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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

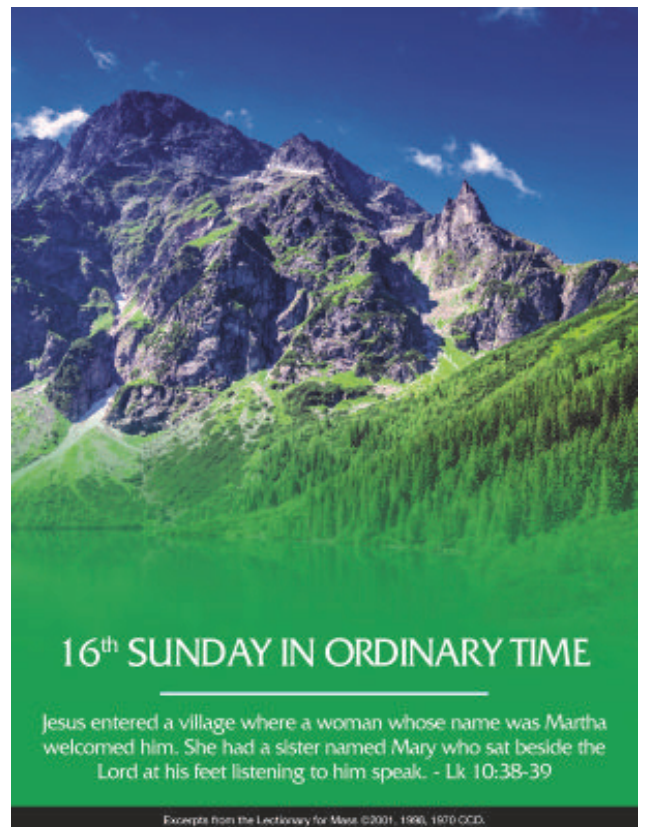
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Mass:

Lord's Day ~ 9:00am

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 3pm at OLI



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

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

The story of Mary and Martha is another story about means and ends. It asks us to think about what the most important goals are, what the steps are toward those goals, and whether any of the things we do with good intentions, actually get in the way of realizing the most important goals.

Have you ever been frustrated by someone who was so busy taking pictures of a thing or of an event that they didn't even seem to experience or appreciate the event? Or how about the person who is so upset about some aspect of his/her outfit or appearance that it ruins an event that they've been looking forward to? Or the person who is so stressed about making sure everyone at the party has such a good time that they stress everyone out and the party is less fun. The things we do to try to make an event better (capture the memories, look our best, organize things) can and often do get in the way of the most important things (enjoying the moment, being present for the ones we love, thinking about others, etc.)

These types of situations are all examples of troubled/misplaced priorities and we're all guilty of them quite often. And these are the type of mixed up means and ends that the story of Mary and Martha is getting at. Martha is mad because Mary is spending time with Jesus instead of helping take care of all of the official duties of hosting a guest. And Jesus basically asks Martha (and now us) to think about the following question: Which is more important, the formalities, or being present with and for one another? If being present and spending time is the most important thing, than all of the formalities of hosting should simply be seen as means to that end. But if the formalities get in the way of spending time with a loved one, then they're going to have to go. Once again, we have a story from scripture that asks us to think about which goals are most important and to ask whether any of our seemingly good behaviors are actually getting in the way.

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*"The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42*



Please remember **Robert Mullarkey and Angelina Cook** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

### FOOD-A-THON THANK YOU

The numbers are in! - Thank you for all those who donated time, service and/or made monetary donations to the recent Food-A-Thon. The Our Lady Immaculate Food Pantry received 3,136 pieces of food in addition to \$5,525.00 to support our pantry for another year! The Pantry is now approved for MEFAP and USDA so we are able to offer a wider variety of food to our clients. Thank You!!

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When we realize we are going to have company, my family and I swing into motion with a frenzy. No dust shall be present for our guests. The bathrooms will be spotless and toilets worthy of the name "throne." We must run to the store so that an endless supply of refreshments and snacks greet our distinguished guests. We never want to be seen as bad hosts and, of course the real reason for all the commotion, we never want to be seen in our natural habitat of messy rooms and barren kitchens.

