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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)

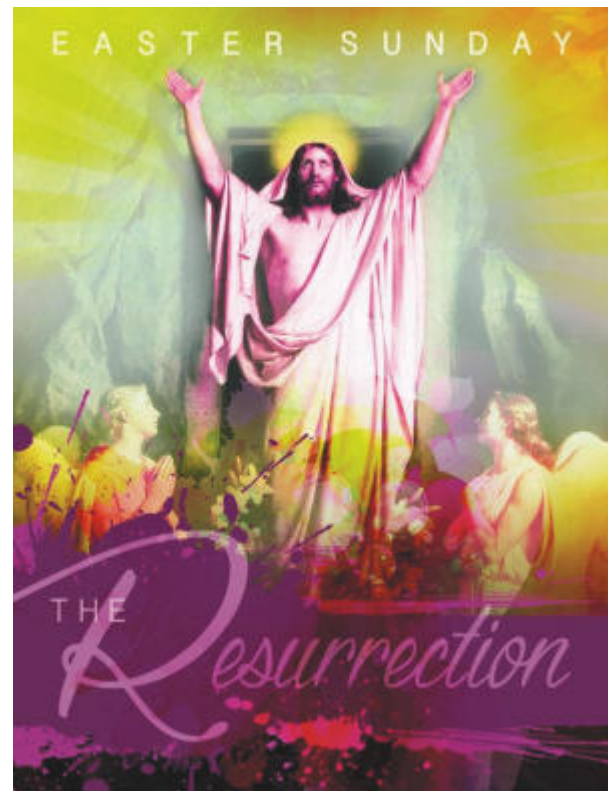
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

Gayle Bassett, Secretary

Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator
& Safe Environment Coordinator

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

Christian Cormier, Maintenance



EASTER 2021

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

Last year will remain forever the one when the people of God were locked out of their churches on Easter Day. The last 8 months has seen a recovery of the home as a center for worship; a rediscovery that 'church' is not merely a place that we go to, outside of which prayer is somehow unwelcome or unfitting, but a belonging we carry with us, into every aspect of our lives. It has been heartwarming to see the numbers of people taking part in worship from their homes, not only on Sundays but for daily prayer throughout the week. Nor has the return of religion to our homes been confined to the steaming of services; study and fellowship groups have flourished with the demands of travel replaced by the click of a mouse button, or the press of a finger. If, at the end of this pandemic, we have learned that God is as present and as central to our lives in a cluttered kitchen as he is in the most resplendent sanctuary, we will have learned well.

This Easter, most of our buildings are once more open. There are still significant constraints, to keep everyone safe from infection or infecting others, but the growing sense is of things slowly returning to normal. We can celebrate this Easter with added hope - the hope that, over the coming months, the most onerous of the coronavirus regulations will be lifted and life will recover a degree of normality. We will see much missed family members and friends again. We will begin to be able to travel for fun and leisure, not merely of necessity. Our Alleluias can be heartfelt. So our prayer for this Easter season is that we do not, in returning to our gathering places, seek to lock God, or the practice of our faith, back out of our homes. Can we continue to join, as lay people and clergy, to pray together daily from the comfort of our living rooms? Can we continue to share and to study from home, the better to deepen our discipleship there? It's a fact of human nature that we tend to remember things better in the place where we first learned them. Can we become a people for whom the Risen Lord Jesus is not someone whose home we visit when regulations permit, but one who abides with us in the places we ourselves live and work? Therein lies the challenge and the promise for this Easter.

Happy Easter!



FOOD PANTRY

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

**FR. EDIWN 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 Aril 11th. Confessions will be heard from 2-3. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3pm. ~ 135 Nichols Street, Gardner.

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: \$14,205

St. Francis of Assisi ~ Goal \$5,300 To Date: \$1,655

St. Peter's ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$2,500

WORD OF LIFE

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life 84*)

FORTIER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the annual Barbara A. Fortier Memorial Fund Scholarship are now available, and may be requested via email at: bafortiermemorialfund@gmail.com. This scholarship opportunity is open to any current high school student in the North Quabbin Catholic Community cluster who will be pursuing some form of secondary education (i.e., college, trade school, etc.) upon graduation. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2021.

