

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

SAINT PETER

18 North Street
Petersham MA 01366

Mass:

Lord's Day ~ 9:30am

Confessions:

Tuesdays ~ 7:00pm -7:30 pm
at OLI

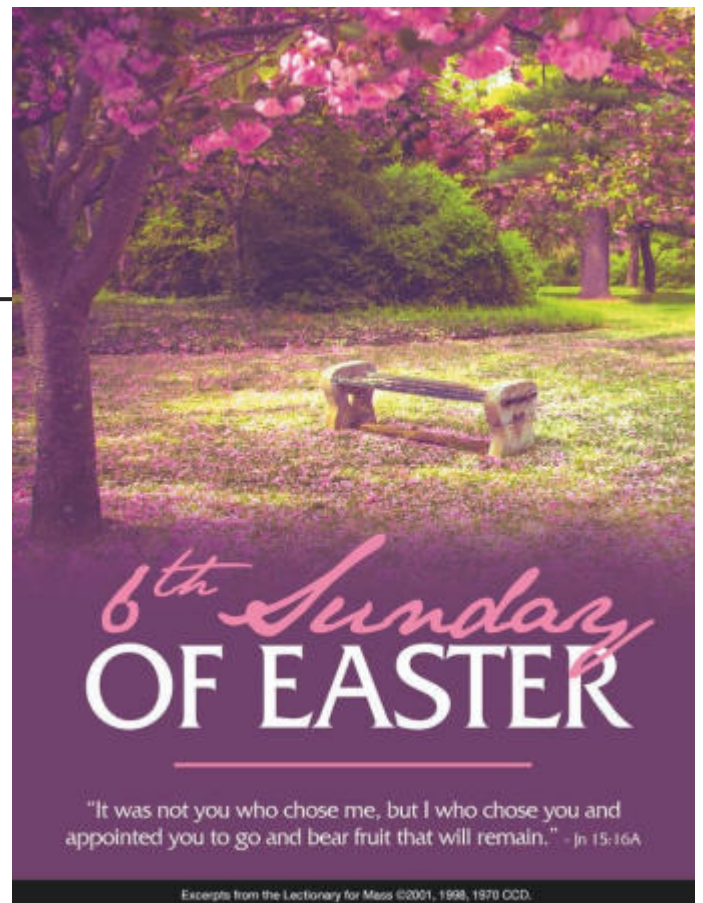
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

ASCENSION THURSDAY - MAY 13 A Holy Day of Obligation

Forty Days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Acts of the Apostles records Jesus' Ascension into heaven. The Ascension is an important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of the God-Man Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, and promise to return again. The Ascension is the final component of the paschal mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent Among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the resurrection, the Ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah.

The Catholic Catechism summarizes three important theological aspects (with which most Christian churches agree) of the Ascension concisely: ...Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11) ...Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever. ...Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (665-667).

Masses will be celebrated at 12:10PM at Our Lady and at 7PM at St. Francis.

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.

MARCOTTE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Fr. Joseph Marcotte scholarship are now available and may be picked up through May 19th. Please call the office at 978-249-2738 to schedule a pick up time. Applications must be returned to the office prior to June 2nd. Scholarship(s) will be awarded at the 11am Mass on June 13th. This scholarship is open to all Seniors in the cluster who are continuing their education, who are military bound, or entering the workforce and/or apprenticeship.



Our Lady Immaculate Church welcomes **Emberly Rose Suriel** with great joy into the faith community, the Catholic Church. Congratulations and may the flame of the Christian faith be alive in her heart.

WORD OF LIFE

“Current laws in our country fail to protect the live of unborn children. People of good will must boldly stand up against the intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government.” ~*Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro Life Activities. “Priority at the Polls”*

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: \$15,070
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.

**LEGACY OF HOPE
vs.
PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

What is the Legacy Of Hope (LOH) capital campaign?" The LOH campaign is not to be confused with, likened to, or in any way diminish the annual Partners In Charity (PIC) fund. Donations to PIC are the annual working capital which fund the day to day operations for our charity, education and lay ministry programs throughout the diocese NOW. Nothing remains at the end of the annual cycle. PIC donations come in to the church and go right out to the Diocese. As long as there is need, there will be Partners In Charity.

