

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:

Tuesdays ~ 7:00pm- 7:30pm at OLI
Divine Mercy Chaplet:
Sunday ~ 7:40am

Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 9:00am

(Cancelled for the time being)

SAINT PETER

18 North Street
Petersham MA 01366

Mass:

Lord's Day ~ 9:30am
Confessions:
Saturday ~ 3pm at OLI
(Cancelled for the time being)

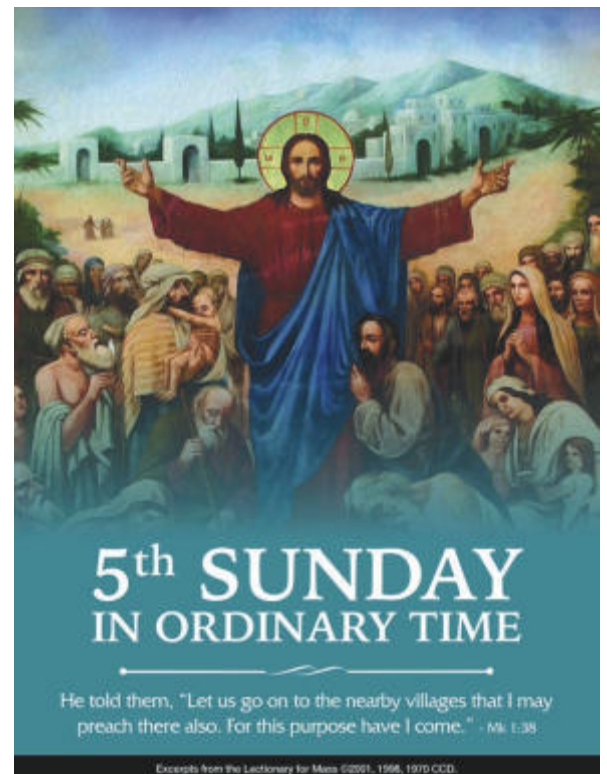
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

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

THIS SUNDAY’S WORD

There are three kinds of sickness that will bother us in our lifetime; one is physical sickness which is very visible and can easily be seen, spiritual sickness (not necessarily possession by an evil spirit), and the other one is emotional sickness this kind of sickness is subtle and not visible unless we talk to the person.

In our gospel, after healing all who were ill or possessed by demons Jesus rose up early before dawn. He left, went off to an idle place there He prayed and then went off to other towns to heal and preach.

However, there were still many who were looking for Him in the village. Does this mean that Jesus is inconsiderate and He simply abandoned those who were still in deep need of His healings? No!

Perhaps, those people who were still looking for His healings were those who were sick emotionally. Emotional sickness is the kind of ailment that can be cured by the person himself.

With strong faith in Jesus and will power this sickness can easily be defeated by each and everyone of us. So, Jesus left them for He must have concluded that their faith on Him was already enough to defeat their emotional sickness.

This happens to all of us sometimes we feel sick because of certain emotional low-downs. We can easily defeat this through our strong faith in Jesus and through our positive outlook in life.

Do you feel emotionally sick today? Take courage, have faith for Jesus will heal you.

APPEALS

Please, don’t get confused with the different appeals/campaigns. Know what they are for:

PARTNERS IN CHARITY (Bishop’s Fund): This is the Annual Diocesan appeal that helps all the Diocesan agencies and ministries. This campaign usually runs from March to the end of the August and 100% of your donation go to the Worcester Diocese.

LEGACY OF HOPE (Capital Campaign): The Diocese is conducting the 32 million Diocesan-wide campaign to support Parishes in the Diocese, Priests’ Retirement, Catholic Education, Parish based Charities and Evangelization, and the Cathedral of St. Paul. 60% of your donations will go to the Diocese and 40% to your Parish.