But what is real hospitality, a necessity for encouraging good stewardship and developing a sense of belonging? In the Gospel of Luke, Mary knew. Martha was so busy preparing and serving, while Mary simply sat with Jesus and listened to him. This is not to say that she did not prepare for her Guest by making a proper place for gathering. But when a guest is already received, true hospitality begins with being present to and engaging him or her. Part of the message in this story is that we all need to pause and listen to the good news that Jesus preaches, but also we can learn a lesson about good hospitality from it as well.

How many times have we been more concerned with appearances and outward things than what we have inside each of us to share? Christian hospitality calls for the Jesus in me to meet with the Jesus in you. We are called to be fully present to one another, with no distractions of technology or the world standing in our way. This is choosing "the better part." For what does it profit a man if he has all the beer and wine in the world, and a spotless home with the greatest of technology, and loses his attention in the conversation with his brother or sister to the game on television? (Or something like that!)

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Our Lady Immaculate Parish welcomes **Gabriel David Nathaniel Boulet** with great joy into the faith community, the Catholic Church. Congratulations and may the flame of the Christian faith be alive in his heart.

### PARTNERS IN CHARITY

**Our Lady Immaculate** ~ Goal \$23,800 To Date: \$19,125

**St. Francis of Assisi** ~ Goal: \$5,300 To Date: \$1,665

**St. Peter's** ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$3,000

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,614.00; Bldg: \$258.00; Initial: \$5.00; Peter's Pence: \$5.00; SOFB: \$18.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-593.00

### SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$11.00; St. Peters: \$5.00; St. Francis: \$2.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$36,876.21 has been collected.

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$478.00; Monthly: \$70.00; Fuel: \$111.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-333.00

### RECYCLE DAY

Electronic, Appliance and Bicycle Recycle Day will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Saturday July 27th, 9am-2pm (Cash or personal checks accepted) Rain or Shine!! Electronics and Appliances (Charge: \$0 to \$35) ~ Bicycles (No Fee) Questions: Please contact Dennis Wood Tel: 508-277-7513.

### SAVE THE DATE

The St. Francis Christmas Fair and Bake Sale will be held in the church hall on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm ~ The St Francis Women's Guild will be meeting every other Sunday after 7 am Mass to discuss preparations for the upcoming Christmas Fair. For the summer meetings, the guild will meet at 8 am: July 21<sup>st</sup>; August 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>; and Sept 1<sup>st</sup> at McDonald's. Starting in September when breakfast starts again at St. Francis, meetings will begin at 9 am in the church hall on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>; and so forth. These meetings are subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Shatos at (978) 249-3638. Thank you!

### ST. PETER'S COLLECTION

Sunday: \$690.00; Building: \$105.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over: \$145.00

### FOOD PANTRY

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

**Jams / Jelly / Canned Chicken~Meat~Spam**

*JULY 21, 2019*

## Hymnal Readings: 900

Readings for the week of July 21, 2019

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



### Saturday, July 20th Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM OLI: +Joan Dubois by Normal Lively

### Sunday, July 21st 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM St. Francis: +Stephanie Krustapentus  
By her Family

9:00 AM St. Peters: All Parishioners

11:00 AM OLI: All Parishioners

### Monday, July 22nd St. Mary Magdalene

7:00 AM +Camille, Bibianne & Leo Boudreau  
By Francis

1030 AM QVHC: All Residents

### Tuesday, July 23rd

7:00 AM +Blanchard Family by the Family

### Wednesday, July 24th

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

### Saturday, July 27th Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM OLI: +Antoinette Etter by the Family

### Sunday, July 28th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM St. Francis: +Doherty & McHugh Families  
by Jacqueline Doherty

9:00 AM St. Peter's: All Parishioners

11:00 AM OLI: All Parishioners





*He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*

**SATURDAY 20th**

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

**MONDAY 22nd**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

10:30 AM Mass at Quabbin Valley Health Care

**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

**SATURDAY 27th**

9:00 AM Recycle Day at St. Francis until 2pm

4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

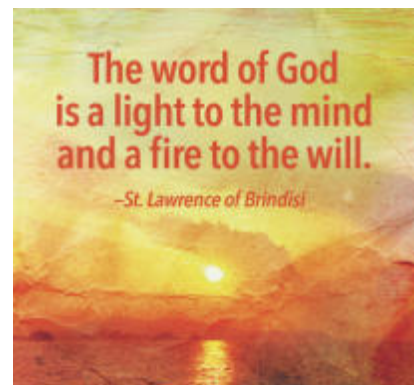
**SUNDAY 28th**

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





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