

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



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,
who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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

No doubt we are all familiar with the phrase money is the root of all evil. However, this is not correct. In 1 Timothy 6.10, the phrase is actually the love of money is the root of all evil!

There is nothing g wrong with money itself. It is how we use, misuse or abuse money that causes problems for ourselves and others. How we use and spend our money says a lot about who we are and how we treat others.

When Jesus speaks to us, a reminder about the poor and the needy are always included. Through the words of the prophet of Amos in the first reading this Sunday, we are reminded and challenged not to abuse or cheat in any way those who are poor. Jesus continues this message in the gospel. He tells the parable which sounds like he is encouraging dishonesty. A servant who looks after his master's property is accused of misusing it. He is sacked, but before he leaves he has to hand in his final account. He takes this time to rearrange his master's account with those own him money. He reduces their debts and loans and by the time he is finished, the merchants end up owing him for his cleverness. When it mattered most, this clever steward wastes no time in taking immediate and practical action to safeguard his own future. Jesus is not praising this man for his dishonesty and shrewdness, but for his skill in coping with a crisis quickly. Again, this in no way is encouraging and promoting the misuse of money. If this (dishonest) man can use his master's money to ensure his own job, how much more will those who are honest use their money to promote and build the Kingdom. This is not saying that you can buy your way into the Kingdom. It is to recognize that if our money and wealth are used inappropriately or are not connected to the values of Jesus, the gospel and the Kingdom, then people suffer, usually the poor. How we use money and treat each other says a lot about the quality of relationship with Jesus. If money talks, what do I hear my money saying to me?

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.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY



The Public Square Rosary will be held on October 12th at 12Noon at Fish Park. For more information please contact Cora Maramag at 978-249-9569 or 978-857- 8306.

Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

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

CEMETERY CLEANUP

On Monday, September 30th, fall cleanup will begin at Gethsemane Cemetery. Please have all flowers, plants, pots and decorations removed by Sunday, September 29th. Thank you.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,580.50; Bldg: \$297.00; Fuel: \$259.00; CCD: \$15.00; SOFB: \$48.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under -\$328.50

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: 38.00; St. Peters: \$10.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$38,006.31 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

CCD Family Raffle Basket—Irene Inniss ~978-502-3575

QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale after masses at OLI this weekend. Tickets are \$2.00 per chance or 3 chances for \$5.00

FUDGE FUDGE FUDGE!!!

We are now accepting 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. Suggestions include household items such as bedding, towels, cookware, dishware, wall art, games, toys, stuffed animals, dolls.** Items can be dropped off at the Church Office marked "Auction" THANK YOU!!

APPLE CRISP

Donations are being accepted for the Apple Crisp. 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.

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Sharing Our Father's Bread will begin the meal service on Wednesday, September 25th.

PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE

Abortion kills an innocent human life and we, as Catholics (Christians), are called by God to protect His precious gift of life. **Did you know that your tax dollars are begin used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts?** Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this. Next weekend, volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions (website: www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org) will be collecting signatures on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are not longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. **Please stop and sign** this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Register now! ~ All women are invited to this exciting Conference, to be held at Assumption College on Saturday, November 23. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S.; Michelle Schmidt; Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God, O.S.B.; and Tim Francis. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For more information, visit our website at www.worcestercatholicwomensconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$501.00; Monthly: \$45.00; Renovation: \$42.00; Fuel: \$150.00; 2nd Fuel: \$87.25. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-208.75

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

The K of L will meet on Sunday, Oct 6th at the Lithuanian Club in Gardner. Members are invited to attend this dinner meeting.

120 RAFFLE – WINNERS

\$500 ~ Sam Kaczmarczyk, \$250 ~ Bob Hunter, \$100 ~ Bob Barcomb, \$50 ~ Kathy Belsky & Richard Gatautis, \$25 ~ Eric DeHays, Peg Morin, Oli Paoletti, & Jim Stasiunas. Thank you again for your support.

ANIMAL FOOD DRIVE

St. Francis will be sponsoring an animal food drive during the month of October in honor of our patron saint, St. Francis. A basket will be put in the back of the church where cans or bags of cat and dog food can be placed. The drive will begin Sunday September 29th but donations will be accepted prior to this date.

ST. PETER'S COLLECTION

Sunday: \$561.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$-89.00
ST. PETER'S APPEAL ~ Goal: \$6000—to Date: \$1,100.00

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 22, 2019

Hymnal Readings: 927

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



Saturday, Sept. 21st Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM OLI: +Mary Blake by the Family

Sunday, September 22nd 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM St. Francis: +Ina Maga by Marie Shatos

9:00 AM St. Peter's: +Dominic Gingras Sr.
By his Family

11:00 AM OLI: +Etienne Lozier by his Family

Monday, September 23rd St. Pius of Pietrelcina

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

10:30 AM All Residents

Tuesday, September 24th

7:00 AM +J. Francis, Norma C. and Jennifer Powers
by Ann Powers

Wednesday, September 25th

7:00 AM +Ida Hayden by the Family

Saturday, Sept. 28th Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM OLI: +Richard Stone & Mary Marquis
By the Family

Sunday, September 29th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM St. Francis: +Jennie Barrieau, 1st Ann.,
By Mark & Christine Barrieau

9:00 AM St. Peters: +George McGrath by his Family

11:00 AM OLI: +Gloria Magnuson by her Family





Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SATURDAY 21st

4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 22nd

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 23rd

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

10:30 AM Mass at QVHC

TUESDAY 24th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

3:00 PM St. Peters CCD

WEDNESDAY 25th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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

5:00 PM Sharing Our Fathers Bread Meal Program

6:00 PM OLI CCD REGISTRATION NIGHT

SATURDAY 28th

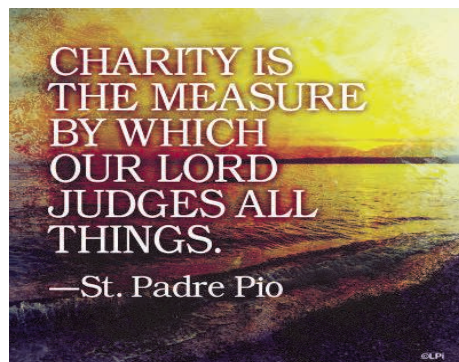
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 29th

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9:00 AM Mass at St. Peter's Church

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate



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