

# 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)

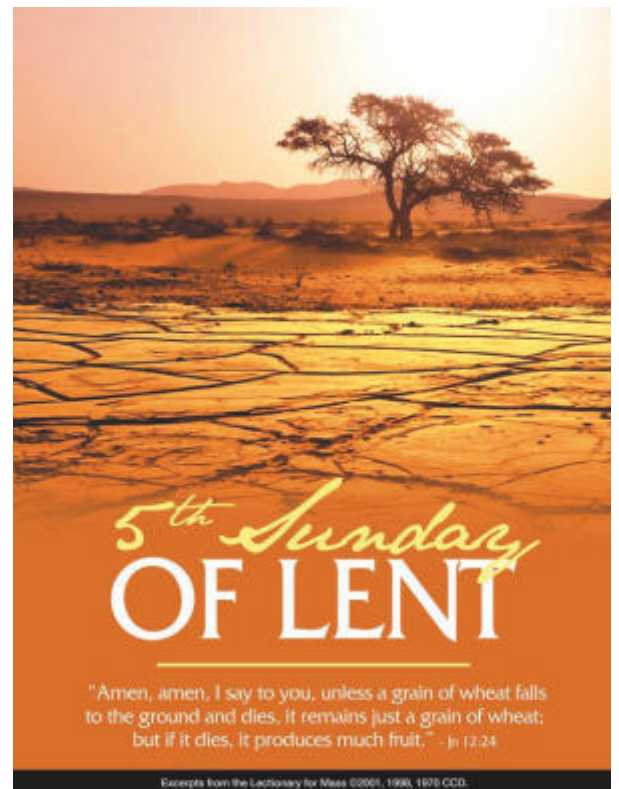
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor  
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

Gayle Bassett, Secretary

Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator  
& Safe Environment Coordinator

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

Today as we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent, we are drawing close to our destination and to the most important moments in our journey this season. This fact is reflected in all the readings of this Sunday. Christ is ready to offer everything for our salvation. So, we too must be willing to offer all for him and for others.

The first reading of this Sunday is an assurance of God’s continuous presence with us. It also reminds us of the new thing that God is about to do in our midst: “I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind...then, I will be their God and they will be my people.” So, as we continue our walk this Lent, let us know that God is willing to fulfill his promise and nothing can stop him. All he demands from us is to be ready to accept this new covenant made in Christ Jesus.

Today, we must find new courage to press on in the midst of trials, persecution, and even doubts. Also, we must learn from His experience, that suffering is necessary, and inevitable in life. This is because, just as Christ, we will be made perfect through it.

The gospel of this Sunday draws us closer to our destination. Christ himself tells us: “Now the hour has come for the son of man to be glorified.” What glory is there in suffering? He is about to be arrested, punished and killed, yet he talks about his glory. Jesus saw beyond the clouds of pains and difficulties in order to behold success and eternal life.

## HOLY WEEK 2021 MARCH 29 – APRIL 4

### PALM SUNDAY

Weekend Masses as usual.  
Blessing and distribution of Palms at all Masses

### MON-TUE-WED

8 am Mass at Our Lady

### TUESDAY

2-3 pm Adoration  
7 pm Confessions

### HOLY THURSDAY

9 am Rosary at St. Peter’s  
7 pm MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER and  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady

### GOOD FRIDAY

12:10 pm Stations of the Cross at Our Lady  
7 pm LITURGY OF THE LORD’S PASSION at St. Francis

### HOLY SATURDAY

7 pm SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL at Our Lady

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday Masses as usual

**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 Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness! ~ *(The Gospel of Life 5)*

**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**

**3-14-21** ~ Sunday: \$1,560.00; Building: \$214.00; Fuel: \$70.00; Flowers: 35.00; Catholic Relief: \$10.00.

**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**

**3-14-21** ~ Sunday: \$312.00; Monthly: \$15.00; Reno: \$20.00; Fuel: \$45.00.

**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**

**3-14-21** ~ Sunday: \$455.00; 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.



**MARCH 21, 2021**

## Hymnal Readings: 821

### Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-  
3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
[52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb  
10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn  
11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17  
-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



### 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

### Monday, March 22nd

8:00 AM OLI: +Fanelli Family by Stella Murphy

### Tuesday, March 23rd

8:00 AM OLI: +Thomas Gagliardi by Anna Gagliardi  
Beane & Joseph Gagliardi

### Wednesday, March 24th

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

### Saturday, March 27th Vigil: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

4:00 PM OLI: +Fred Richards by his Family

### Sunday, March 28th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM St. Francis: All Parishioners

11:00 AM OLI: +Blanchard Family  
by Telesphore Blanchard

### FOOD PANTRY

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

*MARCH 21, 2021*



*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

**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

**MONDAY 22nd**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 23rd**

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 24th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**THURSDAY 25th**

9:00 AM Rosary at St. Peter Church

**FRIDAY 26th**

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

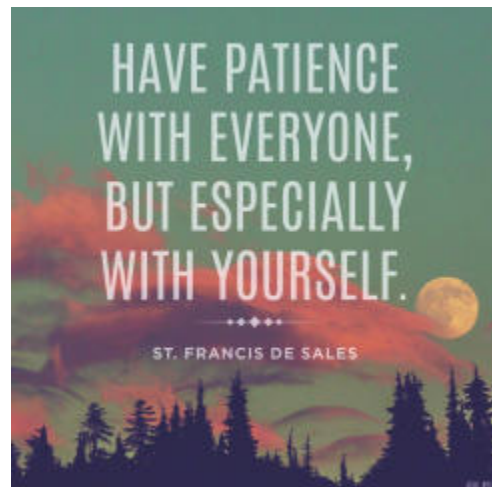
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