PARISH APPEAL: This is your Parish’s own appeal. It helps your parish pay their many operating expenses. Parish appeals usually go from September through the end of December and 100% of your donations go to your Parish only.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Our Lady Immaculate ~ Goal \$23,800 To Date: \$8,320

St. Francis of Assisi ~ Goal \$5,300 To Date: \$230

St. Peter’s ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$1,400

Deadline March 31, 2021

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.

LENT 2021

Ash Wednesday

8AM & 12:10PM: Mass and Imposition of Ashes at OLI

3PM: Service of Imposition of Ashes at St. Francis
(No Mass)

7PM: Mass and Imposition of Ashes St. Francis

Confessions

Tuesdays 7PM or by appointment

Rosary

Thursdays 9AM at St. Peter's

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7PM at St. Francis

WORD OF LIFE

"Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion".



OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

1-31-21 ~ Sunday: \$2,724.50; Building: \$283.00; Memorial: \$ 35.00; Fuel: \$70.00; Candles; \$20.00; Home mission: \$108.00; Window: \$300.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$45,238.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

1-31-21 ~ Sunday: \$450.00; Monthly: \$20.00; Reno: \$15.00; Fuel: \$50.00; Holy Day: \$25.00; Initial: \$5.00; Catholic University: \$5.00; Home Mission: \$32.00.

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

1-31-21 ~ Sunday: \$330.00.

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.



Our Lady Immaculate Church welcomes **Sierra Jacoba McGuirk** with great joy into the faith community, the Catholic Church. Congratulations and may the flame of the Christian faith be alive in her heart.

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 866

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:2—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Saturday, February 6th

- 8:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners
Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Marilyn Spooner
By Paul & Deb Kuzmeskas

Sunday, February 7th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Robert Hunter
By his Wife Shirley
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Barbara Fiske by the Family

Monday, February 8th

- 8:00 AM **OLI:** +Dick Caouette by St. Peters Parish

Tuesday, February 9th

- 8:00 AM **OLI:** +Camille & Bibianne Boudreau and
Family by Francis Boudreau

Wednesday, February 10th St. Scholastica, Virgin

- 8:00 AM **OLI:** +Marcial, Emerenciana & Joseph
Yandoc by the Family

Saturday, February 13th Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM **OLI:** +James & Cloroda Stone & Family
By Joseph & Ruth Labrie

Sunday, February 14th 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Mary DeHays by her Family
11:00 AM **OLI:** +David & Joanne Pandiscio
By Mark & Cindy Winters

FOOD PANTRY

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



Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

SATURDAY 6th

8:00 AM
4:00 PM

First Saturday Devotion and Rosary at OLI
Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 7th

8:00 AM
11:00 AM

Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

MONDAY 8th

8:00 AM

Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 9th

8:00 AM
2:00 PM
7:00 PM

Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
Holy Hour with Adoration at OLI
Confessions at OLI Chapel until 8pm

WEDNESDAY 10th

8:00 AM

Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 13th

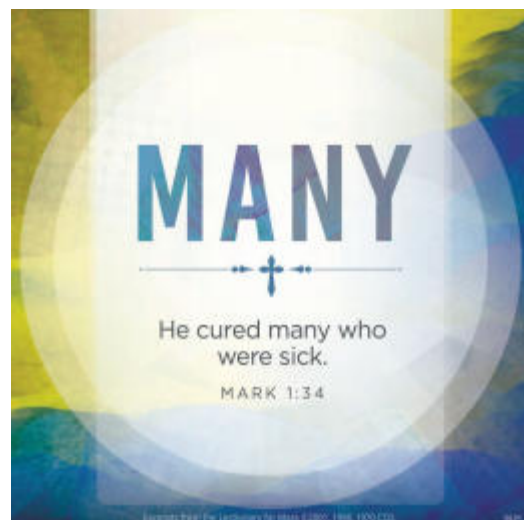
4:00 PM

Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 14th

8:00 AM
11:00 AM

Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
Mass at Our Lady Immaculate



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