

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)

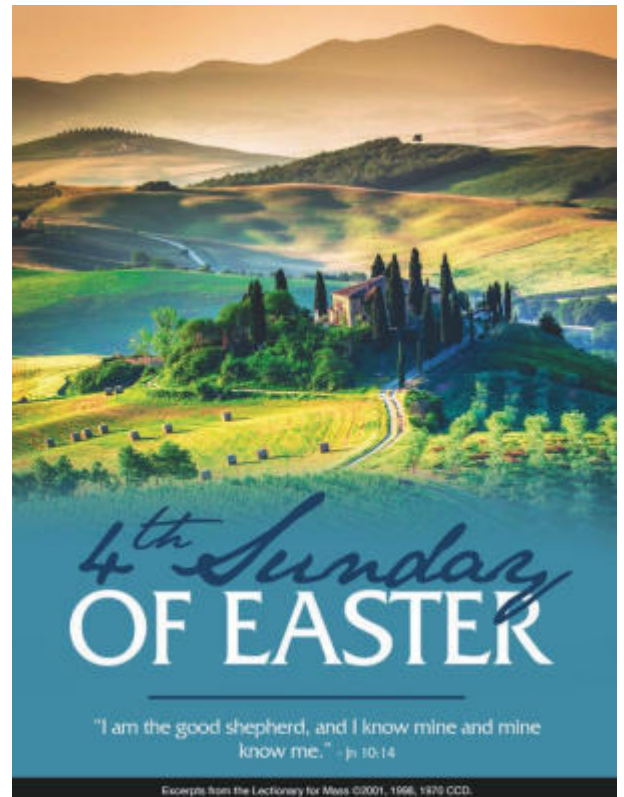
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

FOOD PANTRY

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, in your loving plan for the salvation of your people, you call some to follow your Son’s life of service as priests, deacons, and religious.

In your goodness, inspire many men and women in the Diocese of Worcester to answer your call by laying down their lives for the sake of the Kingdom.
Grant to them the grace to follow you in all things wherever you lead. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

May Mary our Mother intercede for us that we may have many holy vocations coming from our families and parishes. Saint Paul, pray for us.

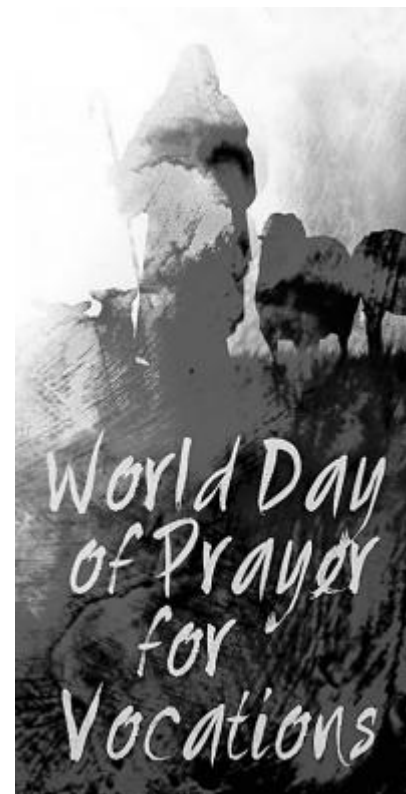
PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.



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.

WORD OF LIFE

“If you or someone you know has had an abortion, “be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”* Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro Life Activities* **“Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion”* www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION & ROSARY

The First Saturday Devotion for May will be held on May 1st at 8:00am at Our Lady Immaculate. Every 13th of the month, everyone, especially the Living Rosary members, are encouraged to pray the rosary. The rosary is a powerful prayer to fight all evils. Let us ask our Blessed Mother’s intercession to her Divine Son Jesus Christ by praying the Rosary.



OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

4-18-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,254.00; Building: \$277.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$46,546.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

4-18-21 ~ Sunday: \$375.00; Monthly: \$20.00; Renovation: \$15.00; Fuel \$115.00; 2nd Fuel: \$64.00.

RECYCLE DAY

St. Francis will once again be hosting an Electronic/Appliance and Bicycle Recycling Day on Saturday May, 15th from 9am—12Noon. 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

4-18-21 ~ Sunday: \$275.00; Building: \$15.00.

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.



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

APRIL 25, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 833

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 *St.*

Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps

90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



Saturday, April 24th Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Etienne Lozier, 10th Anniversary
by his Family

Sunday, April 25th 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +John C. Doherty

By Jacqueline Doherty

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Carole Landry by her Family

Monday, April 26th

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

Tuesday, April 27th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Ida Hayden by the Family

Wednesday, April 28th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Carole Landry by the Family

Saturday, May 1st

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Anna Tylenda

Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Edward & Judith Horrigan
by the Family

Sunday, May 2nd 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Linda Bickford
by her husband Paul

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Landry Family
By Telesphore Blanchard



APRIL 25, 2021



*The stone rejected by the builders
has become the corner stone.*

SATURDAY 24th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 25th

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

MONDAY 26th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 27th

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 28th

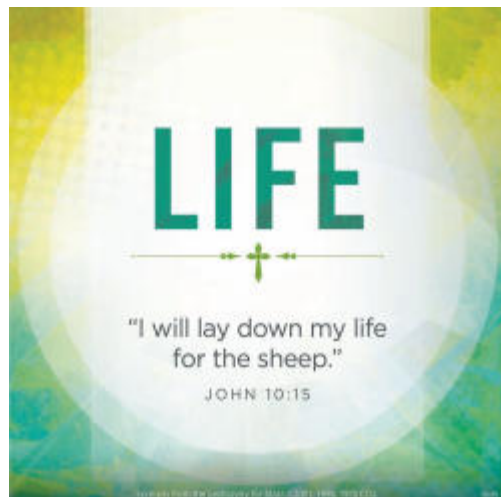
8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 1st

8:00 AM Frist Saturday Mass & Devotion at OLI
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 2nd

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



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