

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 ~ 8am M, T, W
First Saturday ~ 8:00am

Confessions:

Tuesdays ~ 7:00pm -7:30 pm

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Tuesday ~ 2:00pm -3:00pm

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

101 Main Street, Athol MA 01331

Masses:

Lord's Day ~8:00am
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

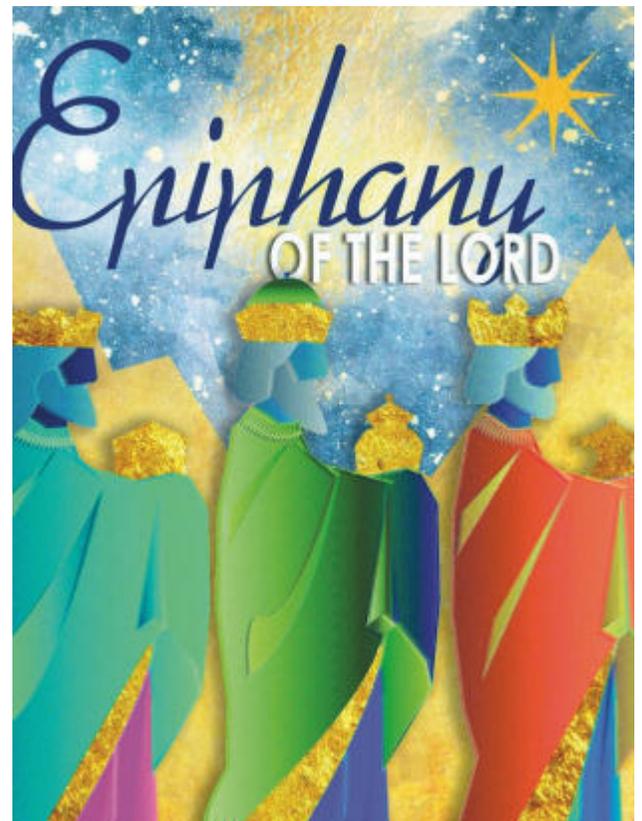
18 North Street
Petersham MA 01366

Mass:

Lord's Day ~ 9:30am

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 3pm at OLI



Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

Gayle Bassett, Secretary

Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator
& Safe Environment Coordinator

Rene Gagliardi, Cindy Winters
& Lori Hunt-Peterson
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

Temporarily Suspended—thank you.

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

One of the great traditions of the holiday season is the music. Many of you have heard the song “The 12 Days of Christmas.” It is a classic. But not everybody is familiar with the real 12 days of Christmas. In the church, the Christmas season actually begins the day after Christmas and ends 12 days later. Today, on the twelfth day of Christmas, we conclude this wonderful time of year by celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany.

In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus was born as the Son of God. Today’s gospel illustrates this revelation through the story of the three wise men who traveled to visit Jesus following his birth.

They embarked on a journey of faith, following the star of Bethlehem until they reached the manger where Jesus laid. They brought gifts that symbolized their revelation of his divinity: gold, which associated Jesus as a king. Frankincense, which was often used in worship, to symbolize the holiness of Jesus. And myrrh, a perfume used for embalming, which symbolized that Christ would one day die for our sins.

As we start a new calendar year, it’s a time of rejuvenation for many of us. A chance for a new beginning. A chance to discover new things and make our own revelations. As the wise men in today’s gospel did, continue to follow your faith throughout this year. The wise men had a revelation that the Son of God was coming, and they were not afraid to follow their hearts. Don’t be afraid to follow your heart when you hear God’s call. May you spend your year joyously making new discoveries around every corner.



SUNDAY MASS DISPENSATION

Due to the current pandemic, Bishop Robert McManus has made the decision to extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation for people living in or visiting the Diocese of Worcester until the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021.

COVID-19 VACCINES

On December 14, the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded: "In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

"Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be "more morally compromised" and consequently concluded that this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available. "It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others," the bishop chairmen stated. "In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine."

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research."

PARISH APPEALS

The 2020 Parish Appeals are now underway. Please consider making a contribution to keep our parishes fiscally viable. Contributions can be mailed to the Church Office or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Our Lady Goal: **\$20,000** ~ by December 31st
To Date: \$25,337.54

St. Francis Goal: **\$5,000** ~ by December 31st
To Date: \$8,425.00

St. Peter: **No Goal** ~ by Thanksgiving
Raised: \$6,400.00 ~ Thank You!!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been part of our church community for over 10 years. We are a small group of women that share our talents and time to create beautiful shawls for anyone in need of prayer; whether the need is for comfort, healing, or support in life's ups and downs, we feel we share God's healing touch with each shawl.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping this ministry, we welcome all. We are not meeting in person at this time, but if you are interested in joining us please email Rebecca at rrichards282@gmail.com with your name and we can send you the google meet link. We meet the 2nd and 4th week of the month.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

12-27-20 ~ Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$44,705.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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SHOE DRIVE

St. Francis will continue to collect used, gently used or new shoes. A container for your shoe donations with "SHOES for SHOE DRIVE" will be placed under the stairs going into the sacristy in the back of the church and will be checked daily. In coordination with Funds2Orgs, the shoes collected will go directly to small business owners or micro enterprises in 25 different developing countries where they are sold in their local community. The shoes provide opportunities for microentrepreneurs to support their families and create a path out of poverty. Funds2Orgs is the leader of the shoe drive fundraisers. Thank You!

ST. PETER'S

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SCHEDULE CHANGES

For the time being, there will be no Masses held at St. Peter's Church in Petersham. Confessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7-7:30pm in the OLI Chapel. Thank you.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements for 2020 will be available for those in the Cluster that use the envelope system for their contributions. Please call the church office and leave your Name, Address and Church and a letter will be mailed to you before Jan 31st.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember **Joan Castine and Louis Mrvicin** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

JANUARY 3, 2020

Hymnal Readings: 803

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



Saturday, January 2nd

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Vincent Cianci by a Friend

Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Pamela & Dennis Lence

By Charles & Paula Thibault

Sunday, January 3rd **The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Elaine Bartus
by Dr. Jim & Ruth Couture

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Emerenciana Yandoc, 8th Ann.
By her Family

Monday, January 4th **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

8:00 AM **OLI:** All parishioners

Tuesday, January 5th **St. John Neuman, Bishop**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +All parishioners

Wednesday, January 6th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Marcial & Emerenciana Yandoc
by the Family

Saturday, January 9th **Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Arthur Chiasson by his Wife

Sunday, January 10th **The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Amelia & Paul Watkevich
By Emilie Krustapentus

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Eddie Fredette by Jackie Paluilis

JANUARY 3, 2020



Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SATURDAY 2nd

8:00 AM First Saturday Devotion at OLI
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 3rd

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

MONDAY 4th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 5th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
2:00 PM Holy Hour with Adoration at OLI
7:00 PM Confessions at OLI Chapel until 8pm

WEDNESDAY 6th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 9th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 10th

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate



FOOD PANTRY

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