

# 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



## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in  
heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall  
be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

## 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

Why is the Church important? Obviously, we must live our lives in the midst of many who do not think it is. We hear many people say: I don't have much time for organized religion! Others will say ... I am not religious, but I am spiritual. What does that mean? When we hear people say that, you always think what they are really saying is ... I am centered in myself and what brings me joy, meaning and a sense of contentment. I don't need other people unless I determine that there is something, they can do to help me. How sad it is when meditation is seen as a self-help device, a process for achieving inner calm, rather than as a way to empty oneself and get closer to God.

After Peter's powerful declaration of faith, Jesus not only said he would build his Church upon the Rock of his confession, but that he would give to the Church the keys of the kingdom of heaven, implying that the Church would have the ability to shape and control the destiny of people in its care. This is, perhaps, one of the most challenging statements in all of Scripture.

No one likes to submit to an authority. We disdain authority that we feel is coercive. We never like to feel forced to do something we do not want to do. And yet Jesus seems to say that there must be an authoritative voice to determine what is in and what is out, what is true and what is false. When alive, Jesus made these calls. With our Lord removed, these critical decisions are entrusted to the Church.

It is hard to believe in Jesus Christ; it is harder not to. It is hard to live the life our Lord inspires; it is harder not to. It is hard to belong to the Church; it is harder not to. May our loving God give us the faith and the stamina to live as his sons and daughters, now and always.

## 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 thank you, heroic mothers, for our invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV86). ~Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

## 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.

## FOOD PANTRY

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

## THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

“Thou Shall Not Kill”

God controls human life : “Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.”<sup>1</sup>

The unborn are persons : “Because it should be treated as a person from conception, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed life every other human being.”<sup>1</sup>

Self-defense is legitimate: It is legitimate to insist on respect for one’s own right to life. Someone who defends his life is not guilty of murder even if he is forced to deal his aggressor a lethal blow. Legitimate defense cannot only be a right but a grave duty for someone responsible for another’s life, the common good of the family or of the state.

Capital punishment: Pope Francis has changed Catholic Church teaching to fully reject the death penalty, saying it would work to abolish capital punishment worldwide. It is now a sin, under all circumstances.

The Fifth Commandment commands to take proper care of our own spiritual and bodily well being and that of our neighbor. The Fifth Commandment obliges us to show love for our neighbor by respecting his person and not injuring him in any way.

The Fifth Commandment forbids:

- Unjust taking of human life – murder, suicide, abortion, euthanasia.
- Kidnapping, hostage taking, terrorism and torture.
- Exposing life or limb to danger without reasonable cause [dangerous pranks, doing something dangerous to yourself or others because someone dared you to do it]
- Reckless driving.
- Carelessness in leaving about poisons, dangerous drugs, weapons, etc. [where children, especially, may be harmed or do harm to someone else]
- Desires of revenge, anger [getting even with someone]
- Fighting [physical], quarrels [verbal], hatred [against individuals or groups of people]
- Showing aversion or contempt for others.
- Refusal to speak to someone when addressed [due to anger or hatred].
- Ignoring offers of reconciliation, especially between relatives
- Insults – irritating words and actions.
- Tyrannical behavior [harsh, cruel, unjust, oppressive behavior].
- Bad example [causing others to sin by word or example].
- Gluttony [eating too much], drunkenness [drinking too much].
- Misuse of drugs.
- Injury to health by over-indulgence [overdoing it].
- Giving drink to others, knowing they will abuse it.
- Refusing assistance to someone in danger.

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

**8-16-20** ~ Sunday: \$1,836.80; Building: \$255.00; Holy Day: \$163.00; Window: \$300.00; Initial: \$ 77.00; Peter’s Pence: \$10.00; Europe: \$20.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$42,698.51 has been collected.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### COLLECTION

**8-16-20** ~ Sunday: \$458.00; Monthly: \$40.00; Renovation: \$10.00; Fuel: \$80.00; 2nd Fuel: \$67.00; Holy Day: \$74.00; Catholic Communication: \$10.00.

## ST. PETER’S

### COLLECTION

**8-16-20** ~ Sunday: \$990.00; Building: \$115.00.

### 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](http://us.magnificat.net)

### 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!

*AUGUST 23, 2020*

## Hymnal Readings: 913

Readings for the week of August 23, 2020

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

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt  
23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf.  
15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27



**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

**Monday, August 24th** St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 AM OLI: +Souls in Purgatory  
By Marcella Catalano

**Tuesday, August 25th**

8:00 AM OLI: +Agnes Breton by the Family

**Wednesday August 26th**

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

**Saturday, August 29th** Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM OLI: +Jake & Esther Mitchell  
By the Family

**Sunday, August 30th** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St. Francis: +M/M Paul Shatos  
By Marie Shatos

11:00 AM OLI: +Robert Leonard  
By Don & Carol Ambrozy





*Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

**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

**MONDAY 24th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 25th**

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

**WEDNESDAY 26th**

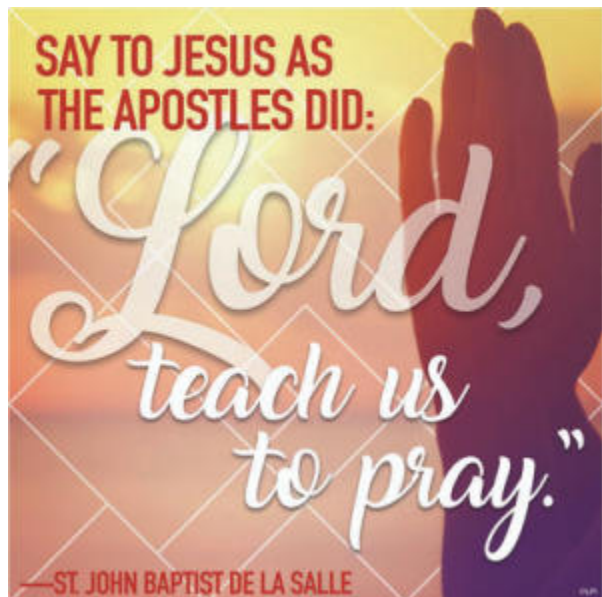
8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SATURDAY 29th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 30th**

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



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