

# 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

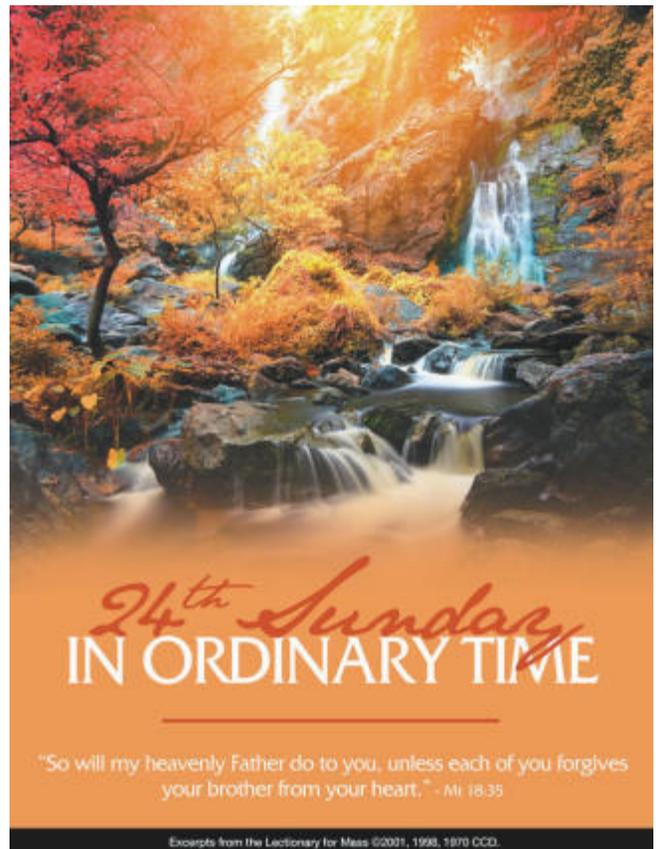
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor  
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

Gayle Bassett, Secretary

Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator  
& Safe Environment Coordinator

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

Today our Gospel reading is on forgiveness. Some of us may be going through a time or have gone through a time in the past where we found it difficult to forgive those who wronged us. I think the act of forgiving can be very difficult and sometimes it seems easier to hold a grudge against someone. In this passage we see that we must forgive others with our whole heart. If we cannot forgive those around us, then how are we supposed to be forgiven for sinning against God? I know you have probably heard this multiple times in your life, but we need to remember that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice just so we could be forgiven. If Jesus was willing to do that for us, couldn't we learn to sacrifice just half as much as him and forgive those around us for whatever their transgressions may be? In the grand scheme of life, it is worth it to forgive others. For those of us who have trouble forgiving, as many of us do, let us pray that God will give us the strength to do so.

A challenge today is to think of a time in the present or past where we have found ourselves unable to forgive someone. Think of that situation and think of Jesus' sacrifices. Are we above forgiving our fellow man after what Jesus did so we could receive forgiveness? Let us try to forgive someone we haven't forgiven yet. Whether it is a personal action or involves telling someone we have forgiven them, let us make an effort to do this. It will be a great weight off of each of our shoulders.

## 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

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How To Build a Culture of Life"*

## 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.

## THE SEVENTH & TENTH COMMANDMENTS

VII) You shall not steal.

X) You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Seventh and Tenth Commandments work together. The Tenth Commandment makes it easy to keep the Seventh Commandment by telling us not even to desire the property of our neighbor.

Danger of riches: Remember Christ's warning on the danger of riches. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Mt 6:21).

Man's dominion over creation: Treating animals with kindness and caring for the resources of the Universe for future generations are required by the Seventh Commandment.

Human beings can never be considered property: The moral law forbids the enslavement or the buying and selling of human beings as if they were property.

Restitution: In justice, one must return stolen goods.

Reparation: In justice, one must repair the damage caused to the property of another.

Not only is it forbidden to steal, but even to buy a stolen article, or to accept it as a gift. If we have a stolen article in our possession, we must give it back to the owner. However, if we bought it, we have a right to the money back from the one who sold it to us.

The Seventh Commandment commands us to respect what belongs to others, to live up to our business agreements, and to pay our just debts.

The Tenth Commandment commands us to detach ourselves from earthly riches.

The Seventh Commandment forbids:

- Stealing. Shoplifting.
- Unjust keeping of what belongs to others.
- Keeping of goods known to be stolen.
- Keeping something that was originally borrowed.
- Keeping something that was found without making a reasonable effort to return it or find the owner.
- Unjust, careless or malicious [with evil intent] damage to the property of others.
- Delay in paying lawful debts or in making restitution when able to make it. Neglect to make reasonable efforts and sacrifices to pay back debts or make restitution.
- Cheating in business or at play [or sports].
- Charging exorbitant [unreasonably high] prices.
- False weights and measures. [For example, knowingly selling a "10 lbs. bag of potatoes" that really contains only 9 lbs.]
- Adulteration of wares [ Examples: knowingly selling products that contain ingredients that are not listed on the label, knowingly selling gasoline that has water in it, knowingly selling "fresh food" that is not fresh.]
- Accepting of bribes by public officials.
- Concealment of fraud [deceiving someone into giving up property or money], theft or damage when one is duty bound to give information.

The Tenth Commandment forbids:

- All desire to take or to keep unjustly what belongs to others, and also forbids envy at their success.
- Greed [desire to amass earthly goods] and avarice [passion for riches and the accompanying power].
- Envy [sadness at the sight of another's goods and the wrongful desire to have them for oneself].

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

9-6-20 ~ Sunday: \$1,037.50; Building: \$172.00; Holy Day: \$5.00; Initial: \$5.00; Window: \$161.00; CCD: \$25.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$42,859.51 has been collected.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### COLLECTION

9-6-20 ~ Sunday: \$659.25; Monthly: \$25.00; Reno: \$70.00; Fuel: \$337.00; Holy Day: \$5.00; Initial: \$15.00; Europe: \$5.00.

## ST. PETER'S

### COLLECTION

9-6-20 ~ Sunday: \$580.00; Building: \$200.00

### 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: \$16,540

St. Francis of Assisi – Goal: \$5,300 – To Date: \$1,625

St. Peter Church – Goal: \$6,000 – To Date: \$3,275

### MAGNIFICAT

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*SEPTEMBER 13, 2020*

## Hymnal Readings: 922

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

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

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



**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

**Monday, September 14th** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Ina Maga by Lucy & Andy Peloquin

**Tuesday, September 15th** Our Lady of Sorrows

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

**Wednesday, September 16th SS. Cornelius, Pope, and  
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +David Gauthier by his Sister

**Saturday, September 19th**

**Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Mary Blake by the Family

**Sunday, September 20th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Mylda Stasiunas  
By Jacqueline Doherty

11:00 AM **OLI:** +M/M Joseph Bonenfant  
by the Family



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Please remember **Betty Tolppa** who passed away recently, as well as her family. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

*SEPTEMBER 13, 2020*



*The Lord is kind and merciful,  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

**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

**MONDAY 14th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 15th**

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 16th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SATURDAY 19th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 20th**

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

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