

# 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

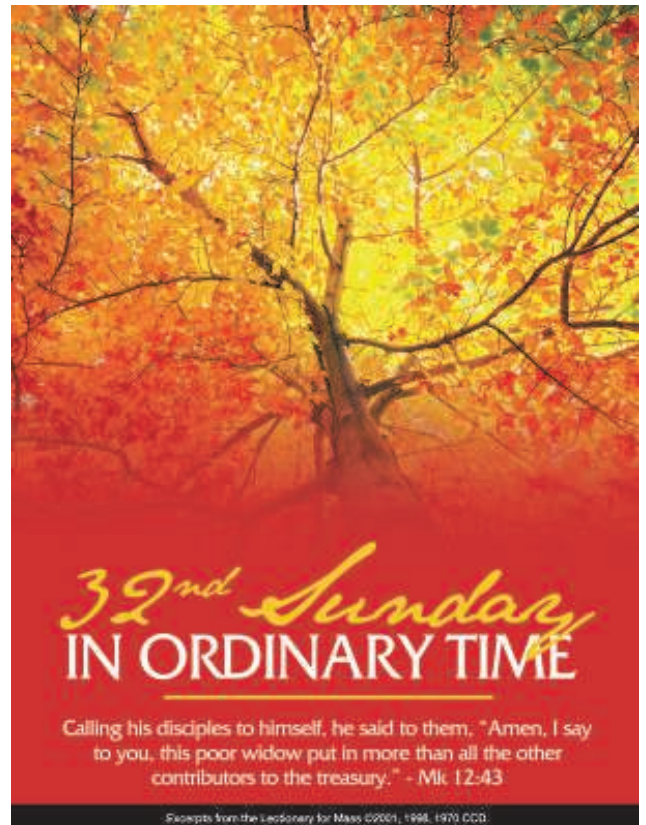
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Mass:

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

## **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

## **BURIAL OR CREMATION?**

One of the first decisions that needs to be made is whether the deceased will be buried or cremated. Cremation is allowed, so long as this option isn't chosen to express anything contrary to Christian hope — particularly the hope in the resurrection of the body. Nonetheless, the Church's tradition recommends burial over cremation. More and more families are opting for cremation today to decrease funeral expenses. But the decision should be based in all the facts, so make sure to compare the costs when discussing options with the funeral director.

In either case, a place of burial needs to be chosen. The Church's preference is that Catholics be buried in the consecrated ground of a Catholic cemetery, but other cemeteries may be chosen. The point is that bodies need to be disposed of in a fitting and dignified way, consonant with the human dignity that should be afforded to everyone, made in the image of God as we are.

Cremains must also be buried — they are not to be placed in the home, spread on land or at sea, etc. This need not be only in a cemetery grave. One popular method to afford cremains their proper respect is to use a columbarium — or niches, akin to mausoleums — which cemeteries and parishes in more frequency are constructing to contain cremains. It is also preferable that Catholic graves be marked in some way. Although, burial at sea is also permitted — so long as the body or cremains are in a sealed container (not spread openly) — and a marker might not be possible in these circumstances.

The choice of burial or cremation also will indicate how much of the remainder of the funeral events take place. If burial of the body is chosen, the funeral is often held within a few days. If cremation is chosen, that time could be extended a bit — although it is preferable to celebrate the funeral as soon as possible and not delay it for too long. Also if cremation is chosen, will there still be a viewing of the body and will the body be brought to church for the funeral Mass, or will the body be cremated shortly after death.

## **VETERANS DAY**

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am on Monday November 12th in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday. The church office will be closed—normal office will resume on Tuesday, November 13th. Thank you.

## **COSMIC ORIGINS: DOES SCIENCE POINT TO AN INTELLIGENT GOD?**

Join us at Annunciation Parish in the church hall at Holy Rosary, 135 Nichols St. Gardner MA, on Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 for an interactive presentation, led by Fr. Stephen Lundrigan, that will explore the ways that faith and science are compatible, the limits of science, and the ways that advances in Physics and Astronomy point to a Creator. The evening will include, video, presentation and discussion. People of all faiths, high school age and older are welcome to attend.

### 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: \$6,915.41

St. Francis Goal: **\$6,000** ~ by Dec. 31st, 2018

To date: \$1,270.00

St. Peter's Goal: **\$7,000** ~ by Thanksgiving

To date: \$4,500.00

### 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

"To the survivors of abuse and the families who have lost a loved one to abuse, I am sorry. You are not longer alone." ~ Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB President "USCCB Renews Commitment for Greater Effectiveness and Transparency in Disciplining Bishops." August 27, 2018.

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,587.00; Bldg: \$278.00; Fuel: \$256.00; Holy Day: \$218.08; Window: \$326.00; SOFB: \$163.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-344.00.

### SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Free Will: \$11.00; Our Lady: \$34.00; St. Peters: \$15.00; St. Francis: \$3.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$32,008.07 has been collected.

### FOOD PANTRY

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

**Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam**

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$597.00; Monthly: \$35.00; Fuel: \$86.00; Holy Days: \$179.00; Initial: \$5.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-274.00.

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

The K of L will meet on Wednesday November 14th in the St. Francis Church Hall following the SOFB Meal. All members are invited to attend.

### 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: \$752.00; Building: \$240.00; Fuel: \$110.00; Holy Days: \$15.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over: \$452.00.

### PARKING NOTICE

St. Peter's Church is set in a neighborhood, so we want to be respectful of our neighbors who have asked that we not park on the grass across from the church. Thank you.

### GIVING BAGS

St. Peter's Church "Giving Bags for Thanksgiving" bags will be available at the back of the church. We are only collecting non-perishable items, i.e. stuffing mix, gravy, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, cake mix, etc. Please return the giving bags by Sunday November 18th. "So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone." Galatians 6:10. Please help if you are able. God bless and thank you.

### 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 11, 2018*

## Hymnal Readings: 947

Readings for the Week of November 11, 2018

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

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



### 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 Lawskey  
9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Mini Winters  
By Mark & Cindy Winters  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Rick Simkewicz 12th Anniversary  
By his Family

### Monday, November 12th St. Josephat

8:00 AM +Camille, Bibianne & Leo Boudreau  
By Francis

### Tuesday, November 13th St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

7:00 AM +Blanchard Family by the Family

### Wednesday, November 14th

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

### Saturday, November 17th Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Mary Goguen 50th Anniversary  
by her Family

### Sunday, November 18th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Sandra Shatos  
by Marie Shatos  
9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Richard Rouselle 3rd Ann.  
By his Wife and Family  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +James & Emily Deleo by Cynthia

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43



*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

**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

**MONDAY 12th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 13th**

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 14th**

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 17th**

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

**SUNDAY 18th**

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





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