

# 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:

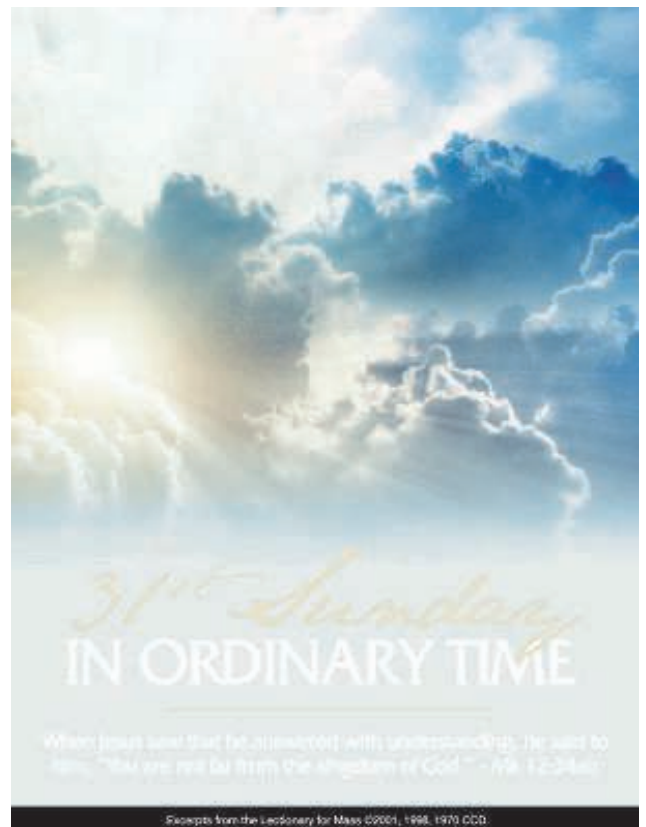
Lord's Day ~ 9:00am

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

## WHY PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

*Q: A protestant friend says that the Bible contains no references to purgatory. What is the basis for the Church's teaching about this? Why do Catholics pray for the dead?*

*A: In 2 Maccabees 12:38-46, Judas Maccabee orders that sacrifices be offered in the Temple in Jerusalem for slain Jewish soldiers who had worn pagan amulets (good-luck charms). The two Books of Maccabees are probably not in your friend's Bible because they were originally written in Greek. During Jesus' lifetime, some Jewish people regarded these books as inspired by God.*

About 60 years after Jesus' death, however, rabbis in Palestine drew up the list (canon) of the Scriptures used by Jewish people to this day. That shorter list includes only works composed in Hebrew, excluding the two Books of Maccabees, five other books and parts of the Books of Daniel and Esther. For centuries, Eastern and Western Christians accepted as inspired the longer list. When Martin Luther translated the Bible, he used the shorter list. Sometimes, these seven books are printed in Protestant Bibles as "Deutero-canonical" or "Apocrypha."

The New Testament and early Christian writings offer some evidence for purgatory. In 2 Timothy 1:18, St. Paul prays for Onesiphorus who has died, saying: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day." The earliest mention of prayers for the dead in public Christian worship is by the writer Tertullian in 211 A.D.

The question of purgatory and praying for the dead was a major issue between Catholics and Protestants in the 16th century. The Council of Trent's 1563 decree about purgatory reaffirmed its existence and the usefulness of prayers for the deceased, yet it cautioned against "a certain kind of curiosity or superstition..." about it.

The Roman Catholic teaching on purgatory reflects its understanding of the communion of saints. We are connected to the saints in heaven, the saints-in-waiting in purgatory and other believers here on earth. Prayers for the deceased are not a means of buying their way out of purgatory. The Catholic Church's teaching about purgatory (Catechism #1030-32) says that all sin, unfortunately, has a life of its own and may have bad effects even after the sinner repents. Sincere repentance includes a desire to repair the damage done by one's sins. That may or may not be complete before the person dies.

When the world ends at the Final Judgment, there will be only two possibilities: heaven and hell. We who celebrate Jesus' Resurrection over sin and death look forward to sharing in that victory, and we pray that our beloved dead may do the same.

## SUNDAY OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the time in the Church's liturgical calendar that we especially remember our loved ones who have completed their life's journey among us. Next Sunday (and Saturday) at all Masses, we will remember in a special way those who died during the past year as their names will be read during the Eucharistic Prayer. All are welcome to pray for them and for ourselves in the certain hope of the resurrection.

