

# NORTH QUABBIN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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



22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCD.

## 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 GOSPEL

The gospel today is about getting the top places, and being invited among important people. We realize that Jesus' way of looking on what is important is different. The story is about where we get a sense of your own value? Goes back to how we feel and think about ourselves, and where this comes from. We can think we are not much good. Even the church often gave us a poor sense of ourselves.

We bow before God not in lowliness but because we know who we are with God. Real humility is knowing and loving my real self. We get a sense of who we are from God as well as from love in our lives. The more we know we are loved by God, the more we love ourselves, because God and we are linked in our personalities. Loving God is loving the God within us who loves us!

A good sense of self cannot be found without God. The spark of love in each of us is a flame of God. Found also in love, friendship and success but there is a God-given sense of self. Anyone who gives a talk on love of self and human dignity and omits God is like believing the world is square.

We also get a sense of self by our loving others. St Ignatius asked each day, 'Who can I help today? A memory of doing well for another enhances our view of ourselves. Our good sense of ourselves is in being loved and loving; of letting God in and going out with him. Bow before communion – in joy and humility.

## 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 this weekend and conduct an appeal for the support of his home Archdiocese in Tanzania. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited...and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place."

- Lk 14:8bc, 9



Due to the Labor Day holiday, mass will be celebrated at 8am on Monday, September 2nd. The Church office will be closed ~ normal office hours resume on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

**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**

Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

**SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD**

Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

**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.

**ADULT EDUCATION/BIBLE STUDY**

“The Eucharist in Scripture” by Dr. Scott Hahn

Beginning September 19th, “The Eucharist in Scripture” Bible Study series will begin at the CCD Center at 7pm and will run for 7 weeks. Registration will be after the 11am mass at OLI Sept 1st & 8th. Fee is \$15.00. For more information please call Sharon Maher at 978-400-6460. All are welcome!!

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

The First Saturday Devotion for September will be held at 8:00am on September 7th 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.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
COLLECTION**

Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

**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**

Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

**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**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

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## **Hymnal Readings: 918**

Readings for the week of September 1, 2019

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk  
4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



### **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

### **Monday, September 2nd**

8:00 AM All Parishioners

### **Tuesday, September 3rd St. Gregory the Great**

7:00 AM +Blanchard Family by the Family

### **Wednesday, September 4th**

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

### **Saturday, September 7th**

8:00 AM All Parishioners

**Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Andy Bosco by the Family

### **Sunday, September 8th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Ann Natale by the Family

9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Richard Rousselle  
by his Family

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Ina Maga  
by Irene Roussel and Diane Newton



*God, in your goodness, you have made  
a home for the poor.*

**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

**MONDAY 2nd**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 3rd**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

**WEDNESDAY 4th**

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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

**SATURDAY 7th**

4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 8th**

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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