

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

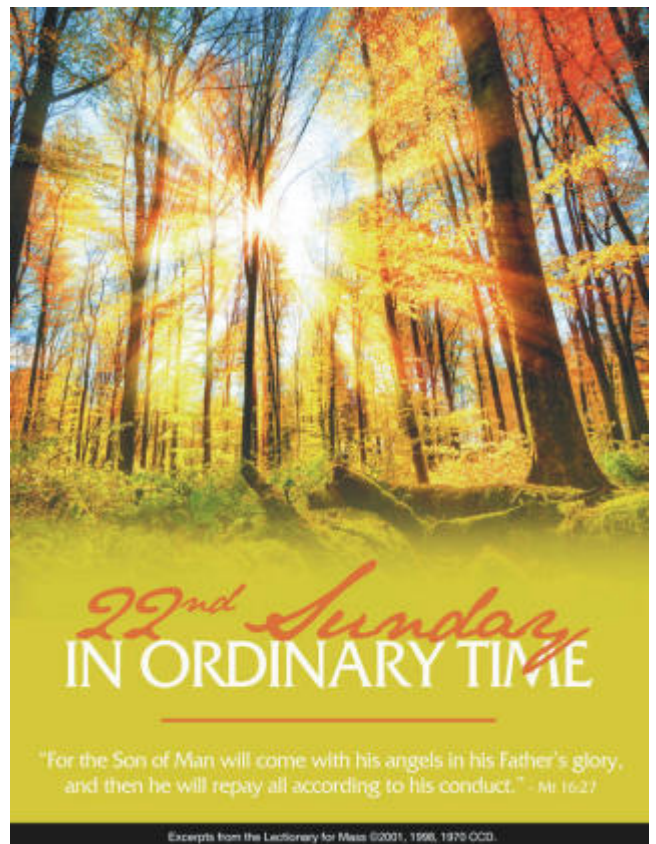
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Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

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

Jesus begins to talk seriously about His suffering and crucifixion. Peter takes Him aside and says, "This must not happen to you Lord." But Jesus responds with, "Get behind me Satan!" Jesus then tells the disciples that in order to follow Him, they must take up their own cross and die to themselves. To seek to save our own life is to lose it, but to lose our life for His sake is to gain life.

Peter thought he had it all worked out. Jesus was the Messiah, and He would usher in a new kingdom of prosperity in Israel. When Jesus started talking about being crucified, Peter was appalled and started to rebuke Jesus. Peter could not see that God's plan was different and far greater than he could imagine. He was seeing from man's perspective rather than God's.

We find it hard to break out of our mental strongholds to see our life from God's perspective. We are surrounded by a culture that is focused on the here and now and which often denies God's purpose completely. The thought of dying to ourselves to follow God is nice in theory. In practice we want one foot in the Kingdom and the other in the world. Like Peter, we are always hoping that Jesus will avoid the cross this time.

We need to learn to die to our plans and ambitions, our dreams and visions. Instead we need to follow Jesus day by day, step by step. We need to do this without trying to impose our agenda on Him. Being totally open to the Lord's plans is a tough walk in an age of self-promotion. This is the path we are called to walk. May the Lord show us the parts of our life that are just filled with our plans rather than His plans

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

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage."

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 SIXTH and NINTHCOMMANDMENT

VI) You shall not commit adultery.

IX) You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments work together. What the Sixth Commandment forbids in action, the Ninth Commandment forbids in thought or desire.

Danger to the virtue of chastity : Idleness, sinful curiosity, bad companions, drinking, immodest dress, indecent books, plays, movies, video games, Internet sites, TV shows and even some types of music.

Means of preserving the virtue of chastity : Avoid carefully all unnecessary dangers and temptations; seek God's help through prayer, frequent confession, Holy Communion, assistance at Holy Mass and have a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Many fall because they do not avoid dangers. They go to movies, watch TV shows, read magazines, visit Internet sites, play video games, or listen to music which are offensive to the Lord. They associate too much with the opposite sex and try to excuse themselves by saying that they have no bad intentions. Good intentions alone are not sufficient. Human nature is very weak where purity is concerned, and we must keep far from all danger, or sooner or later we shall fall.

