

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



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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 Matthew 15 we read that from a distance, a Canaanite woman saw, recognized and cried out to Jesus, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Surprisingly, Jesus did not respond to her at all! He was not "ignoring" her. He may, instead, have been testing the tenacity of her faith. So, with a faith that wouldn't give up, she kept crying out to Him – to the point that Jesus' disciples begged Him to "send her away!"

At that time, Jesus finally did respond to her, telling her that His ministry is only to the children (lost sheep) of Israel. He then said something to her that seems to our ears as even more harsh and "off-putting"... He told her that it is not right for Him to give the blessings that belong to the children of Israel to the dogs that surround them! With a faith that just won't give up, she told Him she believed that He had more than enough mercy, grace, love, care, power, help and healing for the children of Israel, for her and for her ailing daughter. What GREAT faith she had!

Jesus saw her faith, commended her, granted her request and completely healed her daughter "from that very hour." Hers was a great faith that called Him "Lord" or "Master." Her faith caused her to come on behalf of her daughter. Against all odds, even when it appeared that she was being ignored and even turned away, she trusted, believed and hoped in Jesus! Her tenacious faith kept hanging on to the hope that He would have mercy and help her; and He did!

Have you ever felt like you were "at the end of your rope, and just barely hanging on?" perhaps it a situation at work; with your health or that of a loved one; maybe your family – or one near you – is in crisis. Does it seem, at times, that God is ignoring you, or at least distant and unapproachable?

It is at times such as these, against all odds, that God calls us to trust, believe and hope in Jesus!

As we live out our faith through trials and testing, our faith grows into the "Great Faith" which Jesus commends – a Great Faith which invites us to come to Him; empowers us to seek Him every day, in every situation; and enables us to trust Him completely.

MAILING ADDRESS UPDATE

For those that would like to send mail to St. Francis church, please be aware there is **no** mail delivery to the physical church or rectory. You can use one of the following two addresses: St. Francis of Assisi Church, c/o Our Lady Immaculate Church, 192 School Street, Athol, MA 01331 or: St. Francis of Assisi Church, P.O. Box 6, Athol, MA 01331. Thank you!

WORD OF LIFE

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth one or more children, they are unable to have another... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

FOOD PANTRY

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

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

“Honor your father and your mother”

The Fourth Commandment is the first of the “love of neighbor commandments”, immediately following the 3 “love of God commandments.” God has willed that after Him, we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. We are obliged to honor and respect all those whom God, for our good, has vested with His authority. Observing the Fourth Commandment brings its reward: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.” The Fourth Commandment commands us to respect and love our parents, to obey them in all that is not sinful, and to help them when they are in need. We are also obliged to respect and obey all lawful authority.

The Fourth Commandment forbids:

For children:

- All manner of anger and hatred against parents and other lawful authority.
- Provoking [annoying or irritating] them to anger. Grieving them [causing them deep sorrow or distress]. Insulting them [saying something meant to hurt them].
- Neglecting them in their necessity [not helping when needed; not caring for them when they are old].
- Contempt or disobedience to their lawful commands.

For students:

- Disrespect, disobedience, stubbornness, idleness.
- Wasting of time.

For parents:

- Hating their children. Cursing them.
- Giving scandal [bad example] to their children.
- Allowing children to grow up in ignorance, idleness or sin.
- Showing habitual partiality [favoritism] without cause.
- Deferring their children’s Baptism.
- Neglecting to watch over their bodily health, their religious instruction, the company they keep, the books they read, the movies and TV that they see, the electronic games that they play, the Internet sites that they visit, etc.
- Failing to correct them when needed.
- Being harsh or cruel in correction.
- Failing to educate children in the faith, prayer and all the virtues.
- Failing to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the children.

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.

FOOTSTEPS FOR FRED

2020 marks the 16th Anniversary the Richards family walks to raise money for ALS Research in memory of Fred Richards. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the walk will be held virtually in our own neighborhood. While an employee at OLI, Fred lost his battle with ALS in 2005, just 4 months after being diagnosed. The team is committed to raising \$1,250.00 for this worthy cause. Anyone wishing to make a donation can send a check payable to ALS Family Charitable foundation to: Edna Richards, 296 Crescent Street, Athol or by donating online at:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/footsteps-for-fred1>

Thank you!

OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

8-9-20 ~ Sunday: \$1,601.50; Building: \$232.00; Fuel: \$5.00; Window: \$20.00; Europe: \$22.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$42,398.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

8-9-20 ~ Sunday: \$650.00; Monthly: \$25.00; Renovation: \$25.00; Fuel: \$150.00; Easter: \$5.00; Memorial: \$80.00; Initial: \$5.00; Europe: \$37.00.

ST. PETER’S

COLLECTION

8-9-20 ~ Sunday: \$500.00; Building: \$50.00.

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: \$15,790

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

St. Peter Church – Goal: \$6,000 – To Date: \$3,125

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



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember **James Daley** who passed away recently, as well as his family. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

AUGUST 16, 2020

Hymnal Readings: 910

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

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

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab
[39c]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt
22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-
36/Mt 16:13-20



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

Monday, August 17th
8:00 AM OLI: All Parishioners

Tuesday, August 18th
8:00 AM OLI: +Blanchard Family by the Family

Wednesday August 19th
8:00 AM OLI: +Marcial & Emerenciana Yandoc
By the Family

Saturday, August 22nd Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM OLI: +Mary Marquis by her Aunt Gloria

Sunday, August 23rd 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM St. Francis: +Elaine Bartus
By Dc. Jim & Ruth Couture
11:00 AM OLI: +Frank & Marcella Koczan
By the Family



AUGUST 16, 2020



O God, let all the nations praise you!

SATURDAY 15th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 16th

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

MONDAY 17th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 18th

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

WEDNESDAY 19th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 22nd

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 23rd

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



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