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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

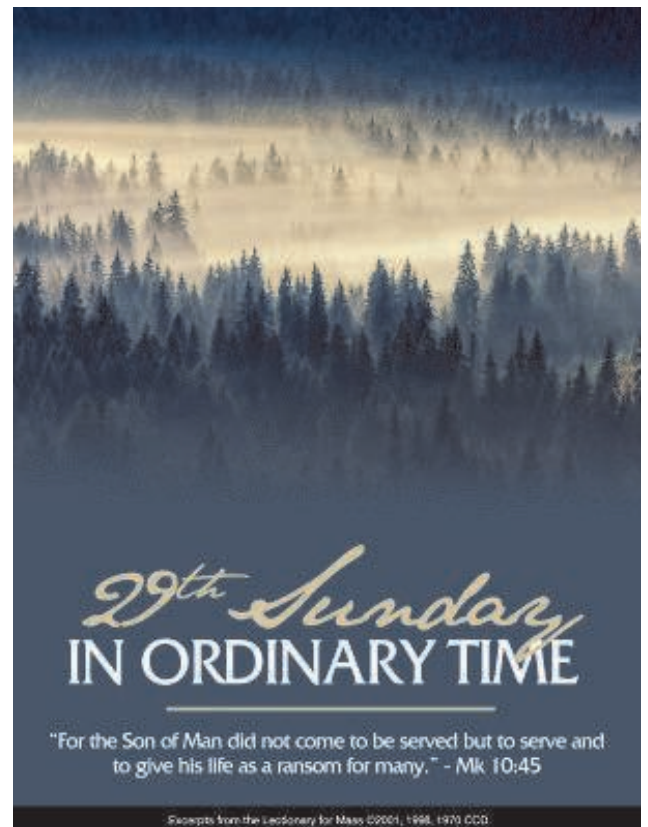
& Safe Environment Coordinator

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

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

If you want to be great, Jesus said, you must lower yourself to be the servant of everyone – in fact, not just a servant, but a slave. The concerns of others must be your concern. Pleasing others must be your concern. Doing the wishes of others must be your concern. Not the usual way of looking at power and greatness, even today, though it seems to me democracy should come close to it if the leader really does listen to his electorate and try to act on their needs and wishes. That's the theory, isn't it?

What does this mean for us this week? How can we be better servants to others, particularly those we have some control over. Many parents are able to balance this need to be a parent with knowing and understanding the needs of the children as well. But, if you are in charge of anyone – in an office, or as head of a committee, or as a Board member – how can you increase serving the needs of others and thinking of your own needs less. Also, consider being a servant to other church members here. At base, what this means is that you don't come to church for yourself – you are here because it is important to the others here. Without you, there is a gap...something is missing. Just coming as regularly as you can is being a servant to the others in the congregation.

Look around this week and see if there are ways to put Christ's servant-leadership into practice in your life. You might be amazed at what happens, and how freeing it actually becomes for you as well. This is some Good News that we can all work at and I wish you well in trying it.

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.

WORD OF LIFE

"By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death... Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ALL SAINTS' DAY – A HOLY DAY

This feast honors all the saints, known and unknown. This feast was first celebrated on May 13, 610, when Pope Boniface IV proclaimed the day Feast of All Holy Martyrs in Rome. The intent was to honor all martyrs who were not included in local records. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date and name to **November 1** (current date) and Feast of All Saints. There are many saints who are not popularly known or who are not celebrated during the course of the liturgical year. This feast day provides an opportunity to remember and celebrate their lives. Masses will be celebrated at 12:10 at OLI and at 7 pm at St. Francis.

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*)

OUR LADY FAIR

Winners of the **Big Money Raffle**: \$500—Sara Hess; \$200—Len Hoffman; \$100—Pat Rhodes and Joan Coutu; \$50—Lynn Teague, Paul Maier, Marian Jillson, Steven Beauchmin, Dot Arnold; Top Seller: Rae Wood. **Quilt**: Julie Litchfield, **Lottery Tickets**: Linda Erali and Jeanette Capone, **Hannaford**: Irene Inniss; **Walmart**: Chris Lavoie

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.

PARISH APPEALS

The 2018 Parish Appeals are now underway. Please consider making a contribution to keep our parishes fiscally viable. Contributions can be mailed to the Church Office or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Our Lady Goal: **\$15,000** ~ by Dec. 31st, 2018—To date: \$0.00
St. Francis Goal: **\$6,000** ~ by Dec. 31st, 2018—To date: \$0.00
St. Peter's Goal: **\$7,000** ~ by Thanksgiving—To date: \$1,950.00

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

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

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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

Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

OCTOBER 21, 2018

Hymnal Readings: 938

Readings for the Week of October 21, 2018

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

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk
12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk
12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk
10:46-52



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

Monday, October 22nd

7:00 AM +Napoleon Gauthier by his Family

Tuesday, October 23rd

7:00 AM +Aida Gagliardi by Anna Gagliardi Beane
and Joseph Gagliardi

Wednesday, October 24th

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

Saturday, October 27th Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Bill Lively by his Wife and Family

Sunday, October 28th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Evelyn & Lawrence
Blanchard by the Family

9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Pauline, Arthur Sr., and
Albertine Lemoine by the Lemoine Family

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Ashley Softic by her Family

FOOD PANTRY

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

Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam

OCTOBER 21, 2018



*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

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

MONDAY 22nd

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

TUESDAY 23rd

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

WEDNESDAY 24th

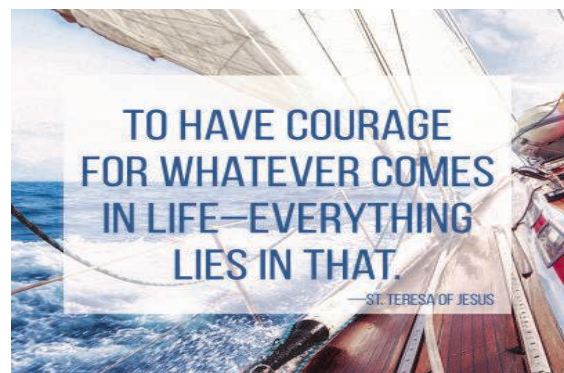
7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
9:00 AM Prayers to Our Lady at St. Francis
5:00 PM Sharing Our Fathers Bread Meal Program

SATURDAY 27th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 28th

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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