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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)

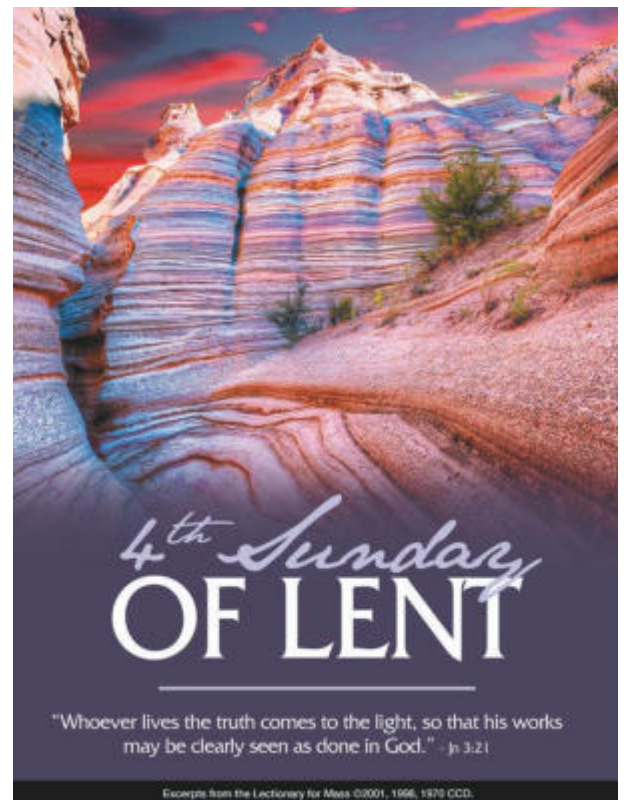
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

Gayle Bassett, Secretary

Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator
& Safe Environment Coordinator

Terry Parker, Music Director
Lori Hunt-Peterson, Music Ministry

Christian Cormier, Maintenance



THIS SUNDAY'S WORD**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

God remains faithful to His People despite rejections of Him: the Exile described is seen as a sign of compassion, to bring them back to their senses and mercy is seen in the return to the Promised Land after the Exile. Paul's words to the Church in Ephesus, underline one of the causes of this falling away: our over reliance on our own efforts and our need to trust in the love and mercy of God. God's supreme faithfulness is seen in the gift of His own Son, sent to bring us to New Life. He never condemns, it's we who turn away.

Nicodemus... He is a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin, the Supreme Council of the Jews. He is very open and is touched by Jesus at the meeting - and he wants to find out more, but fails to understand what Jesus is saying: light needs to banish darkness (he came at night). Later in the Gospel, he appears when opposition is growing against Jesus: the Sanhedrin was for killing him, even without a trial – something that Nicodemus rejects, the Law demands fair trials! The final appearance is when he appears to give Jesus a decent burial, by providing expensive spices.

Nicodemus is open-minded and a genuine seeker after truth; he was a fair-minded man, as the second appearance shows and finally he is seen as a rich man, but with much compassion and generosity. However despite these qualities, he still chose to go and see Jesus at night, secretly – a decent man, but who could have been a great one! As we reflect on what we see of Nicodemus in John's Gospel, we see the need to get off the fence and proclaim Jesus wholeheartedly. It is not a question of simply believing, but of living according to that belief.

In Christ, there is no darkness – His light shows up the darkness in us; His truth - our lies; His integrity our falseness; His generosity our selfishness; His peace our conflicts. His openness to others shows how closed we are. We should not be afraid of His light – we should rejoice in it. “Christ, radiant Light of the world, guide our steps in the way of truth and goodness and lead us through the gloom of this world to the Kingdom of unfailing light!” 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: \$14,055
St. Francis of Assisi ~ Goal \$5,300 To Date: \$1,355
St. Peter's ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$1,950

WORD OF LIFE

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished.**” ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent*

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

3-7-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,768.50; Building: \$259.00; Fuel: \$81.00; Easter: 20.00; Candles: \$30.00; Window: \$273.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$45,654.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

3-7-21 ~ Sunday: \$643.00; Reno: \$110.00; Fuel: \$372.00; Initial: \$5.00.

RECYCLE DAY

St. Francis will once again be hosting a recycle day – see below for details.

Electronic/Appliance and Bicycle Recycling Day
Location: Saint Francis of Assisi, 101 Main Street, Athol
Saturday, April 3rd from 9 am to noon (subject to change)
Masks are required and social distancing observed!
Prices range from \$5 for small appliances to \$40 for large TV's (Cash/personal checks accepted)

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

3-7-21 ~ Sunday: \$675.00; Building: \$70.00; 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.

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 14, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 818

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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:** +John Krustapentus
By his Family
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Jimmy Winters
By Mark & Cindy Winters

Monday, March 15th

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

Tuesday, March 16th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Blanchard Family by the Family

Wednesday, March 17th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Louis Maga by his Daughter

Saturday, March 20th Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Helen Hensley by the Family

Sunday, March 21st 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** All Parishioners
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Michael St. Arnold
By the Berthiaume Family

FOOD PANTRY

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

MARCH 14, 2021



Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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

THURSDAY 18th

9:00 AM Rosary at St. Peter Church

FRIDAY 19th

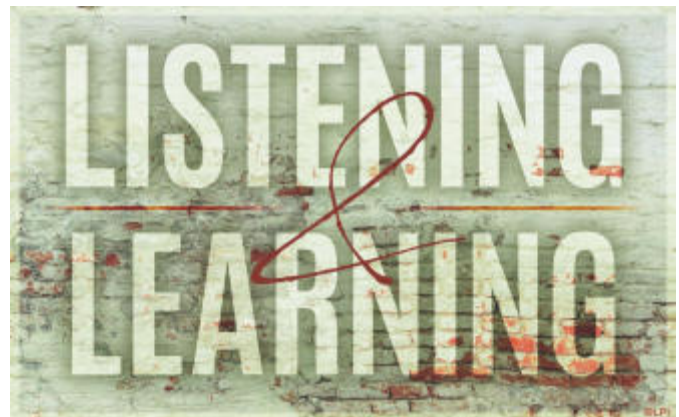
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Francis

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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