

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:

Tuesdays ~ 7:00pm -7:30 pm

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Tuesday ~ 2:00pm -3:00pm

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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

Temporarily Suspended—thank you.

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

THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN BAPTISM

"In asking for Baptism for your child, you are undertaking the responsibility of raising them in the faith, so that, keeping God's commandments, he/she may love the Lord and their neighbor as Christ has taught us. Do you understand this responsibility?" The day of the baptism, parents will hear these words. The priest or deacon will ask parents this question, and the answer will be, "I do." The baptism of a child is a crucial, grace-filled moment in the life of the infant's family, in particular for his or her parents. It is a moment of commitment to Christ and His Church. It is a moment for parents to recognize their primary role in the religious education of their children and their essential role in his or her lifelong spiritual wellbeing.

Unfortunately, many parents fail to live out this commitment. Parents cannot completely delegate the responsibility for the religious education of their children to another person, be it a catechist at the local parish or a religion teacher at school. These catechists aid parents in their responsibility, they cannot replace it.

If children do not learn about God at home, hear their parents speak of God's presence in their lives and do not see their parents at prayer, in particular faithfully attending Sunday Mass, the children will be spiritually impoverished. Just as good parents ensure their children are fed, do their homework and have healthy extracurricular activities, good Christian parents look out for the spiritual wellbeing of their child, which is after all, the most important aspect of the child's life.

THE ROLE OF THE GODPARENT IN BAPTISM

Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents? The day of the baptism, godparents will hear these words. The priest or deacon will ask this question, and the answer will be, "We are" "In so far as possible, a person being baptized is to be assigned a sponsor. In the case of an infant baptism, the role is together with the parents to present the child for baptism, and to help it to live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent in baptism." (Canon 872). A godparent must be a confirmed catholic who practices the faith. The principal responsibility of a godparent is to give witness to the Catholic faith by his words and actions. They must be ready to accept the responsibility of being a part of the godchild's life for the remaining of his/her life. Within reason, a godparent must be available to his godchild on a continuous basis. He must have a special interest in the spiritual growth of the child. When called upon to profess the Catholic faith on behalf of the infant, the godparent must believe in what he is professing and be willing to share that faith with the godchild.

PARISH APPEALS - THANK YOU!!

Thanks to your generous support of the 2020 Parish Appeals, our Churches will remain fiscally viable. We are incredibly grateful for your donations. These are uncertain times, and we especially appreciate your generosity and the commitment you've expressed to your Parishes. Final amounts raised are:

Our Lady Goal: \$20,000 ~ Raised: \$26,137.54
St. Francis Goal: \$5,000 ~ Raised: \$9,975.00
St. Peter: No Goal ~ Raised: \$6,400.00

God bless you,
Fr. Edwin & Parish and Finance Councils.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE



CHRISTMAS FLOWER LIST

Our Lady Immaculate

All Souls
Albert & Bertha Alliott ~ Robert Rhodes
Amedio & Bosco Families
Amparo & Matibag Families
Archibald & Mallet Families
AJ Blanchard Family
Ann Peterson Chadwick
Jerry Firth
Goulding & Grimes Families
Edward & Judith Horrigan
Dominic, Nick & Tony Gingras
Paul & Rose Goulet ~ Terry Corbin
M/M Gionet ~ Paula & Norman LeBlanc
Francis Joly ~ Parents of Francis & Rosetta Joly
Louise LeBlanc
Pamela & Dennis Lence
Roland Letourneau ~ Clovis & Elsie Letourneau
Bill Lively ~ Eunice & Oscar Lively
Maramag & Yandoc Families
Karen McNiff
Esther & Jake Mitchell ~ Simone Vorce
Mary & Leo Wright ~ Theresa & Earl Wright
Mary E. & Douglas H. Phelps
Irene & Romeo Roussel ~ John Newton
Ashley Softic ~ Dec'd members of her Family
Stone & Labrie Families
Roger Whipple

St. Francis

Ambroze Family
Louis & Florence Barcomb
Belsky Family
Alex & Tena Dedinas
Duncan & Duguay Families
Virgil Duguay
Jasins Family
Lagimoniere & Kaczmarczyk Families
Mazialnik Family
Marion Rogowski
Helen Seymour
Antena, Paul & Margaret Shatos
Sironaitis Family
Stasiunas Family
Anna Tylenda
Joseph & Helen Whelan

