

# 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

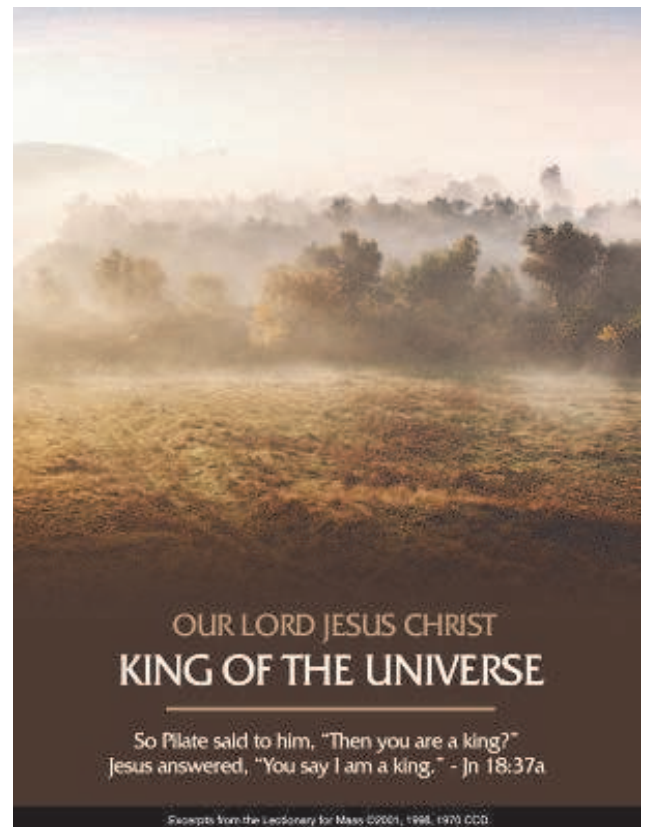
& Safe Environment Coordinator

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

## CHRIST, THE KING

This feast is the one Jesus never would have wanted; it was a devotion of Pius XI. Brought in at a time when Europe was becoming very secular, after the first war. The feast says that he is king of hearts. The throne was a cross and the man on it a king, and the final resting place was borrowed from a friend.

This particular King works from the inside out, from people's goodness and love; not from any constitution from on high. Any reforms of the church like the reforms needed at the moment – church and abuse, church and education, a church faithful to the gospel of Jesus – means a renewal from the inside out. Media will not renew the church, leaders cannot renew parishes, unless we find Christ at the center of prayer and ministry.

The preface of the Mass today has the marks of the kingdom of Jesus – holiness, justice, reconciliation and more. This is the type of people we are called to be. His is the king who embodies the qualities of the kingdom. He calls us to be like him – no more, no less. He will be the friend, our accompaniment in the worst of times.

The king Jesus is the one who has shared all our lives. People could watch him and say that things couldn't get much worse for him, with crucifixion ahead of him. We expect that our leaders will share the difficult times with us. We expect the powerful to take the cutbacks like the rest of us. We expect them to be affected by the difficulties of the weaker ones...

This King promises little except peace, truth and love. His followers will not be the powerful ones of the city nor of the country. Like him they will be men and women for others.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLY DAY

In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin."

Come and celebrate with this important dogma of our Catholic Faith. Masses will be held on Friday, December 7th at 7 pm at St. Francis and on Saturday, December 8th at 8 am at Our Lady Immaculate. Please note that this month, our First Saturday Mass (12/1) will be moved to the second Saturday (12/8) in order to celebrate this Marian feast.



Please remember **Harold Spencer, Edith Horrigan and John Ferron II**, who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**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: \$10,305.41
- St. Francis Goal: **\$6,000** ~ by Dec. 31st, 2018  
To date: \$1,745.00
- St. Peter's Goal: **\$7,000** ~ by Thanksgiving  
To date: \$5,300.00

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

This will be the last weekend that the Knights will be selling Calendar Raffle tickets. We would like to thank all the parishioners throughout the Cluster for their unwavering support. Please remember to place those calendars on your refrigerator and wait for the lucky phone call during the month of December.

The next meeting for the Athol Knights of Columbus will be Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. in the K of C Chambers. All Brother Knights are welcome.

**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 the 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 IMMACULATE  
COLLECTION**

Sunday: \$2,272.50; Bldg: \$573.00; Fuel: \$310.00; Holy Day: \$10.00; Flowers: \$20.00; Human Development: \$107.00; SOFB: \$80.10. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Over: \$690.50.

**SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD**

Free Will: \$19.10; Our Lady: \$48.00; St. Peters: \$11.00; St. Francis: \$2.00.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$32,308.07 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: \$515.75; Monthly: \$30.00; Fuel: \$226.00; 2nd Fuel: \$63.00; Holy Days: \$25.00; Human Development: \$7.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-157.25.

**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.

**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: \$525.00; Building: \$30.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$-95.00.

**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.

**THANKSGIVING BAGS**

St. Peter’s collected 39 bags of non-perishable food items this year! Thank you to everyone for your generosity. The items will be distributed to those in need over this Thanksgiving Holiday. Thank you.

**HOLIDAY FEAST**

A Holiday Feast will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church Street, Westminster from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Menu: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, please call Wendy Provencal at 978-874-0767.

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

## Hymnal Readings: 953

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



**Saturday, Nov. 24th Vigil: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Norman & Juliette Thibault  
By Charles & Paula Thibault

**Sunday, November 25th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Ralph Shatos by Marie Shatos  
9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Lawrence Blanchard & Walter  
Chase by the Family  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +John S. Robertson, Jr.,  
4th Anniversary by his Family

**Monday, November 26th**

7:00 AM +Norman & Jennie Soucie  
by Sandy, Gail and Families  
10:30 AM All Residents

**Tuesday, November 27th**

7:00 AM +The Blanchard Family

**Wednesday, November 28th**

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

**Saturday, December 1st Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Charles & Philip Demarest  
By the Family

**Sunday, December 2nd 1st Sunday of Advent**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Thomas Lawskey  
9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Rick Nygard by his Mother  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Deceased Members of the Gagliardi  
Family by Anna Beane and Joseph Gagliardi

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered,  
"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into  
the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the  
truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37



*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

**SATURDAY 24th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 25th**

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

**MONDAY 26th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

10:30 AM Mass at Quabbin Valley Health Care

**TUESDAY 27th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

6:00 PM First Reconciliation at OLI

7:00 PM Bible Study at CCD

**WEDNESDAY 28th**

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 1st**

8:30 AM St. Peter's CCD Grades 1-9

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 2nd**

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 5-8 Our Lady CCD



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