

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)

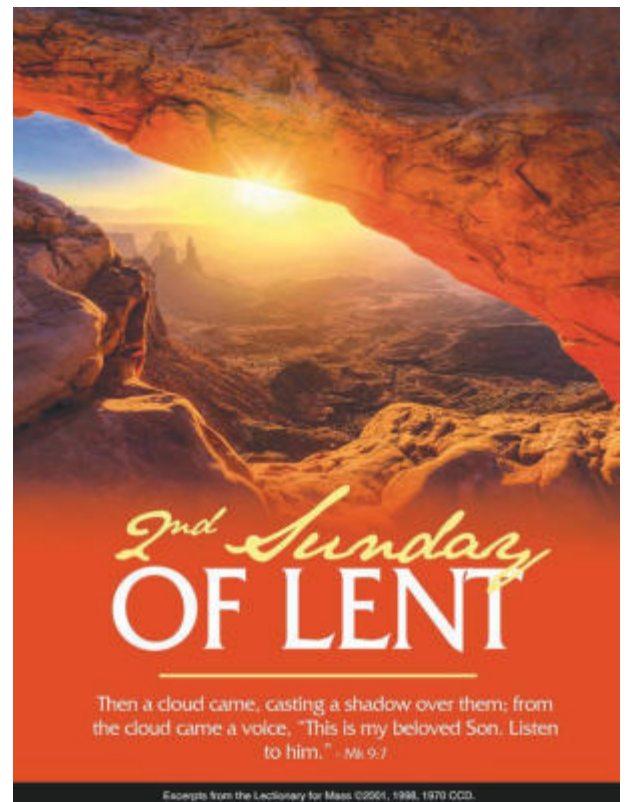
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

This Gospel reading is the account of Jesus’ transfiguration. It begins as Jesus takes James, John and Peter up a mountain. When they arrived on the mountain, they were gifted with a wondrous experience: Jesus was transfigured before them! His clothing was changed. His garments became a dazzling white. These disciples also received another gift: Moses and Elijah appeared. What a wondrous experience for these ordinary and simple men!

In this encounter, these disciples had a life-changing experience. They must have looked at Jesus with very different eyes. After all, God had told them that Jesus was his Son. It must have taken awhile to absorb this experience. At times, did they question their sanity? Did they truly hear the words that God had spoken to them? It must have been a blessing for them that they could process this experience with one another and with Jesus.

How would you react if you had an experience like this? Would we have the faith to believe that God was right there with us? Or would we be skeptical and question our experience? Perhaps we might even think we were hallucinating. And yet, I would guess that most, if not all of us, would love to have such a close encounter with God or Jesus. What a gift and blessing this encounter would be!

Most likely today we will not have a vision or hear a voice from heaven speaking to us. Yet, perhaps today God is saying to each one of us: “You are my beloved child.” God loves us as deeply as God loves Jesus! Do we believe and trust that this is true?

Today, sit down, be still and allow God’s word and love to fill your mind and heart. Hear God speaking to you: “You are my beloved child. Allow my presence and my love to fill you and surround you. I am always with you! Let me in! Trust me!”

LENT 2021

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.

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: \$13,480
St. Francis of Assisi ~ Goal \$5,300 To Date: \$1,355
St. Peter's ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$1,950

WORD OF LIFE

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ~USCCB *Married Love and the Gift of Life*.

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.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

2-21-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,538.50; Building: \$249.00; Fuel: \$85.00; Candle: 10.00; Latin America: \$32.00.

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

2-21-21 ~ Sunday: \$370.00; Monthly: \$35.00; Reno: \$5.00; Fuel: \$125.00; 2nd Fuel: \$80.00; Latin America: \$62.00.

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

2-21-21 ~ Sunday: \$160.00; Building: \$180.00.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION—THANK YOU

Thank you for your support of the Retired Priests in the Diocese of Worcester. Ash Wednesday collections were:

Our Lady Immaculate: \$242.00
St. Francis of Assisi: \$271.67

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
ROSARY**

The First Saturday Devotion for March will be held on March 6th at 8:00 at Our Lady Immaculate. Every 13th of the month, everyone, especially the Living Rosary members, are encouraged to pray the rosary. The rosary is a powerful prayer to fight all evils. Let us ask our Blessed Mother's intercession to her Divine Son Jesus Christ by praying the Rosary.

Hymnal Readings: 812

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Saturday, February 27th Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Francis & Beatrice Goulet
By the Family

Sunday, February 28th 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Robert Hunter
By Jim & Joanne Jerome
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Red & Mini Winters
By Mark & Cindy Winters

Monday, March 1st

8:00 AM **OLI:** Health & Healing for Cindy Winters
by Gayle Bassett

Tuesday, March 2nd

8:00 AM **OLI:** President Joseph Biden
By Marcella Catalano

Wednesday, March 3rd

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

Saturday, March 6th Vigil:

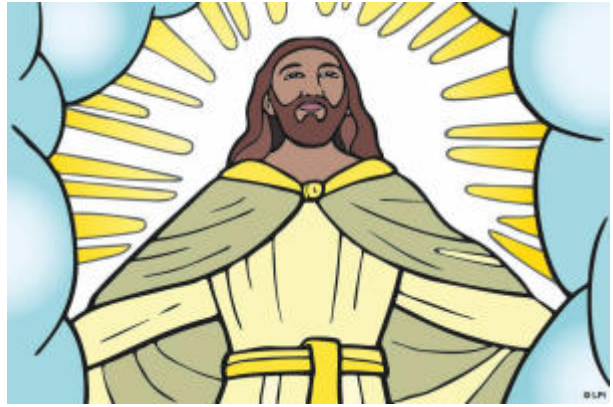
8:00 AM +Louis "Chic" Calcari by the Barcombs
3rd Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Gloria Young by the Family

Sunday, March 7th 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Marie Jurgelonis
By Marie Shatos
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Robert Leonard
by his Wife and Family

FOOD PANTRY

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



I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SATURDAY 27th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 28th

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

MONDAY 1st

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 2nd

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 3rd

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

THURSDAY 4th

9:00 AM Rosary at St. Peter Church

FRIDAY 5th

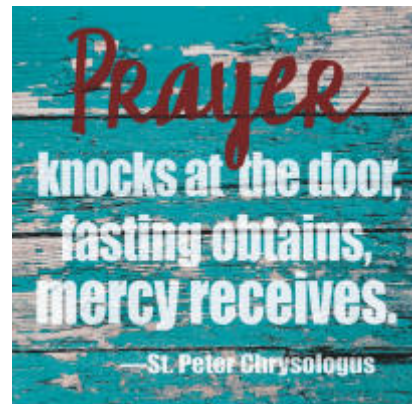
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Francis

SATURDAY 6th

8:00 AM First Saturday Devotion at OLI
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 7th

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



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