

# 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:

Saturday ~ 3pm, First Saturday ~ 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesday ~ 8:30am-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 ~ 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

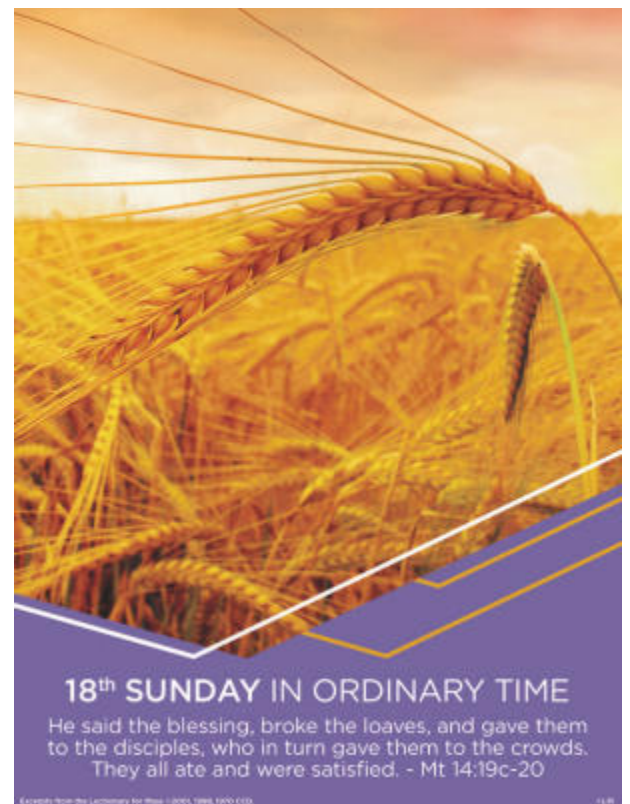
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

Gayle Bassett, Secretary

Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator  
& Safe Environment Coordinator

Robert Lemoine, Cindy Winters & Rene Gagliardi  
Music Ministry

Christian Cormier, Maintenance



18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them  
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.  
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

## 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

*"As much as they wanted"* ... These times we find ourselves listening to news, reading about it and so often saying to ourselves: bad! bad! We picture parents struggling to get money to buy food to feed hungry children. I am sure many is the time there is simply no money, so no food. Until when? Only God knows!

In our Readings today, we hear much about the reverse side of the coin. We meet someone who has the power to give us food, all the food we would want. And no money needed. "Though you have no money, come! Listen to me and you will have good things to eat" (Isaiah 55) Sounds too good to be true! But it is not just anyone who is calling. It is the Lord himself, opening wide His hand. "You open wide your hand, Grant the desire of all who live" – Psalm 144  
The Gospel tells us of the 5,000 plus: "They all ate as much as they wanted". From the wine at the wedding feast to the crowds that day out in the open country, there would be no rationing with the Lord.

The hunger in our world today is all too real and painful. But there are other hungers too -hunger for peace and security, hunger for help and comfort in difficulties and, perhaps the strangest and deepest of all, the hunger for happiness.

"As much as they wanted"... Where does your wanting, your hunger lie? Perhaps it is not all that obvious to you? The offers of today's Readings do not come any better in this life of ours. Why not reach out for them?

## MAGNIFICAT

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## FOOD PANTRY

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

## THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

*You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.*

The Second Commandment prescribes respect for the Lord's name. Among all the words of Revelation there is one which is unique: the revealed name of God. God confides his name to those who believe in him. The gift of a name belongs to the order of trust and intimacy. "The Lord's name is holy." For this reason, man must not abuse it. He must keep it in mind in silent, loving adoration. He will not introduce it into his own speech except to bless, praise and glorify it.

The Second Commandment commands:

Us to always speak with reverence of God, of the saints, and of holy things, and to be truthful in taking oaths and faithful to them and to our vows.

