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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)

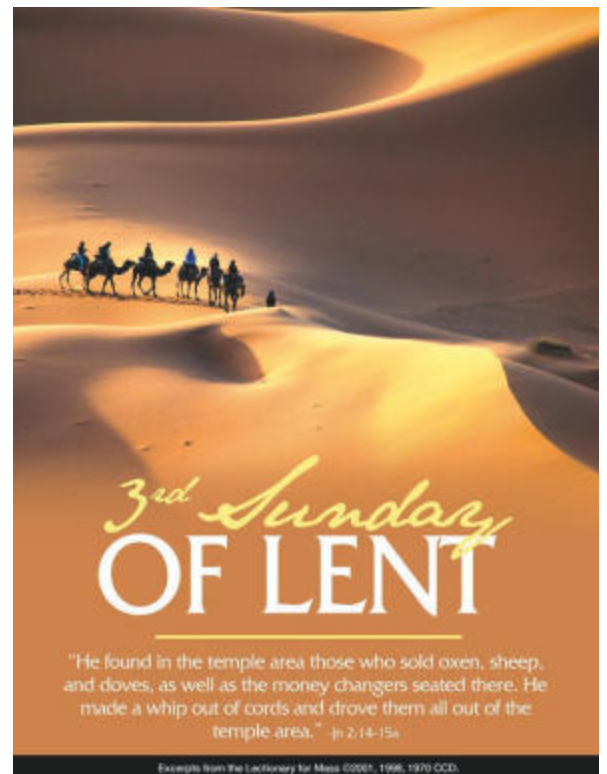
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

Gayle Bassett, Secretary

Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator
& Safe Environment Coordinator

Terry Parker, Music Director
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

“But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature.”

Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. He sees the merchants selling animals for the sacrifices and the money changers. He makes a whip and chases the animals and the traders out of the Temple. The disciples remember the Scripture that says, “Passion for your house consumes me.” The leaders demand a sign that Jesus has done this under God’s authority. He tells them if they pull down the temple, he will rebuild it in three days. They don’t realize that he is talking about His body.

Many people were claiming to trust in Jesus, but He didn’t trust them. He knew human nature. People claim to be disciples of Jesus for all kinds of reasons. Sometimes it is for social standing or to make business contacts. Sometimes it is out of a religious spirit.

There are many people who, to all outward appearances, are dedicated Christians. They believe the gospel, and may even do many good works. For some reason the head knowledge of the facts of the gospel does not translate to the heart. When pressure comes on, they don’t cope as we might expect, because the outward behavior has changed but their heart has not changed. When Jesus comes in He changes our heart. Our life is changed forever from the inside out. Nobody can live the Christian life out of their own strength. We need the new heart and the new mind that only Jesus can give through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Lord, I thank you for not just forgiving my sins but for giving me a new heart. You are making every part of my life new. Amen.

LENT 2021

Adoration

Tuesdays 2-3PM at OLI

Confessions

Tuesdays 7PM or by appointment

Rosary

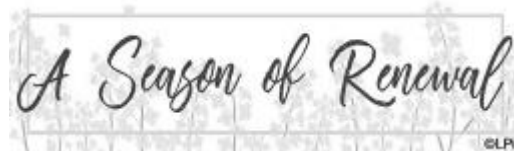
Thursdays 9AM at St. Peter’s

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: \$13,530
St. Francis of Assisi ~ Goal \$5,300 To Date: \$1,355
St. Peter's ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$1,950

WORD OF LIFE

"Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)," ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro Life Activities "Healing within Marriage from an Abortion"*

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

2-28-21 ~ Sunday: \$2,410.50; Building: \$299.00; Fuel: \$122.00; Easter: 10.00; Catholic Relief: \$10.00.

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

2-28-21 ~ Sunday: \$460.00; Monthly: \$27.00; Reno: \$22.00; Fuel: \$47.00.

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

2-28-21 ~ Sunday: \$260.00; Building: \$100.00.

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.

2021 MENS CONFERENCE

Due to the current pandemic, this year's Diocesan Men's Conference that will take place on March 20, will be remote and interactive. Tickets from our cancelled event last year will be honored for March 20, 2021. For additional information or purchase new tickets, please call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345.



MARCH 7, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 815

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

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
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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

Monday, March 8th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Bob Murphy by his Family

Tuesday, March 9th

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

Wednesday, March 10th

8:00 AM **OLI:** Lisa Stone Patient ~ Health & Healing
by Aunt Ruthie & Uncle Joe Labrie

Saturday, March 13th Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Michael Killay
by Dick & Margaret White

Sunday, March 14th 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** All Parishioners
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Jimmy Winters
By Mark & Cindy Winters

FOOD PANTRY

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

MARCH 7, 2021



Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SATURDAY 6th

8:00 AM
4:00 PM

First Saturday Devotion 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

THURSDAY 11th

9:00 AM

Rosary at St. Peter Church

FRIDAY 12th

7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross at St. Francis

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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