

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)

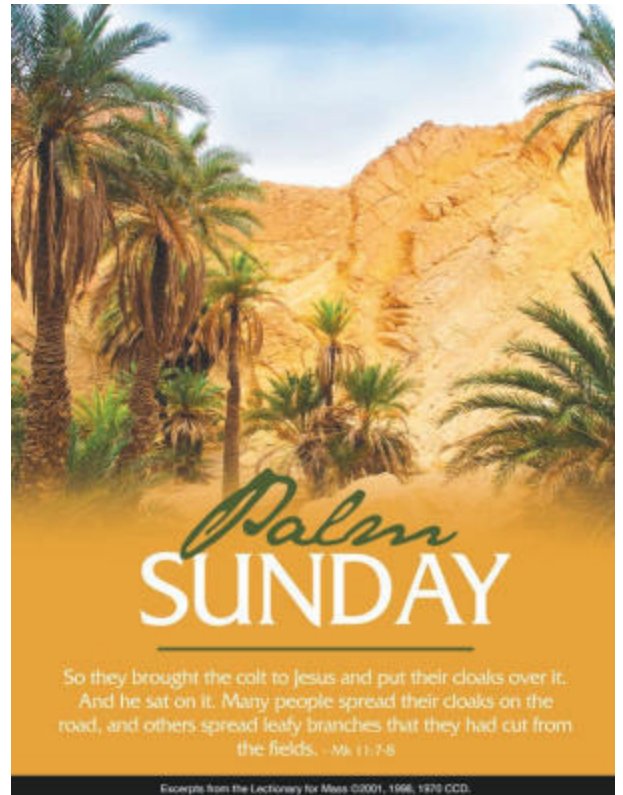
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

As the Christian community enters into the final week of preparation for Easter Sunday, a week often called Holy Week, members of the Catholic community will begin to start talking about something called Triduum. Taken from a Latin root that mean “three days,” it is a period of time that traces the final days of Jesus’ life, his death, and his resurrection from the dead.

Starting on the Thursday before Easter Sunday, each day is traditionally marked with a particular liturgy. On Holy Thursday there is the Mass of the Lord’s Supper that marks the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples, wherein he showed them what it means to serve by washing their feet. It is also meant to mark what is seen as the establishment of the celebration of the Eucharist (or Mass).

Good Friday is marked with fasting and prayer as a way to remember Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross. The Good Friday liturgy involves the reading of Jesus’ passion and death from the Gospel of John as well as an opportunity to pray with and venerate a cross – the instrument of Jesus’ death and our salvation.

Holy Saturday is meant to be a quiet day, remembering the empty space that was present for the disciples of Jesus after his death and before his resurrection. They did not expect the resurrection and so were left in a place of grief.

After sundown on Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil is celebrated. It one of the longest of Catholic liturgies, involving several readings from scripture tracing God’s care for humanity, the baptism and reception of new members of the Church, the celebration of the Eucharist, and a great many joy-filled songs. It was that night when Jesus rose from the dead. It is that great victory over sin and death that the community celebrates.

The community will then gather again on Easter Sunday to celebrate Mass and continue to the joyous songs of celebration. Jesus Christ has risen to die no more! Humanity has been invited into that same trajectory through death to 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

****NOTE:** NO First Saturday Mass & Devotion
NO 4pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday Masses as usual

**FR. EDWIN AWAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Fr. Edwin will be away so there will be NO weekday Masses on M-W April 5th, 6th & 7th. The Church office will be closed on Monday April 5th ~ Normal office hours will resume Tuesday April 6th. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All are welcome to join Annunciation Parish in Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11th. Confessions will be heard from 2-3. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3pm. ~ 135 Nichols Street, Gardner.

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

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" ~ *(The Gospel of Life 28)*.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

3-21-21 ~ Sunday: \$2,496.00; Building: \$256.00; Fuel: \$45.00; Holy Day: \$10.00; Flowers: \$190.00; Window: \$310.00; Catholic Relief: \$123.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$45,964.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

3-21-21 ~ Sunday: \$395.00; Fuel: \$95.00; 2nd Fuel: \$75.00; Flowers: \$62.00; Catholic Relief: \$12.00.

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, May 15th 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

3-21-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,485.00; Building: \$80.00; Flowers: \$20.00; Catholic Relief: \$20.00.

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.

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.

FOOD PANTRY

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

Hymnal Readings: 823

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn

22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex

14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15,

32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps

42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



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

Monday, March 29th

8:00 AM OLI: +Timothy O'Malley 11th Anniversary
By his Family

Tuesday, March 30th

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

Wednesday, March 31st

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

Thursday, April 1st Holy Thursday

7:00 PM OLI: All Parishioners

Saturday, April 3rd Vigil: EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 PM OLI: All Parishioners

Sunday, April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM St. Francis: All Parishioners

11:00 AM OLI: All Parishioners

MARCH 28, 2021



My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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 29th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 30th

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 31st

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

THURSDAY 1st

9:00 AM Rosary at St. Peter Church
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at OLI

FRIDAY 2nd

12:10 PM Stations of the Cross at OLI
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lords Passion at St. Francis

SATURDAY 3rd

7:00 PM Solemn Easter Vigil at OLI

SUNDAY 4th

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



Please remember **Ralph Bowers and Eleanor Gregg** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

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