

# 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

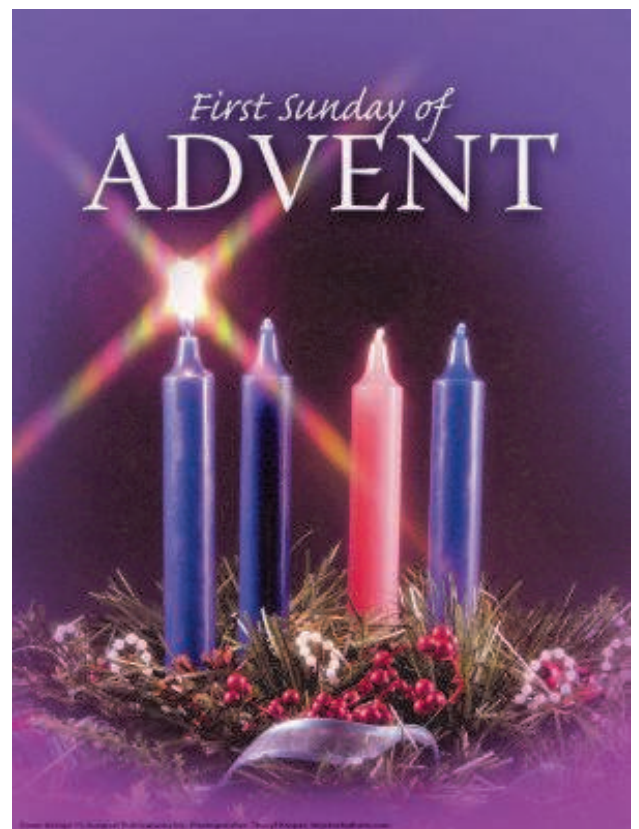
& Safe Environment Coordinator

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

## ADVENT!

Advent is a criminally underrated liturgical season. It gets swallowed up in the pre-Christmas rush, and it's shorter and less intense than Lent, but it's a beautiful, quiet period worth marking. Beyond the obvious "get to Mass every Sunday" exhortation, here are some simple tips for your Advent observation, from one busy person to another.

1. *Read some sort of short, daily devotion:* People are hungry for some sort of spiritual nourishment, especially around this time of year. Find some spiritual reading for everyday of advent, e.g. the daily Mass readings that are posted on the bulletin.

2. *Get some quiet time:* Seek out some quiet time separate from bedtime. Maybe try repeating the prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" to yourself, slowly as you breathe in and out with your eyes closed. You can do this in your office or kitchen.

3. *It's OK to say no:* You don't have to go to every party you're invited. 'No' is a complete sentence. Of course, there are certain obligations this time of year. But we need to practice discerning which activities are essential and which can be skipped.

4. *Don't forget the Advent music:* Not to tell you to shelve the Christmas music until sunset on Dec. 24. However, there are plenty of great Advent hymns and songs to work into your rotation. Some of my them: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" "O Emmanuel", "O Come Divine Messiah"

5. *Light an Advent wreath:* An Advent wreath tradition is simple, lovely way to strengthen that smallest, essential community of faith: family!

6. *Got a young kid or two?* Add a Christmas book to bedtime reading list.

7. *Support an organization that works for social justice:* Support your Church's giving tree, national independent agencies, or your own local charity agencies.

8. *Consider the Sacrament of Reconciliation:* If Advent is all about preparing, there's no better way to prepare your heart and spirit that making a good confession.  
Have a blessed and fruitful Advent!

## 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 7pm at St. Francis and on Saturday, December 8th at 8am 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.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements are available for those in the cluster that use the Envelope System. If you would like a statement for the 2018 year, please call the rectory and leave your Name, Address and Church. Letters will be mailed before Jan. 30th.

### 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: \$11,600.41

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

To date: \$1,745.00

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

To date: \$5,400.00

### WORD OF LIFE

“Through the Church’s teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.” ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Another Look at Contraception”*

### CHRISTMAS TEDDY BEAR DRIVE AT OUR LADY IMMACULATE



Teddy bears are a simple yet meaningful gift for children. For some they offer comfort, for others these bears become a close friend. This Christmas season, our community has an opportunity to provide this simple gift to children in need. Please bring in brand new teddy bears or other plush/stuffed animals and place them around the

Christmas tree. Over the weeks of Advent watch them grow in numbers and know they will be delivered to children at Shriners Children’s Hospital in Springfield to those children who may not be able to be home for Christmas.

### LIVING NATIVITY

The Living Nativity will be held at the CCD Center on Sunday, December 16th at 3pm. Students from grades 1-4 will give a live performance of the Nativity. Christmas Carols will be sung and light refreshments will be served. All parishioners from the Cluster are invited to attend.



### FOOD PANTRY

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

**Jams / Jelly / Canned Meat—Spam**

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,336.50; Bldg: \$208.00; Memorial: \$100.00; Fuel: \$15.00; Flowers: \$76.00; Human Development: \$5.00; SOFB: \$62.46. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-905.50.

### SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$35.46; St. Peters: \$15.00; St. Francis: \$12.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$32,308.07 has been collected.

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$441.00; Monthly: \$5.00; Fuel: \$101.00; Flowers: \$75.00; Human Development: \$55.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-445.00.

### 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

\*\*There will be NO breakfast served on Sunday December 2nd.

### ST. PETER’S COLLECTION

Sunday: \$616.00; Fuel: \$25.00; Flowers; \$95.00; Human Development: \$40.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$-9.00.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year St. Peter's Church would like to help Valuing Our Children in Athol. This agency serves families in need from the Athol, Petersham, Orange and surrounding area. We will be collecting new winter hats, gloves, socks and sweatshirts for children ages infant to 10 years of age. Color and size will be of your choice. Please take a card from the table at the back of the church and return your unwrapped gift on Sunday Dec 16th. Our help is greatly needed to keep these young people warm this winter. If you have any questions please contact Islay Boeri at 978-724-0205. Thank you.

**DECEMBER 2, 2018**

## **Hymnal Readings: 785**

### **Readings for the week of December 2, 2018**

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

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt  
7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-  
12/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-  
11/Lk 3:1-6



### **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

### **Monday, December 3rd St. Francis Xavier**

7:00 AM +Robert Forand by his Wife

### **Tuesday, December 4th**

7:00 AM +Joseph Maga by Ina Maga

### **Wednesday, December 5th**

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

### **Friday, December 7th Vigil: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00 PM **St. Francis:** +Fr. Raymond Messier  
By the Kaczmarczyk Family

### **Saturday, December 8th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Joseph & Helen Whelan  
by the Barcomb Family

**Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Simone Vorce  
By Gregg & Donna Mitchell

### **Sunday, December 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Dr. Henry Gailiunas, 10th  
Anniversary by his Wife

9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Barbara Belletete  
By her Family

11:00 AM **OLI:** +James Winters & Fern Fregeau  
By Mark & Cindy Winters



*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

**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

**MONDAY 3rd**

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

**TUESDAY 4th**

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 5th**

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

**FRIDAY 7th**

7:00 PM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

**SATURDAY 8th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 9th**

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 9-11 Our Lady CCD

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

- Lk 21:27-28



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