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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)

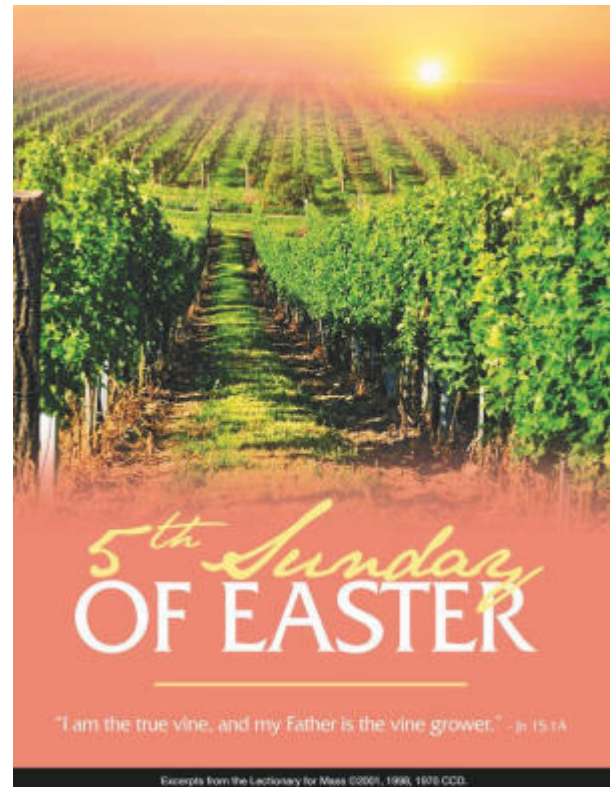
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

In today’s Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches. This is a familiar parable to us. Jesus tells his disciples that he, Jesus, is the “true” vine and his Father is the vine grower. And if his Father is the vine grower, He is responsible for growing good grapes that will make good quality wine. Jesus also says that the vine grower will prune us. Painful as this seems, this pruning will enable us to bear more fruit.

However, who wants to be pruned? Do you? For myself, I don’t like it when I am being pruned! Typically, pruning entails loss and pain. Personally, I prefer to be left alone. However, if I am not pruned, the consequence is that I will not bear good fruit.

Life prunes us all the time. And most often, we do not like the pruning. Being pruned is typically painful and difficult. Yet, after a period of time, we may come to realize that this pruning has enabled us to bear fruit in new and different ways. We also may begin to experience the new life that has come from our pruning. We may have grown and changed for the better!

The vine grower recognizes when the vines need to be pruned. And the vine grower also realizes that better fruit will grow because the vine has been pruned. Do we trust our “vine grower?” Do we trust that God only desires goodness, happiness and abundant fruit for us? Hopefully our answer is yes! True, it does not take away the pain of being pruned. Most often “being pruned” is difficult. However, if we trust our vine grower and believe that growth and plenty will come from the pruning, we will bear abundant fruit in our lives.

Today and always may we trust our Vine grower. He only desires what is best for us. And He will prune us in a gentle and loving way!



REMEMBER
in your prayers

FOOD PANTRY

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

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

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

“Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: ‘Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (Mt 25:40).” ~*Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith* “Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life”.

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.

Our Lady Immaculate: ~ Goal: \$23,800 To Date: \$14,830
St. Francis of Assisi: ~ Goal: \$5,300 To Date: \$1,655
St. Peter Church: ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$2,650

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.



OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

4-25-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,762.00; Building: \$446.00; Holy Day: \$5.00.

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

4-25-21 ~ Sunday: \$315.00; Monthly: \$10.00; Fuel \$10.00; Memorial: \$150.00.

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

4-25-21 ~ Sunday: \$235.00.

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.

MAY 2, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 835

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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

Monday, May 3rd **Ss. Philip and James, Apostles**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Leonard, Mona, Donna & Frances
DeTour by Wes & Joyce Laford

Tuesday, May 4th

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

Wednesday, May 5th

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

Saturday, May 8th **Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Louis & Florence Barcomb

Sunday, May 9th **6th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** All Mothers Living & Deceased
11:00 AM **OLI:** All Mothers Living & Deceased



MAY 2, 2021



*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

SATURDAY 1st

8:00 AM
4:00 PM

Frist Saturday Mass & Devotion at OLI
Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 2nd

8:00 AM
11:00 AM

Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

MONDAY 3rd

8:00 AM

Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 4th

8:00 AM
2:00 PM
7:00 PM

Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
Holy Hour with Adoration at OLI
Confessions at OLI Chapel until 8pm

WEDNESDAY 5th

8:00 AM

Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 8th

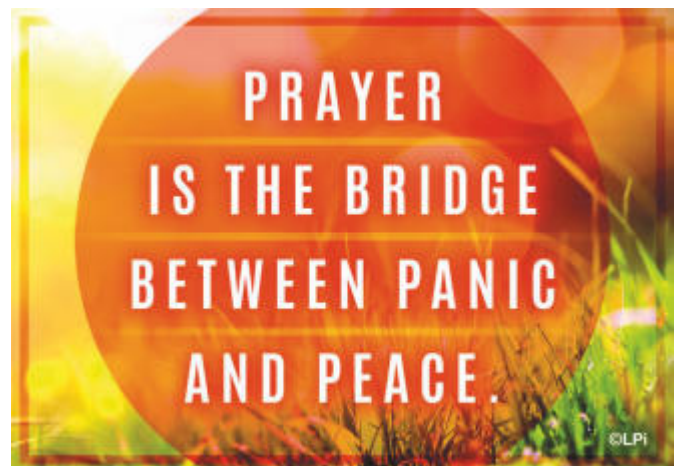
4:00 PM

Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 9th

8:00 AM
11:00 AM

Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
Mass at Our Lady Immaculate



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