideal. But human nature being what it is, divorce happens, and can be a very painful and lonely road. Divorced or separated, people in second relationships are never excluded from God's love, are welcome in the Church, and are encouraged by the present and last Popes to participate in Mass, listen to God's Word, and have their children brought up in faith.

- *Care for Children:* After care for marriages we find Jesus' care for children. We are to look after our children in family and society. The tragedy of church has been the abuse of children. We are called to help them grow, care for them, protect them from danger and from exploitation, bring them to church and faith, and in this day and age to allow them time and space for childhood.

### 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.

### COLUMBUS DAY

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am on Monday, October 8th. The Church office will be closed—normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, the 9th. Thank you.

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join us for the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, November 10th 2018 to rediscover and renew your faith. There will be wonderful talks by great national speakers and opportunities to meet them and make new friends. There will be time for fellowship, to go to confession, celebrate the Eucharist, and altogether strengthen your Catholic identity! Join us for this conference “to Know Him, to Love Him, and to Serve Him”. When: November 10, 2018 (Registration Begins at 7:30 AM) Where: Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street Worcester, MA 01609 (*Tsotis Building*)

### WORD OF LIFE

“We are created to walk with and support one another; we don't need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God's message that resounds throughout time: “Do not fear: I am with you” (Isaiah 41:10). ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “What to do when a friend is considering abortion”

### 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.

### 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. PETER'S COLLECTION

Sunday: \$385.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$265.00

APPEAL: To Date: \$1,950.00



Please remember **Martin Tessier**, who passed away recently, as well as his family. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,606.00 Bldg: \$279.00; Fuel: \$127.00; Holy Day: \$10.00; Catholic Schools: \$89.00; SOFB: \$75.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-453.00

### SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$43.00; St. Peters: \$20.00; St. Francis: \$12.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$27,036.07 has been collected.

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$548.00; Monthly: \$5.00; Renovation: \$10.00; Fuel: \$10.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-429.00.

### 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.

**\*\* There will be NO Breakfast on October 21st or 28th.**

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

The Knights of Lithuania will meet on Wednesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM at the Lithuanian Club on Kendall Pond in Gardner. Pot Luck Supper—All members are invited to attend.

**OCTOBER 6, 2018**

## **Hymnal Readings: 932**

Readings for the Week of October 7, 2018

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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



### **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

### **Monday, October 8th**

8:00 AM +Wilfred & Claudia Mallet  
By Anna Gagliardi Beane

### **Tuesday, October 9th**

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

### **Wednesday, October 10th**

7:00 AM +Norman & Jennie Soucie  
By Sandy, Gail and Families

### **Saturday, October 13th Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Patrick & Patricia Killay  
By the Family

### **Sunday, October 14th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Verda & Richard Wilson  
By the Family

9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Anthony Gingras by his Family

11:00 AM **OLI:** +David Pandiscio  
by Mark & Cindy Winters

### **FOOD PANTRY**

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

**Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam**

**OCTOBER 6, 2018**



*May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

**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

**MONDAY 8th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 9th**

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

**WEDNESDAY 10th**

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 13th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 14th**

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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