

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



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

In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to imbibe his spirit of commitment and sacrifice in order to be true His true disciples. He says: "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife...and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple." What does Christ mean by "hating"? He simply teaches and call us to us to learn to make sacrifice, and to be committed to our missions and calls.

Christ is not literally calling us to hate the members of our family in order to be his disciples. He loved and obeyed his own parents. Also, His mother Mary was one of His first and best disciples. So, we too must love members of our family. He is not in any way preaching the gospel of hatred. Rather, he wants us to be more committed to his ministry. He wants us to be willing to sacrifice our own comfort whenever duty calls.

To be Christ's disciple, means being ready to make sacrifices. Carrying our cross and following Christ also means o means subduing our own will in order to do His Will. That is, being ready to give up anything. Without commitment and sacrifice, we remain attached to our will, and so, cannot be true disciples of Christ. Without it, we cannot see the needs of others.

Finally, commitment and sacrifice help us to give up anything in order to gain all. It disposes us to be better disciples of Christ. It helps us to be better husbands, wives, parents, and children. It helps us to be better leaders and even servants. In the spirit of commitment and sacrifice, the wisdom of God becomes fully alive and active in us. It also helps us deepen our trust in God's divine providence and protection. Hence, we can confidently proclaim: "O Lord you have been my refuge from one generation to the next".

RCIA ~ RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

All adults who are open to learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive or complete their Christian Initiation are welcome to join the RCIA program that will begin in October. This process can be applied to: unbaptized, baptized in another Christian Church and wish to join the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information and registration please contact Fr. Edwin

MISSIONARY COLLECTION

Thank you to all those who contributed to the collection for support Fr. Maximilian Buluma and the Propagation of the Faith.

Our Lady Immaculate: \$799.70 ~ St. Francis of Assisi: \$200.00
St. Peter: \$178.00 ~ 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: \$19,920
St. Francis of Assisi ~ Goal: \$5,300 To Date: \$1,715
St. Peter's ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$3,100

FOOD PANTRY

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

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

8-25-19 ~ Sunday: \$1,460.50; Bldg: \$230.00; Fuel: \$20.00; Holy Day: \$6.00; Initial: \$72.00; SOFB: \$61.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-798.50

9-1-19 ~ Sunday: \$1,908.50; Bldg: \$275.00; Initial: \$25.00; SOFB: \$524.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under -\$281.50

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

8-25-19 ~ Our Lady: 22.00; St. Peters: \$10.00; St. Francis: \$29.00
9-1-19 ~ Our Lady: 12.00; St. Peters: \$5.00; St. Francis: \$7.00;
Individual: \$500.00

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'S FAIR!!!

The Our Lady Immaculate Church Fair will take place on Saturday, October 5th from 9am-3pm at the **CCD Center**. If you can help in any way please contact a chairperson or call Gayle at 978-249-2738.

Center Table/Quilt—Gayle Bassett ~249-2738

Children's Table—Elaine LeBlanc ~249-2016

Baked Goods—Kristin Riordon—978-575-0146

Fudge—Irene Drozdowski—978-660-0334

Eatery—Bob Sisson—978-249-7603

Crafts/Knitted—Kathy Bryce ~ 249-3771

Hannaford/Walmart—Mallet Family Donation Thank You

Hoover Carpet Cleaner—Donation

Religious—Brenda Black

CCD—Irene Inniss ~978-502-3575

QUILT RAFFLE

Take a look at the choir loft to see this years Fair Quilt. Tickets will be on sale after masses at OLI the weekends of September 15th & 22nd. Tickets are \$2.00 per chance or 3 chances for \$5.00

FUDGE FUDGE FUDGE!!!

We are beginning to accept donations to help the Fudge Table. Ingredients needed are: White Sugar, Light Brown Sugar, Marshmallow Fluff, Creamy and Chunky Peanut Butter, Real Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips, Canned Evaporated Milk. Items can be dropped off at the Church Office marked "Fudge".

CENTER TABLE/CHILDREN'S TABLE

We are now accepting donations for the Center Table Chinese Auction and the Children's Table Auction. **BRAND NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE.** Items can be dropped off at the Church Office marked "Auction" THANK YOU!!

APPLE CRISP

Donations are being accepted for the Apple Crisp. Regular Oatmeal, Apples, White and Brown Sugar and Margarine (tubs) are needed. Deliver to the Rectory M,T,W before 3:30pm.

EATERY

Please contact Bob if you can help in the kitchen. Also, anyone wishing to donate money to help offset the cost of food can do so by sending it to the Rectory marked "Eatery". Thank you.

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 after the 11am mass at OLI Sept. 8th. Fee is \$15.00. For more information call Sharon at 978-400-6460.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

8-25-19 ~ Sunday: \$677.00; Monthly: \$77.00; Fuel: \$133.00; Holy Day: \$20.00; Initial: \$30.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-105.00
9-1-19 ~ Sunday: \$508.00; Monthly: \$5.00; Renovation: \$50.00; Fuel: \$126.00; Holy Day: \$5.00; Initial: \$30.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-323.00

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

The K of L will meet on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 1pm at the Lithuanian Club on Kendall Pond in Gardner. All are invited.

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 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!

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 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

8-25-19 ~ Sunday: \$594.00; Building: \$175.00; Holy Day: \$5.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over: \$119.00

9-1-19 ~ Sunday: \$446.00; Building: \$78.00; Initial: \$25.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$-126.00

ST. PETER'S CCD

This year CCD classes will be held every other Tuesday after school from 3pm to 5pm. Grades 1 through 7 will meet in the church hall. Registration forms have been sent out. If there are any questions please contact Islay Boeri at 978-724-0205 or email iboeri@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Peter's Church 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Peter's Church will hold its 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday December 14th from 10am to 2pm in the Church Hall. Homemade Cookies, Homemade Fudge, Baked Goods, Christmas Greens- Swags, Holiday Gifts and many more items. Helpers are appreciated and are invited to attend bazaar workshops on Mondays (time to be determined). Contact Islay Boeri with any questions 978-724-0205.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Hymnal Readings: 921

Readings for the week of September 8, 2019

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

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



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:** All Parishioners

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

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

Monday, September 9th St. Peter Claver

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

Tuesday, September 10th

7:00 AM +Frank & Evelyn Farnello by Stella Murphy

Wednesday, September 11th

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

Saturday, Sept. 14th Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Charles Young, 18th Anniversary
By his Family

Sunday, September 15th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Margaret Shatos 4th Ann.
By Marie Shatos

9:00 AM **St. Peters:** +Elizabeth, Tuffield, & Reta
Laford by Wes & Joyce Laford

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Fran Grucan
by Sam & Joan Kaczmarczyk



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

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

MONDAY 9th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 10th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

3:00PM St. Peter's CCD

WEDNESDAY 11th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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

SATURDAY 14th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 15th

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



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

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