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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



20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## 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 gospel today presents Jesus as a troublemaker. The fire of his message and love will divide people. Even in families, as the early community well knew. Maybe it was like the civil war in any country puts brothers against brothers, and family members against each other.

Religion, even the following of Jesus, has divided people. In many lands, wars raged for many years and a mixture of politics, greed and religion was involved, but the religious sense was not strong enough to make peace for many years.

There is opposition to the values of Jesus in situations like abortion, euthanasia, sexuality, family, migration and asylum, and others. People have put themselves in danger in many countries for these, and for the right to religious freedom. There have been more martyrs for Christian faith in the last 100 years than in the history of the church. Jesus causes trouble, not because he wants to, but because his message threatens their safety and security.

Jesus causes division too within us. There are the desires in us for all the good ideas and values of Jesus, and desires that go the opposite. St Ignatius highlights that wealth, honor and pride and deflect us off the path of Jesus. Don't we know this well?

Jesus knew the joy of following through on what is right and loving, even to death. This is the call and the joy of the follower of Jesus. Knowing that we are forgiven for all by an understanding God we can push forward to following as best we can the Lord of life, Jesus Christ.

Give me the strength of your good Spirit O Lord, to live according to your gospel.

*"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three."*

- Lk 12:50-52



Please remember Evelyn King, Mary McCollum, Edwin Johnson and Jean Garbarino who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

**WORD OF LIFE**

"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's capacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. ~USCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

**OFFICE CLOSING EARLY**

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**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

**FOOTSTEPS FOR FRED**

On September 8th, the Richard's family will join thousands of others at the Cape Cod Canal to walk to raise funds for ALS research in Fred's Memory. While employed at OLI, Fred lost his battle with ALS in 2005 just 4 months after being diagnosed. This will be the 15th year the family has done this walk and is committed to raising \$1,250.00 for this worthy cause. Any one wishing to make a donation can send a check payable to *ALS FAMILY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION* to Edna Richards, 296 Crescent Street, Athol. Thank you for your support.

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
COLLECTION**

Sunday: \$2,465.50; Bldg: \$224.00; Memorial: \$150.00; Fuel: \$15.00; Holy Day: \$10.00; Europe: \$53.00; SOFB: \$71.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Over: \$389.50

**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.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
COLLECTION**

Sunday: \$652.00; Monthly: \$20.00; Renovation: \$25.00; Fuel: \$150.00; Holy Day: \$5.00; Eastern Europe: \$97.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-170.00

**120 RAFFLE – BENEFIT HEATING OIL**

The St. Francis 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!

**ST. FRANCIS RUMMAGE SALE**

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 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm ~ The St Francis Women's Guild will meet bi-weekly on: Aug 18th, Sept. 1st, 15th & 29th etc. (location TBD) to discuss preparations for the upcoming Christmas Fair. 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: \$526.00; Building: \$15.00; Europe: \$12.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$-109.00

**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](mailto:mschlosser@eastern.com) or call 1-978-249-6175. Please Mail Payments to Mike Schlosser, 178 Nelson Rd., Petersham, MA 01366

**FOOD PANTRY**

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

**AUGUST 18, 2019**

## **Hymnal Readings: 912**

Readings for the week of August 18, 2019

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



### **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

### **Monday, August 19th**

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

### **Tuesday, August 20th St. Bernard**

7:00 AM +Robert Mullarkey by Joe & Ruth Labrie

### **Wednesday, August 21st St. Pius X**

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

### **Saturday, August 24th Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Wilbert Godin by his Wife & Family

### **Sunday, August 25th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** Marie Jurgelonis Health &  
Healing by the Knights of Lithuania

9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Arlene Chase and Evelyn  
Blanchard by their daughters

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Frank & Marcella Koczan  
By the Family

*AUGUST 18, 2019*



*Lord, come to my aid!*

**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

**MONDAY 19th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 20th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

**WEDNESDAY 21st**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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

**SATURDAY 24th**

4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

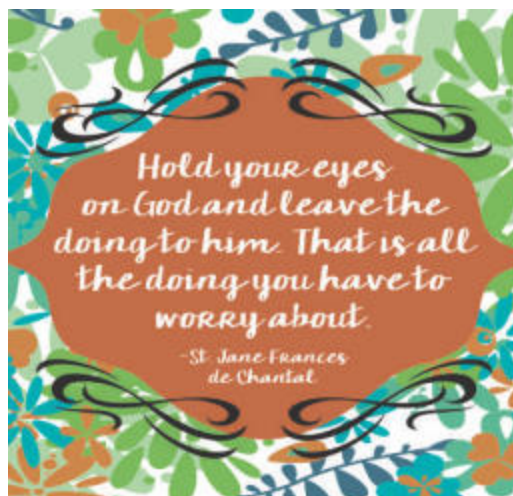
**SUNDAY 25th**

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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