

# 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)

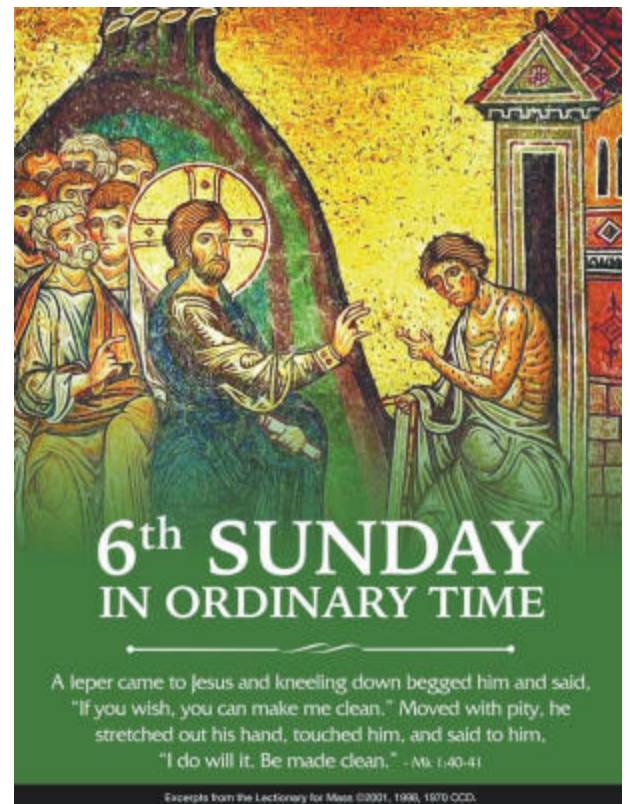
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor  
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

The scene in today’s Gospel opens with a leper coming to Jesus, kneeling at His feet, begging Jesus to make him whole, to make him clean. There was not any treatment for leprosy at that time. Thus, lepers were outcasts. Keeping your distance from those individuals with leprosy was the only safeguard there was at that time.

Jesus, however, does not seem concerned about this reality. When the leper approaches Him, Jesus is moved with pity for the man. Jesus simply reaches out and touches the leper and immediately the leper was healed!

How long it had been since anyone had touched the leper? We all need to be touched in a caring way. It is a way of saying I care about you, I am concerned about you, you are important to me. Not only had the leper not been touched, but that people kept themselves at a distance from him. If they saw the leper coming, they might have chosen to give him a wide berth or perhaps find a different route. The pain, isolation, and perhaps shame of those with leprosy, must have been intense!

Who are the “lepers” in our day, in our world? Who are the individuals that I (and you) may treat as a “leper” at times by avoiding them or ignoring them? Perhaps I simply do not like them or they may be needy and desire more from me than I am willing to give. Perhaps they simply “get on my nerves.”

Can we be more like Jesus? Will we strive to be more like Jesus? Are we willing to reach out and touch the individuals we typically avoid? Hopefully, we can answer yes. . .but only time will tell!

## 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

## 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

### ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

#### In Support Our Retired Priests

When a Diocesan priest is ordained, he makes a lifelong commitment to serve the needs of the faithful in the Diocese of Worcester. In return, the Diocese makes a commitment to the priest to provide for his basic well-being during his lifetime, including retirement.

Please make your check payable to: Ash Wednesday Collection, bring cash or visit [worcesterdiocese.org](http://worcesterdiocese.org) to make a secure donation to this collection with a credit card.

### Adoration

Tuesdays 2-3PM at OLI

### Confessions

Tuesdays 7PM or by appointment

### Rosary

Thursdays 9AM at St. Peter's

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7PM at St. Francis

### Solemnity of St. Joseph

(in the year of St. Joseph)

March 19th, Mass at St. Francis at 7PM

## FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: • Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. • Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty- nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. • Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

## WORD OF LIFE

“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. ‘Behold, I am with you always until the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20).” ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

2-7-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,998.50; Building: \$222.00; Memorial: \$100.00; Fuel: \$142.00; Candles; \$10.00; Latin America: \$10.00; Window: \$143.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$45,381.51 has been collected.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### COLLECTION

2-7-21 ~ Sunday: \$642.30; Monthly: \$3.00; Reno: \$52.00; Fuel: \$326.00; Home Mission: \$5.00.

### 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

2-7-21 ~ Sunday: \$555.00; Building: \$65.00; Fuel: \$25.00.

### 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.

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### SUNDAY MASS DISPENSATION - UPDATE

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 Feast of Pentecost, May 23, 2021.

### OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of the Presidents Day holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday the 16th. Thank you.

**FEBRUARY 14, 2021**

## Hymnal Readings: 869

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

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

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk  
8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10  
[11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf.  
3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/  
Mk 1:12-15



### **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

### **Monday, February 15th**

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

### **Tuesday, February 16th**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Donald Bassett, Jr.  
by Charles & Paula Thibault

### **Wednesday, February 17th Ash Wednesday**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Raymond Marquis by Mary Maga  
12:10 PM **OLI:** +Robert Leonard  
by his Wife & Family  
7:00 PM **St. Francis:** +Robert Hunter  
by Richard & Sherry Hunter

### **Saturday, February 20th Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Paul Migneault  
By Paul & Deb Kuzmeskas

### **Sunday, February 21st 1st Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Virginia Trainor  
By her Daughter Helena Brophy  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Estelle White by the Family

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

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



*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**SATURDAY 13th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 14th**

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

**MONDAY 15th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 16th**

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 17th**

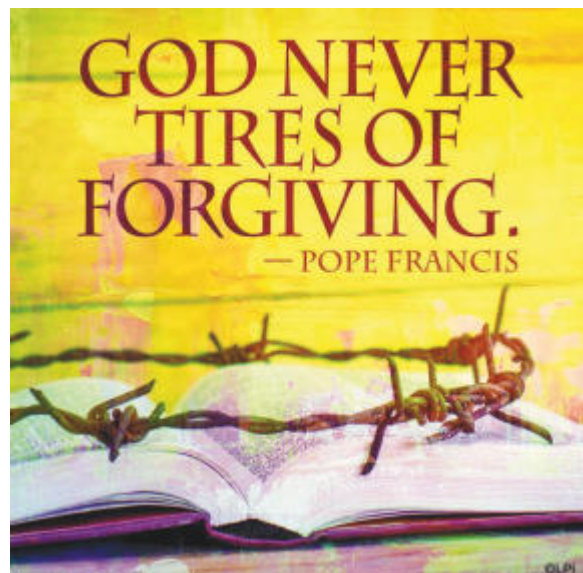
8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
12:10PM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
7:00 PM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

**SATURDAY 20th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 21st**

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



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