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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

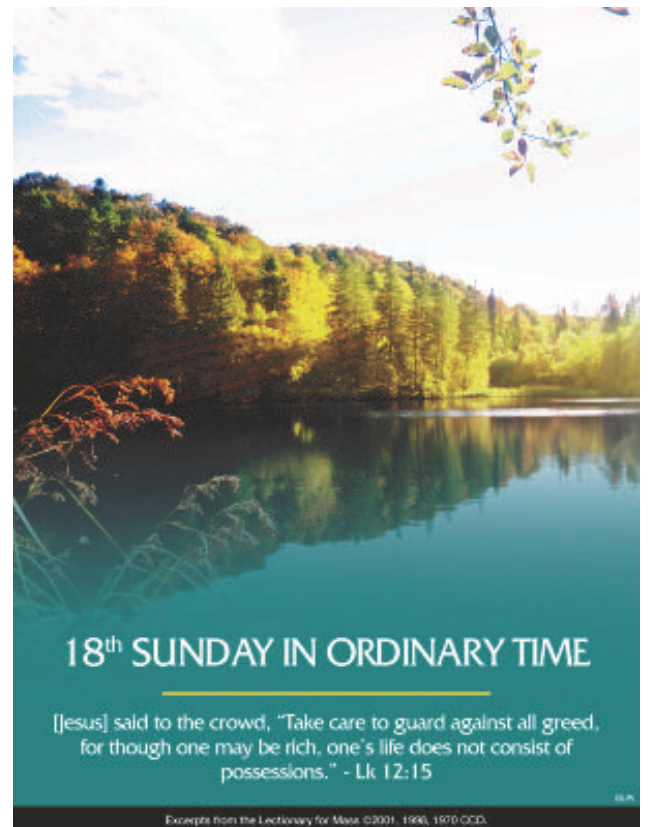
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Islay Boeri, CCD Administrator St. Peter

Terry Parker, Cindy Winters & Rene Gagliardi

Music Ministry

Christian Cormier, Maintenance



## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

## 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

## VANITY

*"Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!"*

It seems that from the beginning, the key word in the book of Ecclesiastes is *vanity*. This book has been accused of being a killjoy or religious pessimist. For today's world anything written in the negative is looked upon as ill-natured and offensive. Perhaps that's why so many people today know so little about Ecclesiastes. Contrary to popular opinion, the negative tone of Ecclesiastes is driving us to discover true and lasting joy in God.

We live in a culture that is filled with meaninglessness. When we have a massively popular website dedicated to bouncing cats where people will go and waste precious minutes and hours of life, there has to be some meaningful message in life worthy of our time – right? That is exactly what Solomon is trying to teach us. A life lived apart from God is vanity of vanities. It's like the pattern of the sun, the circuits of the wind, and the endless flowing streams – it seems meaningless.

Millions of people on planet Earth are starting off their Monday without hope in God. They are going through their morning routines and looking at their calendar which merely keeps them between the lines in this rat race of life. Their life is like the wind, it's here today and gone tomorrow. They search for meaning in the temporal successes of life, but once they achieve their goals, they realize it was merely temporal and then it's gone. The only hope for a ruined humanity is Jesus Christ. He is the only One who can provide newness to this monotonous cycle. In Christ there is true meaning and suddenly the life that appeared as vanity has lasting purpose and true value.

What is the chief end of man? According to the catechism, it's to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. A life lived in search of money and wisdom will end in vanity. A life lived for God is a life worth living.

*"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."*

- Lk 12:20-21



Please remember **John Aukstikalnis** who passed away recently, as well as his family. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE  
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
God Gives Us What We Need

A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn't have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times.

Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn't all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn't make our lives better either.

What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.

On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH FAIR**

Preparations for the upcoming OLI Church fair have begun. If you are willing to chair a booth or volunteer in any way, please call Gayle at the Rectory— Mark your calendars for October 5th!! 9-3 at the CCD Center.

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Precisely in an age when the inviolable rights of the person are solemnly proclaimed and the value of life is publicly affirmed, the very right to life is being denied or trampled upon, especially at the more significant moments of existence, the moment of birth and the moment of death.” ~ *Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae 1995,*

**FOOD PANTRY**

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

**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: \$1,666.50; Bldg: \$254.00; Memorial: \$805.00;  
SOFB: \$18.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Over: \$260.50

**SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD**

Our Lady: 8.00; St. Peters: \$10.00.

**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: \$520.00; Monthly: \$15.00; Renovation: \$20.00; Fuel: \$20.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-437.00

**120 RAFFLE – BENEFIT HEATING OIL**

The Women's Guild is sponsoring a 120 Raffle to help offset the estimated high cost of heating oil this winter for St. Francis. Tickets are \$20/ea and prizes range from \$500 to \$25. The drawing will take place on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>! If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Marie Shatos (978-249-3638) or any other member of the WG. Thank you in advance for your support!

**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: \$512.00; Building: \$15.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$123.00

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in making the Bake Table at the Petersham Band Concert such a success. We raised \$210.50. To all who baked over that tremendously hot weekend it was so appreciated.

**AUGUST 4, 2019**

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## **Hymnal Readings: 906**

Readings for the week of August 4, 2019

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



### **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

### **Monday, August 5th**

- 7:00 AM All Parishioners

### **Tuesday, August 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord**

- 7:00 AM +Bob Murphy by his Family

### **Wednesday, August 7th**

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

### **Saturday, August 10th Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 PM **OLI:** +Anthony Kaczmarczyk  
by the Family

### **Sunday, August 11th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Michael Aukstikalnis  
By Dick & Margaret White  
9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Richard Rousselle by his Wife  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Hedy Brault 7th Anniversary  
By her Family

*AUGUST 4, 2019*



*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**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

**MONDAY 5th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 6th**

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

**WEDNESDAY 7th**

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

**SATURDAY 10th**

4:00 PM 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





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