The Second Commandment forbids:

All irreverence towards God's most holy name, such as:

- Cursing [calling down evil on someone]
- Profane swearing. [foul and vulgar talk; four-letter words]
- Blasphemy [words of hatred, reproach or defiance against God; speaking ill of God, the Church, the Saints and sacred things; use of God's name to cover up criminal practices, reduce peoples to servitude, to torture persons or put them to death] ??False, unlawful and unnecessary oaths. [calling on God to witness the truth of what we say]
- Membership in societies condemned by the Church [Satanic cults, Freemasonry, etc.]
- Breaking or deferring lawful vows [promises, marriage vows, vows taken by priests and those in the religious life, vows taken by public servants, etc.]

Irreverence at Mass, and in churches and holy places even when service is not going on.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!" ~Pope Francis 2020 Easter Vigil Homily

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 Partners in Charity Appeal. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

Our Lady Immaculate – Goal: \$23,800 – To Date: \$15,440

St. Francis of Assisi – Goal: \$5,300 – To Date: \$1,525

St. Peter Church – Goal: \$6,000 – To Date: \$3,025

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

7-26-20 ~ Sunday: \$1,319.50; Building: \$127.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$42,581.51 has been collected.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### COLLECTION

7-26-20 ~ Sunday: \$261.00; Monthly: \$10.00; Renovation: \$25.00; Fuel: \$25.00.

## ST. PETER'S

### COLLECTION

7-26-20 ~ Sunday: \$515.00; Building: \$5.00.

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

For the time being, there will be no Masses held at St. Peter's Church in Petersham. Tuesday Adoration is also suspended until further notice. Confessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7-8pm in the OLI Chapel. Thank you.



*AUGUST 2, 2020*

## Hymnal Readings: 904

### Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



### Saturday, August 1st

8:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners

**Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Patricia, Edward & Judith Horrigan  
by the Family

### Sunday, August 2nd 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Mylda Stasiunas  
by Dc. Jim & Ruth Couture  
+Mylda Stasiunas by Bronislava Gailiuniene

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Marcella Koczan by her Family  
+Carole Landry (5/31) by the Family

### Monday, August 3rd

8:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners

### Tuesday, August 4th St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Blanchard Family by the Family

### Wednesday, August 5th

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

### Saturday, August 8th Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Anthony Kaczmarczyk  
by the Family  
+Peter Markunas (5/30)  
By Paul & Deb Kuzmeskas

### Sunday, August 9th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Keith Orzechowski  
By Christine & Mark Barrieau

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Evelyn Merron by the Family

*AUGUST 2, 2020*



*The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs*

**SATURDAY 1st**

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

**SUNDAY 2nd**

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

**MONDAY 3rd**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 4th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
7:00 PM Confessions at OLI Chapel until 8pm

**WEDNESDAY 5th**

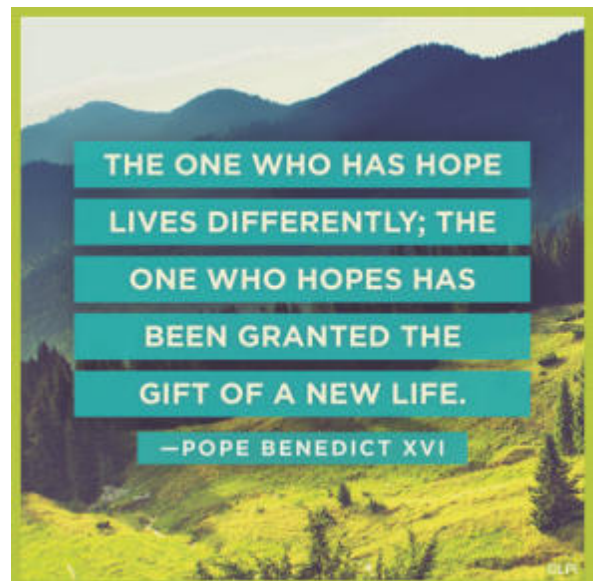
8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SATURDAY 8th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 9th**

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



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