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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

Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

Christian Cormier, Maintenance



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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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

Most religions teach their people to engage in prayer to their god or gods. There are many religions and many kinds of prayers. The problem is that although they are engaging in a form of prayer, God is not necessarily responding to their prayers. They are not praying properly. They are praying to the wrong God. They are not praying for the right things. They are praying with the wrong motives. God will not pay attention to the prayers of the wicked who are praying for the wrong things. The prayer of the wicked are an abomination to God.

True prayer is valuable. Prayer that God responds to is important. Real prayer works. We need to learn how to pray properly!

What is prayer? Prayer is words (but can include thoughts or even emotions) that comes from a person who knows God, who is simply talking to God. But to pray properly, a human being must know God in the way he needs to know God. He must be in a right relationship with God, or moving in the direction of a right relationship with God.

Fr. Edwin

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*"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." ~ Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8*

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The First Saturday Devotion for August will be held at 8:00am on August 3rd at OLI. Every 13th of the month all members are invited to pray the Rosary at 6pm at the OLI Chapel. If the 13th falls on a Tuesday it will be held at 3pm.



Please remember Ina Maga, Armand Dugas and George Kenney who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

My father would always say to me when I was growing up, "Whatever is mine is yours." He was always very generous toward me and, if I am being truthful, probably spoiled me. We were not a rich family by any measure, but I never really wanted for anything. If I asked, I would receive.

In Luke 11, Jesus tells us our heavenly Father is similar to my father, but God is profoundly more generous. However, I am not sure many of us really believe that. When growing up we ask our earthly parents for all sorts of things, some requests being large but many being small. I know my own three children might ask me for anything at anytime. If God is more generous with me than I am with my own three children, how come I find myself mostly asking God for things when all my other options have run out or my back is against the wall? We make deals with God in our moment of despair or fear, but when things were great we asked for little or sometimes nothing at all.

We need God and his generosity 365 days a year. Better than that, God wants us to ask for things and learn to rely on him. There is no strength in walking in this world alone. God wants to be the source of all our strength. That is one reason why at every hour of the day, somewhere in the world, Mass is being celebrated and his children are receiving him in the holy Eucharist. If God can become man, die, and rise again, and then humble himself in the elements of bread and wine to be close to you, do you not think he will respond to your everyday simple requests? May God's generosity flow to you in great abundance for his love knows no limits.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### 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: \$1,299.00; Bldg: \$265.00; SOFB: \$41.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-901.00

### SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$24.00; St. Peters: \$15.00; 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: \$456.25; Renovation: \$10.00; Fuel: \$186.00; 2nd Fuel: \$87.25. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-262.50

### 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: \$663.00; Building: \$50..00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over: \$63.00



### FOOD PANTRY

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

***JULY 28, 2019***

## **Hymnal Readings: 903**

Readings for the week of July 28, 2019

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Jn  
11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
[8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt  
13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab  
[2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



### **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:** +Ina Maga  
by Terry L'Heureux & Family

### **Monday, July 29th**

7:00 AM All Parishioners

### **Tuesday, July 30th**

7:00 AM +Agnes Breton by Stella Murphy

### **Wednesday, July 31st**

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

### **Saturday, August 3rd**

8:00 AM All Parishioners

**Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +David Boudreau  
by the Barcomb Family

### **Sunday, August 4th 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Patricia Simkewicz  
by Marie Shatos

9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Reno & Natalie Brighenti  
By Don & Carol Ambrozy

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Evelyn Merron, 1st Ann.,  
By her Family



*Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

**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

**MONDAY 29th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 30th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

**WEDNESDAY 31st**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
9:00 AM Prayers to Our Lady at St. Francis

**SATURDAY 3rd**

8:00 AM First Saturday Mass & Devotion at OLI  
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



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