

# 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

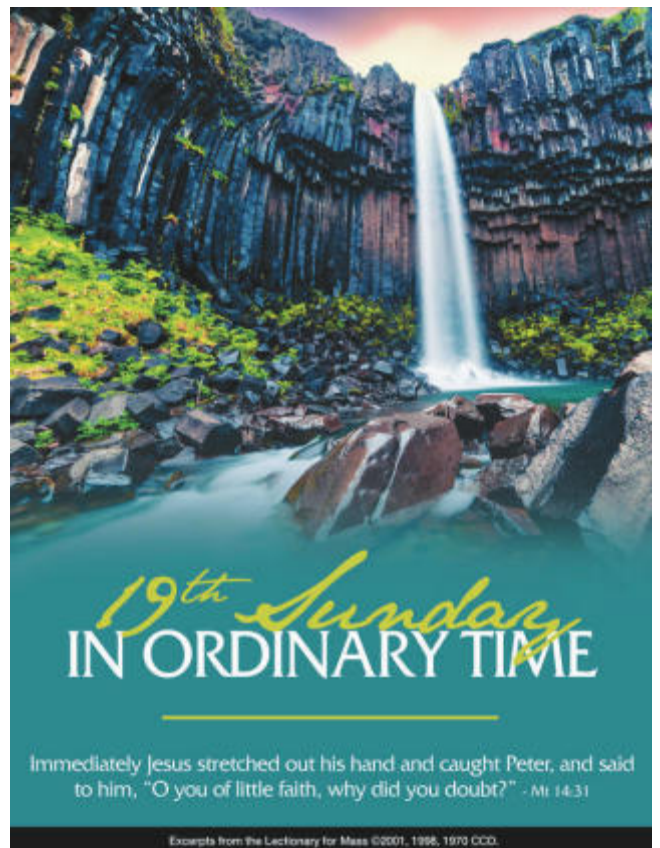
18 North Street  
Petersham MA 01366

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

## 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

A most strange gospel story – Jesus walks on the water. It's the type of gospel that suits a decision time, a time of deep trust – an invitation to come to the water; not to be afraid. It's about trusting in Jesus, when there is nothing else. If you have human help, it's great – but not the same as trusting in God. Death and funerals....trust in me. Why – because "I am the way and the truth." Old age can be the same, or times of life when we just don't know what the future will hold. Or Illness. We meet it regularly. Sounds strange but what Jesus does in this situation is very human — not a lecture, but holding hands! Someone was given a book on bereavement once – he said he needed a hand to be held, or tears to be heard. That's Jesus. He held Peter .... God is a God with skin, with a human heart, and leaves all sorts of big ideas behind when we are in trouble. Jesus just went across the lake, stopping his comfortable prayer. Another time Peter would jump into the lake again – after the resurrection! Always a water man! Then he would be asked not just to hold a hand, but to be the hand that would reach out to others. Peter was prepared for his mission in many ways, as Pope Francis says – "When the Lord wants to give us a mission, wants to give us a task, He prepares us. He prepares us to do it well." He prepares each of us for our mission, always with us in our efforts to live in love and service of him.

### MAGNIFICAT

If you want to have access to the daily readings and even bring your own little missal to Church, "Magnificat" is the perfect monthly-edition resource to use as your daily prayer companion. A special \$5 trial subscription offers The Order of Mass, the Daily Mass Readings with a related meditation from a saint, Church father or doctor or a religious as well as Morning and Evening Prayer and a host of other monthly and liturgical season features to enhance and encourage our faith. If you want to subscribe, please call 1-866-273-5215 or visit: [us.magnificat.net](http://us.magnificat.net)

### FOOD PANTRY

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## THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day

"Jesus rose from the dead "on the first day of the week. "Because it is the "first day," the day of Christ's Resurrection recalls the first creation. ... For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day – Sunday." The Old Testament Sabbath (Saturday) has been replaced by the Lord's Day of the New Testament (Sunday). Sunday is "a day of grace and rest from work." "The institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives." It is also a day "traditionally consecrated by Christian piety to good works and humble service of the sick, the infirm, and the elderly." The Third Commandment commands: - Worship of God by assisting at Mass on Sundays, the Lord's Day, and on Holy Days. The Third Commandment forbids: - Missing Mass through one's own fault on Sundays or Holy Days. Just reasons for missing Mass include illness, caring for someone else who is ill, caring for young children, requirements of work, the difficulty of getting to Mass while traveling, or reasons of similar weight. - Doing unnecessary servile (physical) work on Sunday. [Servile work is allowed when the honor of God, our own need, or that of our neighbor requires it. Examples of servile work are cutting the grass, painting the house, changing the oil in the car, building a house and raking leaves.] - Making others do unnecessary servile work on Sunday. - Conducting unnecessary business on Sunday.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription, please send your payment to the church office. Fee for such is \$39.00 per year. If you have questions, please call Gayle at the church office at 978-249-2738. Thank you.

## WORD OF LIFE

"God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God. ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life."

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

8-2-20 ~ Sunday: \$1,685.00; Building: \$230.00; Holy Day: \$10.00; Initial: \$15.00; Window: \$97.00; Europe: \$10.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$42,378.51 has been collected.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### COLLECTION

8-2-20 ~ Sunday: \$508.00; Monthly: \$25.00; Renovation: \$30.00; Fuel: \$20.00.

## ST. PETER'S

### COLLECTION

8-2-20 ~ Sunday: \$1,110.00; Building: \$70.00; Holy Day \$60.00

### 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



**AUGUST 9, 2020**

## **Hymnal Readings: 907**

### **Readings for the week of August 9, 2020**

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

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



### **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 Mark & Christine Barrieau  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Evelyn Merron by her Family

### **Monday, August 10th St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Camille, Bibianne & Leo Boudreau  
By Francis

### **Tuesday, August 11th St. Clare**

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

### **Wednesday August 12th**

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

### **Saturday, August 15th Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Wilbert Godin by his Wife

### **Sunday, August 16th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Mylda Stasiunas  
By Dc. Jim & Ruth Couture  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Joseph, Edith & Edward Hanlon  
By the Family



*Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.*

**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

**MONDAY 10th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 11th**

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

**WEDNESDAY 12th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

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11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate





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