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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

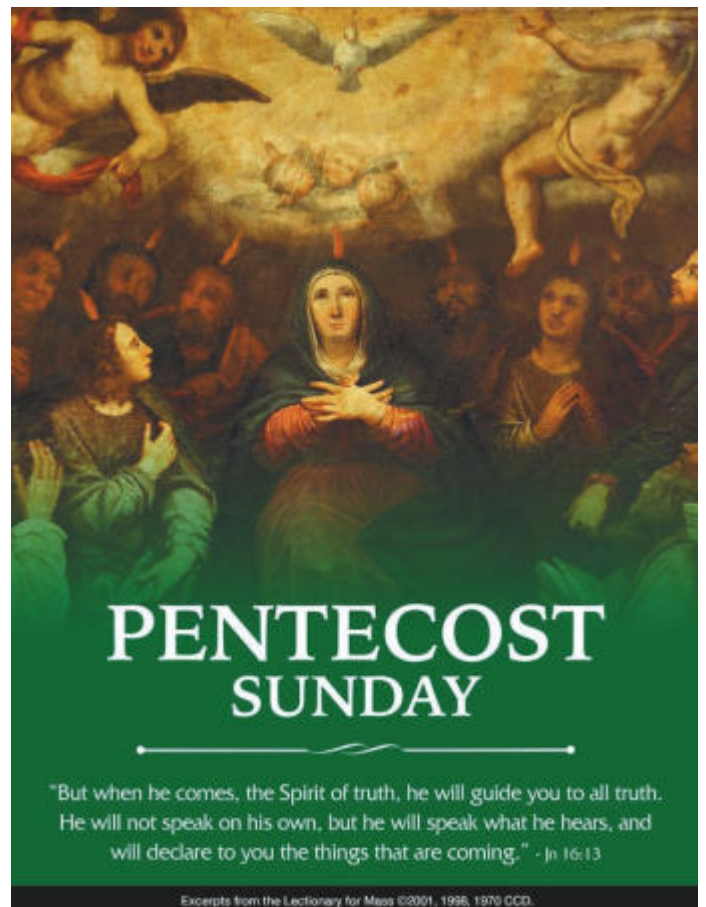
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Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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 POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Have you ever thought of calling on God through the power of the Holy Spirit to come into your life and assist you?

We hear a lot about the Holy Spirit, after all, Jesus promised to send his followers a helper after he returned to the Father. We hear of the transformation of the disciples from fear to courage when the Holy Spirit descends on them. They went from hiding in a room to boldly proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and challenging the people “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” [Acts 2:38]

So, why are we slow to call on the help of the Holy Spirit? Awareness has a key role. Mary our Mother was deeply aware of the Holy Spirit, and with the disciples in the upper room prayed and called upon the Holy Spirit to come into the world.

Take a few moments, to look inward and become aware of the areas of your life you need a little help. It maybe a relationship needs healing. Do you experience tensions with a family member, friends or work relationships? Invite the Holy Spirit to bring reconciliation and a deeper peace to those relationships. It maybe that you are feeling stressed out and fearful, notice those triggers: finance; work; health, Covid-19. No matter what the concern of your heart is, we can call on God, though the power of His Holy Spirit to assist us in our moments of need.

Adopt a posture of welcome and call on the Holy Spirit; It is the Lords free gift to us. Each of us are negotiating a challenging and stressful time over this Covid 19 Pandemic. We believe in a God who has not left us alone and offers us the strength we need to embrace it. We have hope. St. Paul’s prayer, in a letter to the Romans beautifully draws our heads and hearts to this reality:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13.



### FOOD PANTRY

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

## LEGACY OF HOPE

The *Legacy Of Hope* campaign aims to improve the vitality of our diocese as a whole, as well as each and every parish by supporting programs that we all believe in and feel good about supporting. **The campaign is working:** the first three blocks have been very successful and individual parish support money is being sent back to those individual parishes, already! Our parishes here in the North Quabbin Catholic Community are a part of block four. **The time to support is now.** Please visit the campaign's website at <https://legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org/> for more information.

## WORD OF LIFE

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.” ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid”*

## 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 will go to the Worcester Diocese.

**Our Lady Immaculate:** ~ Goal: \$23,800 To Date: \$15,070

**St. Francis of Assisi:** ~ Goal: \$5,300 To Date: \$2,405

**St. Peter Church:** ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$2,850

**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 donation will go to your Parish only.



## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

**5-16-21** ~ Collection amounts were not available at time of bulletin submission.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$47,126.51 has been collected.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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## ST. PETER'S

### COLLECTION

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.*

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of “reasons why we can't” together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Hymnal Readings: 846

### Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



### Saturday, May 22nd Vigil: PENTECOST SUNDAY

4:00 PM OLI: +Severina Kaczmarczyk  
by the Family

### Sunday, May 23rd PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 AM St. Francis: +Thomas Lawsky by Cynthia  
9:30 AM St. Peter: +Dick Caouette  
By Don & Carol Ambrozy  
11:00 AM OLI: +Gloria Dawson  
By Ken & Janet Mousseau

### Monday, May 24th The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 AM OLI: +John, Francis & Leo Fanelli  
By Stella Murphy

### Tuesday, May 25th

8:00 AM OLI: +Robert White, Jr. by his Family

### Wednesday, May 26th St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00 AM OLI: +Shiela Noel by the Family

### Saturday, May 29th Vigil: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4:00 PM OLI: +Anastasia Bosco by her Family

### Sunday, May 30th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00 AM St. Francis: +Thoms Trainor  
by Helena Brophy  
9:30 AM St. Peter: All Parishioners  
11:00 AM OLI: +Sheila Noel by the Family

*MAY 23, 2021*



*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

**SATURDAY 22nd**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 23rd**

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 24th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 25th**

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 26th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SATURDAY 29th**

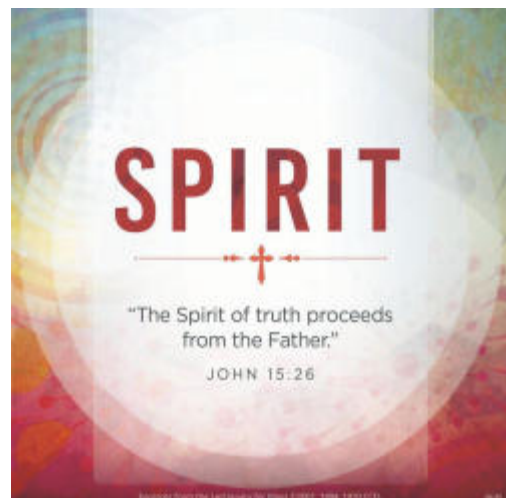
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 30th**

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate



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