By contrast Legacy Of Hope (LOH) is a capital investment campaign to help individual parishes now AND insure the future for our parishes and our diocese, by creating endowment funds, the interest of which would be used to support much needed programs. Typically slightly less than the full interest is used, leaving the rest to help grow the size of the original investment and grow the endowment, and therefore the interest used, for the future. Individual parishes will start to receive their portions after six months, and every quarter thereafter.

Having drawn this distinction and along with what we saw in the video, we hope that you can appreciate that both programs, Partners In Charity and Legacy Of Hope are needed in order for the mission of our Catholic Church to be carried out locally here in our immediate family of NQCC parishes and in our extended family of the Diocese of Worcester.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

5-2-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,452.00; Building: \$283.00; Holy Day: \$10.00; Window: \$230.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$46,776.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

5-2-21 ~ Sunday: \$347.00; Renovation: \$50.00; Fuel \$35.00; Memorial: \$175.00.

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 FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Funds2Orgs came to St. Francis in mid-April to pick up the shoes we have been collecting since November. Five-hundred pairs of shoes were donated to our shoe drive. Thank you to everyone who helped us!

Message from Funds2Orgs:

“Thank you for holding a shoe drive fundraiser with Funds2Orgs. We have been proud to support your efforts. I know you didn't get the funding you were looking for, but you still did something impactful and we appreciate you. The 20 bags of shoes you collected are going to make a huge difference for our micro-enterprise partners in developing nations around the world.”

St. Francis plans on continuing its shoe drive efforts and hopes to invite the surrounding communities and businesses to participate in the future. We will still be using the blue plastic containers under the stairs going into the sacristy (in the back of the church) until a more permanent container can be built or obtained. The blue containers will be checked daily. These shoes are then shipped to countries such as Haiti and are sold in their communities. They provide opportunities for microentrepreneurs to support their families and create a path out of poverty. Funds2Orgs is the leader of the shoe drive fundraisers.

ST. PETER'S

COLLECTION

5-2-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,136.00; Building: \$372.00; Fuel: \$50.00.

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 9, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 839

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh*

Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



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

9:30 AM St. Peter: All Mothers Living & Deceased

11:00 AM OLI: All Mothers Living & Deceased

Monday, May 10th Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 AM OLI: +Evelyn Laford
by Wes & Joyce Laford

Tuesday, May 11th

8:00 AM OLI: +Agnes Breton and Angelina
Zuidema by Stella Murphy

Wednesday, May 12th

8:00 AM OLI: +Joseph Superchi by the Family

Thursday, May 13th ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12:10 PM OLI: +Kay Kaczmarczyk
By Joseph & Ruth Labrie

7:00 PM St. Francis: +Connie Superchi
by her Husband

Saturday, May 15th Vigil: 7th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM OLI: +Simone Blanchard
By her Husband

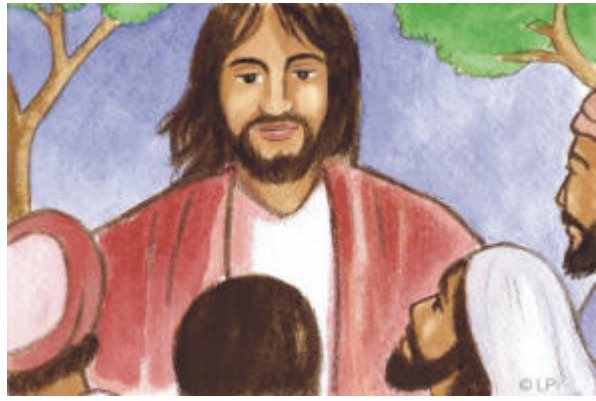
Sunday, May 16th 7th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM St. Francis: +Robin Hodges
by Jackie Doherty

9:30 AM St. Peter: +Janet O'Connor
By Don & Carol Ambrozy

11:00 AM OLI: +Romeo (13th Ann) & Irene Roussel
By the Family

MAY 9, 2021



The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow'r.

SATURDAY 8th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 9th

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

MONDAY 10th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 11th

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 12th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

THURSDAY 13th

12:10 PM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:00 PM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

SATURDAY 15th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 16th

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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