

# NORTH QUABBIN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

## SAINT PETER

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

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

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

Rene Gagliardi, Cindy Winters  
& Lori Hunt-Peterson  
Music Ministry

Christian Cormier, Maintenance



23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

## 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

People are generally afraid of confrontation because, I think, of what they think they'll lose. Lose an argument. Lose someone's respect. Maybe even lose a friend. Nobody wants that. But in the Christian confrontation that Jesus guides us to, we have everything to win. He already won heaven for us. He won life and forgiveness and God's love. And now he invites us to win each other.

*"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over."* If they listen, you win them. You get them. You get a brother. You get a sister. You get someone who's going to heaven with you. We already have everything, because Jesus has already dealt with our sin. As we deal with the sin out there, and the sin in here, and the sin among us, we have even more to win. We can win each other.

So God is going to confront us. Every Sunday and other times too. He's going to confront us with our sin. Because He loves us, He wants us in heaven with me someday. And hopefully we can respectfully confront others too. Because then they'll know we love them. And even if that's not the first thing they think when you're calling them out on their sin... And even if you're not really feeling loved when they call you out on yours, we can all know that it's Jesus who loves us most and best. He has already dealt perfectly and lovingly with all our sin. So, we can imitate him. And love one another. And repent. Together. Amen.

## HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Come and spend the most peaceful hour (or part of an hour) of your week with Jesus. Until we are allowed to go back inside the Chapel for our usual adoration hours on Tuesdays (due to the Covid-19 regulations), we will have a Holy Hour of adoration starting at 2pm followed by silent adoration. This Holy Hour will conclude at the 3pm with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers and Benediction. Every Tuesday starting September 8<sup>th</sup> in the Main Church at Our Lady Immaculate.

## 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

"Abortion affects countless marriages more than people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro Life Activities *"Healing within Marriage from an Abortion"*

## 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 EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"

This commandment commands us to speak the truth in all things, but especially in what concerns the good name and honor of others.

Martyrdom: Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith: it means bearing witness to the truth even unto death.

Lying: Lying is the most direct offense against the truth. The Lord denounces lying as the work of the devil. One of the names of the devil is the "Father of Lies".

We may never tell a lie. When people have a right to know the truth, we must tell them the truth, even though we have to suffer for it. When they have no right to know the truth, or when we have to keep a secret, we may answer evasively, or throw them off the track, but we may never directly make a false statement.

Is the right to know the truth unconditional? No. We need to judge, based on the Golden Rule, whether it is appropriate to reveal the truth to someone who asks for it. The good and safety of others, respect for privacy, the duty to avoid scandal and the good of all concerned are sufficient reasons for being silent about what out not to be known or for making use of discreet language. No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have a right to know it.

The Eighth Commandment forbids:

- Lies [speaking a falsehood with the intention of deceiving].
- Malicious falsehoods [falsehoods that are intended to harm another].
- Boasting or bragging [are offenses against truth].
- Irony [aimed at belittling someone by maliciously characterizing their behavior].
- Flattery [excessive, untrue or insincere praise] or adulation [flattery which attempts to control another person], which confirms another in malicious acts or perverse conduct.
- Perjury [lying under oath] and false witness [lying in court].
- Rash judgment [believing something harmful to another's character without sufficient reason].
- Baseless accusations [accusing someone of something that they are clearly not guilty of just to cause them trouble].
- Detraction [making known the hidden faults of another without good reason].
- Calumny or slander [injuring the good name of another by lying].
- Encouraging detraction or slander in others.
- Refusing or delaying to restore the good name we have injured.
- Telling of secrets, we are bound to keep. [We are bound to keep secrets when we have promised to do so, when our office requires it, or when the good of another demands it. For example, trade secrets and the secret of the Sacrament of Reconciliation]
- Frauds [deceiving someone into giving up property or money], public and private.

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

8-30-20 ~ Sunday: \$1,560.50; Building: \$226.56; Memorial: \$500.00; Fuel: \$5.00; Holy Day: \$5.00; Initial: \$10.00.

### 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

8-30-20 ~ Sunday: \$509.75; Fuel: \$25.00; Initial: \$30.00.

## ST. PETER'S

### COLLECTION

8-30-20 ~ Sunday: \$920.00; Building: \$25.00

### 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)



**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

## Hymnal Readings: 919

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



### 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

### Monday, September 7th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Flora Cotton by her Family

### Tuesday, Sept. 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### Wednesday, September 9th St. Peter Claver, Priest

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

### Saturday, Sept. 12th Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Charles Young, 19th Anniversary  
By his Family

### Sunday, September 13th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Margaret Shatos  
By Marie Shatos  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Clifford & Virginia Adams  
By Larry Adams





*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**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

**MONDAY 7th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 8th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
2:00 PM Holy Hour with Adoration at OLI  
7:00 PM Confessions at OLI Chapel until 8pm

**WEDNESDAY 9th**

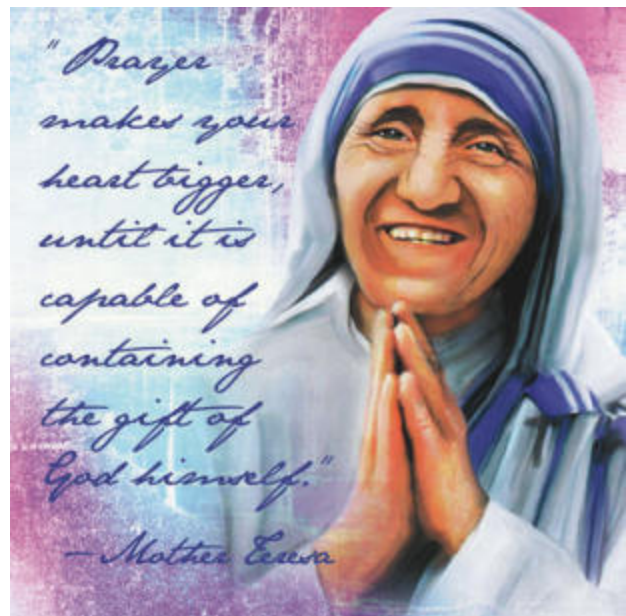
8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SATURDAY 12th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 13th**

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



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