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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



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

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

SAD, TIRED AND ANGRY

A prayer in the face of gun violence

Almighty God, I come before you, once again, after another shooting. I am sad, God. So I ask you to receive into your loving care the souls of those who were killed, to care for those who were wounded or hurt in any way, to console the family members and friends of those who died or were wounded, to strengthen the hands of the rescue workers, medical professionals and caregivers.

I pray too for the shooter, as I must as a Christian.

All this makes me inexpressibly sad, God. But I know that the sadness I feel is your sadness. It is the same sadness your son expressed when he wept over the death of his friend Lazarus.

I am tired, God. I'm tired of the unwillingness to see this as an important issue. I'm tired of those in power who work to prevent any real change. I'm tired of those who say that gun violence can't be reduced. All this makes me tired. But I know that the tiredness I feel is your tiredness. It's the same tiredness that Jesus felt after his own struggles against injustice that led him to fall asleep on the boat with his disciples.

I am angry, God. I'm angry at the seeming powerlessness of our community to prevent this. I'm angry at the selfish financial interests who block change. I'm angry that these shootings happen at all. But I know that this anger is your anger. It's the same anger Jesus felt when he overturned the tables in the Temple, angry that anyone would be taken advantage of in any way. Help me see in these emotions your own desire for change. Help me see in these feelings your moving me to act. Help me see in these reactions your pushing me to do something. Because I know this is the way you move people to action. And I know that you desire action. For Jesus did not stand by while people were being hurt. He plunged into their lives.

So help me to answer these questions: How can I help? How can I fight against gun violence? How can I urge my political leaders to enact change? How can I help people understand that this is an issue about life?

I am sad over the loss of life, tired of excuses for the loss of life, and angry that we are paralyzed by the loss of life. So Turn my sadness into compassion. Turn my tiredness into advocacy. Turn my paralysis into the freedom to act. Help me to be compassionate, to advocate and to act, as your son did, Almighty God. Amen.

James Martin, SJ

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants." - Lk 12:37-38

ASSUMPTION OF MARY - A HOLY DAY

On August 15, the Church celebrates the belief that God assumed our Blessed Mother into heaven at the end of earthly life. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on the 14th at 7 pm a St. Francis and on the day at 12:10 pm at Our Lady.

WORD OF LIFE

We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. ... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you." ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

OFFICE CLOSING EARLY

For the month of August the Church Office will close at 12 Noon on Wednesdays. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

The Public Square Rosary will be held on October 12th at 12 Noon at Fish Park. Mark your calendars!!

ROSARY ON THE 13TH

Living Rosary members, as well as *all* parishioners, are reminded that the Rosary will be held at 3pm on Tuesday the 13th of August in the OLI Chapel.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Our Lady Immaculate ~ Goal \$23,800 To Date: \$19,620
St. Francis of Assisi ~ Goal: \$5,300 To Date: \$1,715
St. Peter's ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$3,000

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE
COLLECTION**

Sunday: \$1,849.50; Bldg: \$291.00; Memorial: \$260.00; Initial: \$10.00; Window: \$573.10. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-64.50

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$37,449.31 has been collected.

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.

FOOD PANTRY

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

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
COLLECTION**

Sunday: \$458.00; Renovation: \$75.00; Fuel: \$126.00; Initial: \$5.00; Eastern Europe: \$5.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-408.00

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 14th! 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

Back by Popular Demand is the St. Francis Women's Guild Rummage Sale! Saturday September 7, 2019 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Church Hall. Clothes & shoes, bedding, dishes, knick-knacks, & much more!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The St. Francis Christmas Fair and Bake Sale will be held in the church hall on Saturday, December 7th 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 21st; August 4th, 18th; and Sept 1st 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 15th and 29th; 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: \$573.00; Building: \$190.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over: \$113.00

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15th annual St. Peter's Church Golf Open is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th 2019 at Ellinwood Country Club, Athol, MA. Please take a moment to consider team/sponsor opportunities. There are flyers in the back of church.

Deadline for registration is September 1, 2019.

Time: Shotgun start @ 12:00 pm – Registration opens @ 11:00 a.m.. Format: Scramble. Fee: \$85.00 per person (includes greens fee, cart, & luncheon to follow). Four players per team – singles are welcome and will be placed on a team. For questions regarding the event, please email Mike at mschlosser@eastern.com or call 1-978-249-6175. Please Mail Payments to Mike Schlosser, 178 Nelson Rd., Petersham, MA 01366

AUGUST 11, 2019

Hymnal Readings: 909

Readings for the week of August 11, 2019

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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 [9a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



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

Monday, August 12th

7:00 AM All Parishioners

Tuesday, August 13th

7:00 AM +Blanchard Family by the Family

Wednesday, August 14th St. Maximilian Kolbe

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

7:00 PM **St. Francis:** Marie Jurgelonis Health &
Healing by Marie Shatos

Thursday, August 15th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12:10 PM **OLI:** +Ina Maga, Months Mind
By Peter & Loretta Hayden and Family

Saturday, August 17th Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Flora Duguay by the Richard Family

Sunday, August 18th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Patricia Simkewicz
by the St. Francis Women's Guild
9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Evelyn Laford
by Wes & Joyce Laford
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Edith, Joseph & Edward Hanlon
By the Family



Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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

MONDAY 12th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 13th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

WEDNESDAY 14th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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

7:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. Francis

THURSDAY 15th

12:10 PM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 17th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 18th

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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