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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



28th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

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Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor

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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

"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

And we might ask, why is it so difficult for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God? Is there something wrong with being rich? The answer depends on what meaning we give to 'rich' and to 'Kingdom of God'.

A person at a lower middle-class level in Europe or the United States may be extremely wealthy with the same resources if living in some African or Asian countries. Similarly, a 'rich' peasant in a remote village may live a life that is primitive compared to a family on welfare in Europe.

When Jesus uses the word 'rich' he means a person who has more, a lot more, than those around him and especially when many of those around him do not have enough for their basic needs. For a person to cling to their material goods in such a situation, to enjoy a relatively luxurious standard of living while those around are deficient in food and housing is in contradiction to everything that Jesus and the Kingdom stand for.

And we need to emphasize that the 'Kingdom of God' here is not referring to a future life in 'heaven'. Jesus is not saying that a rich person cannot go to heaven. He is concerned with how the rich person is living now. The Kingdom is a situation, a set of relationships where truth and integrity, love and compassion and justice and the sharing of goods prevail, where people take care of each other.

The man in the story said that he kept the commandments. One should notice that, except for one, all are expressed negatively. The man could observe several of them by doing nothing! Jesus was asking him to do something very positive, namely, to share his prosperity with his brothers and sisters in need. That he was not prepared to do. As such, he was not ready for the kingdom. He could not be a follower of Jesus. Nor can anyone else who is in a similar situation.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND ANOINTING

On October 27th & 28th we will offer all the Masses for the sick and Holy Anointing will be conferred at the end of each Liturgy. This sacrament is especially intended to strengthen those who are suffering serious illness. For a long time, this sacrament was celebrated only with people where dying and for this reason came to be known as "last rites". It was meant to give them strength to face death, but today it is offered to support, encourage and comfort all those who are seriously ill.

Those who can be anointed:

- Those who are elderly and whose frailty is becoming more pronounced.
- Those adults and children who are suffering from a major illness, are facing surgery, serious medical test or have suffered a serious accident.
- Those who suffer from chronic illness, such as arthritis or diabetes, or who suffer from a serious mental illness.

Don't miss this opportunity to ask the Lord to come to strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit during our time of illness.

DINNER IS SERVED!

On October 10th, Sharing Our Father's Bread began its 8th year offering dinner to local residents in need of a hot meal. The program is supported by you, the parishioners of Our Lady Immaculate, St. Francis and St. Peter's Churches. We ask for your help to continue this weekly all-volunteer program. Donations may be left in baskets labeled Sharing Our Father's Bread, located at the back of each church or at the rectory.

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

The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you." ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End."*

OUR LADY FAIR

Thank you to all those who worked to make the OLI Fair a success. Report and winners will be announced in next weeks bulletin.

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.

MISSIONARY

Sr. Helen Roberts, OSF of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY will be here October 20 & 21, 2018 for our annual Mission Appeal. The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany were the first community of American Sisters to have foreign missions. They minister to those in need, especially the underprivileged, the undernourished, the outcast, and the victims of injustice and violence. Funds to support the missions where our Sisters work and volunteer are solicited through the efforts of the St. Elizabeth Mission Society. As a congregation, we continue to respond to the overwhelming needs of our brothers and sisters through education, health care, and social ministries in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia, and the States. This appeal by Sister will take place at all Masses.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

Sunday: \$2,008.22 Bldg: \$273.00; Fuel: \$156.00; Windows: \$1,246.00; SOFB: \$159.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-27.78

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$27.00; St. Peters: \$5.00; St. Francis: \$27.00; Individual: \$100.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$28,382.07 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

Sunday: \$538.25; Renovation: \$60.00; Fuel: \$136.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-317.75.

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!

ST. PETER'S

COLLECTION

Sunday: \$565.00; Building: \$60.00; Fuel: \$48.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over: \$23.00

APPEAL: To Date: \$1,950.00

BAPTISMS

Our Lady Immaculate Parish welcomes **Dillan Patrick O'Connell and Steven Justin LaCouture, Jr.** with great joy into the faith community, the Catholic Church. Congratulations and may the flame of the Christian faith by alive in their hearts.

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Hymnal Readings: 935

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2018

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

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-
7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-
41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk
11:42-46

Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk
10:1-9

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-
16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



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

Monday, October 15th

7:00 AM +Louie LeBlanc by his Family

Tuesday, October 16th

7:00 AM +Richard Newton by his Family

Wednesday, October 17th

7:00 AM +Marcial Yandoc Birthday Remembrance
By the Family

Saturday, October 20th Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Mary & Leo Wright by the Family

Sunday, October 21st 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Howard Blanchard
by his Family

9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +John Newton 2nd Anniversary
By his Wife

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Barbara Fortier by her Family

FOOD PANTRY

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

Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam

OCTOBER 14, 2018



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

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

MONDAY 15th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 16th

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 17th

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 20th

8:30 AM St. Peter's CCD Grades 1-9
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 21st

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



Please remember **Rita Newton**, who passed away recently, as well as her family. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

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