St. Peter

Kasmaria Neidzwiecki

COLLECTION

12-20-20 ~ Sunday: 2,219.50; Building: \$453.00; Fuel: \$315.00; Christmas: \$5.00; candle: \$10.00; Flowers: \$74.00; Window: \$700.00; Rel. Retire: \$200.00 12-27-20 ~ Sunday: 1,985.50; Building: \$169.00; Fuel: 10.00; Holy Day: \$6.00; Christmas: \$1,591.00; Flowers: \$6.00. 1-3-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,655.50; Building: \$181.00; Fuel: \$20.00; Christmas: \$25.00; Holy Day: \$210.00; Window: \$233.00; Catholic University: \$43.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$44,938.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

12-20-20 ~ Sunday: \$803.00; Monthly: \$40.00; Reno: \$40.00; Holy Day: \$30.00; Flowers: \$25.00; Christmas \$70.00; Fuel: \$220.00; 2nd Fuel: \$33.00; Rel. Retire: \$20.00; Catholic School: \$10.00 12-27-20 ~ Sunday: \$632.00; Monthly: \$25.00; Fuel: \$360.00; Holy Day: \$15.00; Flowers: \$20.00; Christmas: \$364.00. 1-3-21 ~ Sunday: \$639.00; Reno: \$45.00; Fuel: \$75.00; Holy Day: \$201.00; Catholic University: \$12.00.

SHOE DRIVE

St. Francis will continue to collect used, gently used or new shoes. A container for your shoe donations with "SHOES for SHOE DRIVE" will be placed under the stairs going into the sacristy in the back of the church and will be checked daily. The shoes provide opportunities for microentrepreneurs to support their families and create a path out of poverty. Funds2Orgs is the leader of the shoe drive fundraisers. Thank You!

ST. PETER'S

COLLECTION

12-20-20 ~ Sunday: \$550.00; Building: \$80.00; Christmas: \$20.00 12-27-20 ~ Sunday: \$375.00; Building: \$15.00; Christmas: \$70.00 1-3-21 ~ Sunday: \$225.00; Fuel: \$20.00; Christmas: 80.00.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

For the time being, there will be no Masses held at St. Peter's Church in Petersham. Confessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7-7:30pm in the OLI Chapel. Thank you.

SUNDAY MASS DISPENSATION

Due to the current pandemic, Bishop Robert McManus has made the decision to extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation for people living in or visiting the Diocese of Worcester until the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements for 2020 will be available for those in the Cluster that use the envelope system for their contributions. Please call the church office and leave your Name, Address and Church and a letter will be mailed to you before Jan 31st.

JANUARY 10, 2020

Hymnal Readings: 804

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34

38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is

12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1

Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



Saturday, January 9th Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM OLI: +Arthur Chiasson by his Wife

Sunday, January 10th The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM St. Francis: +Amelia & Paul Watkevich
By Emilie Krustapentus

11:00 AM OLI: +Eddie Fredette by Jackie Paluilis

Monday, January 11th

8:00 AM OLI: All parishioners

Tuesday, January 12th

8:00 AM OLI: +All parishioners

Wednesday, January 13th

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

Saturday, January 16th Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM OLI: +Craig Perry
by Dick & Margaret White

Sunday, January 17th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM OLI: +Adeline Rogillio
By Paul & Deb Kuzmeskas



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember **Antonio Velez, John MacEwen and Richard Archibald, Sr.** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

JANUARY 10, 2020



The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SATURDAY 9th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 10th

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

MONDAY 11th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 12th

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 13th

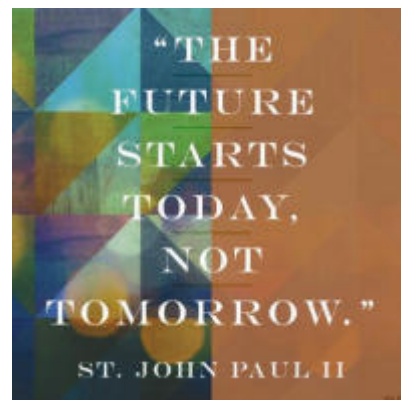
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SATURDAY 16th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 17th

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



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