Impure thoughts are not always sinful, but always dangerous. They become sinful when we do not try to get rid of them. Such thoughts are temptations from the devil. The best way to do get rid of such thoughts is by prayer or thinking about something else. Above all, avoid idleness. The devil has trouble tempting busy people.

The Sixth Commandment commands us to be pure and modest in our behavior. The Ninth Commandment commands us be pure in thought and desire.

The Sixth Commandment forbids:

- All impurity and immodesty in words, looks and actions, whether alone or with others.

- Offenses against marriage: Adultery [sexual relations between married people who are not married to each other], divorce, polygamy [having more than one wife] and free union [living together without being married].

- Offenses against chastity: Lust [sexual desire outside of marriage], pornography [third party viewing of sexual relations], homosexuality [sexual relations between people of the same sex].

- Any other form of unmarried sexual action.

The Ninth Commandment forbids:

- All thoughts and desires contrary to chastity.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The First Saturday Devotion for September will be held on Sept. 5th at 8:00 at Our Lady Immaculate. Every 13th of the month all members are invited to pray the Rosary at 6pm.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

8-23-20 ~ Sunday: \$1,166.50; Building: \$249.00; Holy Day: \$18.00; Initial: \$44.00; Europe: \$5.00.

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

8-23-20 ~ Sunday: \$1,475.00; Monthly: \$62.00; Renovation: \$87.00; Fuel: \$227.00; Easter: \$30.00; Holy Days: \$65.00; Initial: \$10.00; Europe: \$10.00; Peters Pence: \$5.00; Good Friday: \$10.00.

ST. PETER'S

COLLECTION

8-23-20 ~ Sunday: \$295.00.

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

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 30, 2020

Hymnal Readings: 916

Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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

Monday, August 31st

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Frank & Evelyn Farnello
By the Family

Tuesday, September 1st

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

Wednesday September 2nd

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Tessie Cotton by the Family
By the Family

Saturday, September 5th

8:00 AM **OLI:** All parishioners
Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Andy Bosco by the Family

Sunday, September 6th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Elaine Bartus
By Dc. Jim & Ruth Couture

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Dominic Gingras, Sr.
By the Family



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember **Faye Lindsey & Theresa Wright** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

AUGUST 30, 2020



My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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

MONDAY 31st

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 1st

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

WEDNESDAY 2nd

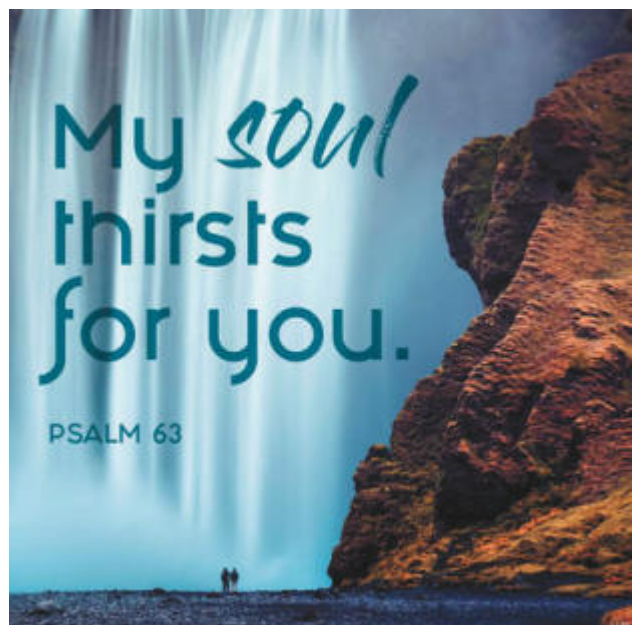
8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 5th

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

SUNDAY 6th

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



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