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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:

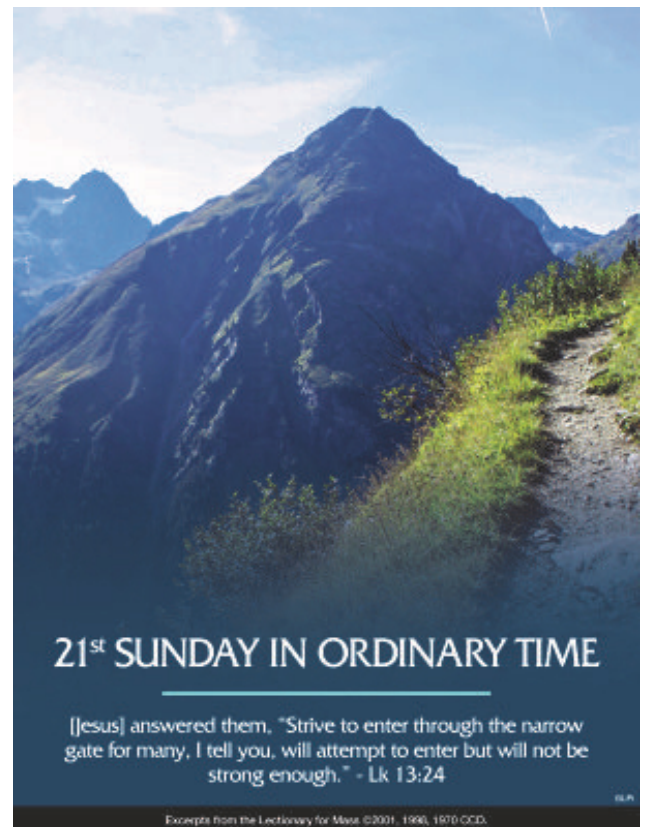
Lord's Day ~ 9:00am

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



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate"

The narrow gate is an interesting image. Only the essentials would get in and out. In the times a camel with all its load wouldn't fit. Jesus is reminding us of how little we really need. Being with him, we can live in some simplicity. Baggage... that can burden us — go to an airport and if you have little you get through quick. The little ways we build ourselves up to be important! St Ignatius lists three things that block us from God and from living the really alive life — obsessions with wealthy, honor and pride. Wealth — would it be the burden of debts for money we really didn't need? Wanting to have the best. Honor — demanding others look up to us. Always feeling we have to be first and best, even how we dress and look. Pride — that we are in charge of our lives. Then we have less room for God.

The narrow gate is the happy gate. One of our pictures of it is of someone dancing in the narrow gate in Jerusalem. We need little to be happy. We need the rest to be satisfied. We can even have too much religious baggage. Too many rituals and prayers and not enough love and compassion. We can stuff ourselves with rituals and rightness and forget compassion. But is it really narrow? The gospel and the first reading — when we live simply there is room for everyone. And the strangest of people will move in with us. It's not really narrow — for all are to get through.

Jesus invites us to meet him at this narrow gate and be less cluttered. Then we walk with him, and will need no more.

MISSIONARY PRIEST

Please, welcome Fr. Maximilian Buluma from the Archdiocese of Mwanza, Tanzania who is coming on behalf of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This Society is an international association coordinating assistance for Catholic missionary priests, brothers, and nuns in mission areas. Fr. Buluma will preach at all Masses next weekend and conduct an appeal for the support of his home Archdiocese in Tanzania. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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"Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate."

~ Lk 13:22-24a



Our Lady Immaculate Parish welcomes **Sophie Ruth Germain** with great joy into the faith community, the Catholic Church. Congratulations and may the flame of the Christian faith be alive in her heart.

**WORD OF LIFE**

"Within the 'people of life and the people for life', the family has a decisive responsibility. This responsibility flows from its very nature as a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, and from its mission to 'guard, reveal and communicate love' (The Gospel of Life, no. 92). ~Citing John Paul II, *Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortio* (Nov 22, 1981).

**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: \$3,100

**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: \$1,577.50; Bldg: \$285.00; Holy Day: \$283.60; Initial: \$132.00; Europe: \$5.00; SOFB: \$39.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-602.50

**SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD**

Our Lady: \$29.00; St. Peters: \$10.00.

**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: \$558.00; Monthly: \$50.00; Fuel: \$151.00; 2nd Fuel: \$87.00; Holy Day: \$145.00; Eastern Europe: \$10.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-146.00

**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: \$604.75; Holy Day: \$25.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$-45.25

**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 25, 2019*

## Hymnal Readings: 915

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf.  
4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt  
23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk  
6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf.  
11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



### 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

### Monday, August 26th

7:00 AM +Ina Maga by the Farrar Family

10:30 AM **QVHC:** All Residents

### Tuesday, August 27th St. Monica

7:00 AM +Blanchard Family by the Family

### Wednesday, August 28th St. Augustine

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

### Saturday, August 31st Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Alphonse Chartier, Jr.  
by Rita Chiasson

### Sunday, September 1st 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +M/M Paul Shatos  
by Marie Shatos

9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Laurel Babineau  
By Stephen Babineau

11:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners





*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*

**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

**MONDAY 26th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

10:30 AM Mass at Quabbin Valley Health Care

**TUESDAY 27th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

**WEDNESDAY 28th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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

**SATURDAY 31st**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 1st**

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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