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

3-28-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,787.50; Building: \$306.00; Memorial: \$175.00; Fuel: \$10.00; Flowers: \$119.00; Good Friday: \$5.00; Catholic Relief: \$41.00.

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

3-28-21 ~ Sunday: \$521.00; Monthly: \$55.00; Renovation: \$40.00; Fuel: \$50.00; Flowers: \$135.00; Catholic Relief: \$10.00.

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

3-28-21 ~ Sunday: \$260.00; Building: \$100.00; Flowers: \$10.00; Easter: \$10.00.

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.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember **Lisa Stone Patient** who passed away recently, as well as her family. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

APRIL 4, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 827

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



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

Monday, April 5th

8:00 AM OLI: No Mass

Tuesday, April 6th

8:00 AM OLI: No Mass

Wednesday, April 7th

8:00 AM OLI: No Mass

Saturday, April 10th Vigil: DIVINE MERCY

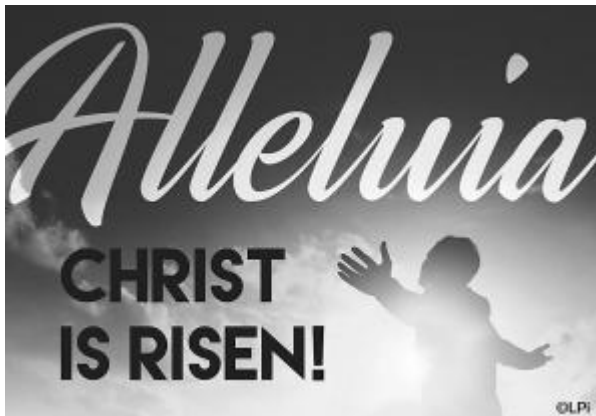
4:00 PM OLI: +Lydia Demarest by her Family

Sunday, April 11th SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8:00 AM St. Francis: +Marie Jurgelonis

By the Knights of Lithuania

11:00 AM OLI: +Jean Torstensen by her Family





*This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad.*

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

MONDAY 5th

8:00 AM No Mass

TUESDAY 6th

8:00 AM No Mass

2:00 PM Holy Hour with Adoration at OLI

WEDNESDAY 7th

8:00 AM No Mass

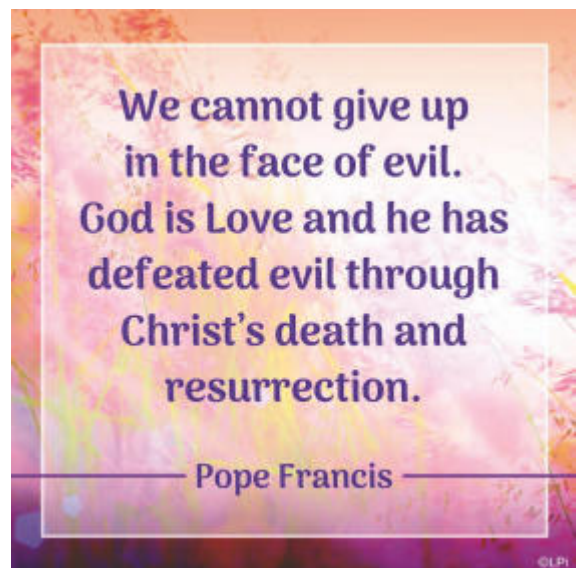
SATURDAY 10th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 11th

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate



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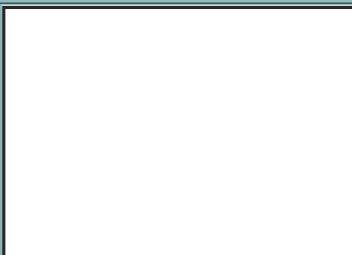
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