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY COAT DRIVE

In cooperation with Fiske Murphy Mack Family Funeral Home, Our Lady Immaculate is collecting new or gently used coats of ANY size for its annual coat drive to benefit those in our community who are in need. Coats may be dropped off at the Funeral Home or to Gayle at the Rectory through November 30th. The K of C will be assisting with this collection. Thank you.

### 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: **\$17,000** ~ by Dec. 31st, 2018—To date: \$5,335.41  
St. Francis Goal: **\$6,000** ~ by Dec. 31st, 2018—To date: \$200.00  
St. Peter's Goal: **\$7,000** ~ by Thanksgiving—To date: \$4,300.00

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Starting the weekend of November 10<sup>th</sup>, The Knights of Columbus will begin selling Christmas Calendar raffle tickets at all churches in our Cluster. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we are counting on your support. Profits from this fundraiser will be used to support our Seminarian program, Coats for Kids, Sharing Our Father's Bread, the Keep Christ in Christmas program, our youth basketball tournament and the stair replacement project at OLI.

### WORD OF LIFE

"Pray daily for the end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
*"Another look at Abortion"*

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Winchendon will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on November 10th (9am-8pm) & 11th (8:30am-12N). Christmas Shop, Country Kitchen, Grandmas Attic, Muffin Tin, Silent Auction, Crafts, Chinese Auction, Food & Cheer and Turkey Raffle. Shepherds Pie Dinner Saturday 5-7. Tickets are 10 Adults ~ \$5.00 children under 10.

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

- Mk 12:32, 34ab

### FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your support! This week we will collect:  
**Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam**

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,722.50; Bldg: \$264.00; Fuel: \$30.00; Holy Day: \$93.00; Propagation: \$10.00; SOFB: \$80.53. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-448.50.

### SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Free Will: \$22.53; Our Lady: \$39.00; St. Peters: \$15.00; St. Francis: \$4.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$31,682.07 has been collected.

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$452.00; Monthly: \$25.00; Fuel: \$120.00; 2nd Fuel: \$76.00; Holy Days: \$10.00; Propagation: \$2.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-319.00.

### CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2019 are ready for pick up. Please see Marie Shatos if you would like to start receiving contribution envelopes for St. Francis Church. Thank you.

### BREAKFAST

Breakfasts have begun again at St. Francis after 7am mass. Please contact Jackie Doherty if you would like to help with breakfast (baking, set up, clean up etc) at 978-249-3638.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Francis' annual Christmas Fair and Bake sale will be held 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: \$496.00; Building: \$50.00; Holy Days: \$45.00; Propagation: 5.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$104.00.

### CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2019 are ready for pick up. Please see Deb O'Connor if you would like to start receiving contribution envelopes for St. Peter's Church. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Peter's Church will hold a Christmas Bazaar on December 8th from 10-2 in the Church Hall. Christmas Cookies, Baked Goods, Christmas Greens-Swags, Raffle, Children's Table. Coffee, Tea & Soft drinks available for purchase. Helpers are appreciated and are invited to attend bazaar workshops on Mondays at 10:30am.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

## **Hymnal Readings: 944**

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



### **Saturday, November 3rd**

- 8:00 AM All Parishioners  
**Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Romeo Roussel by his Wife and Family

### **Sunday, November 4th 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Jeanne Blanchard by his Family  
9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Evelyn & Lawrence Blanchard by Don & Carol Ambrozy  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Walter Soltysik by his Wife and Family

### **Monday, November 5th**

- 7:00 AM +Joseph Maga by Mary Maga

### **Tuesday, November 6th**

- 7:00 AM +Blanchard Family by the Family

### **Wednesday, November 7th**

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

### **Saturday, Nov. 10th Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 PM **OLI:** +Norman & Linda Sue McGilvray By Charles & Paula Thibault

### **Sunday, November 11th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 AM **St. Francis:** + Thomas Lawsky  
9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Mini Winters By Mark & Cindy Winters  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Rick Simkewicz 12th Anniversary By his Family

*NOVEMBER 4, 2018*



*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

**SATURDAY 3rd**

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

**SUNDAY 4th**

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 5th**

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

**TUESDAY 6th**

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 7th**

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 10th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 11th**

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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