

# 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:

Saturday ~ 3pm in the OLI Chapel

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:

Saturday ~ 3pm in the OLI Chapel

Divine Mercy Chaplet:  
Sunday ~ 7:40am

## SAINT PETER

18 North Street  
Petersham MA 01366

Mass:

Lord's Day ~ 9:30am

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 3pm in the OLI Chapel

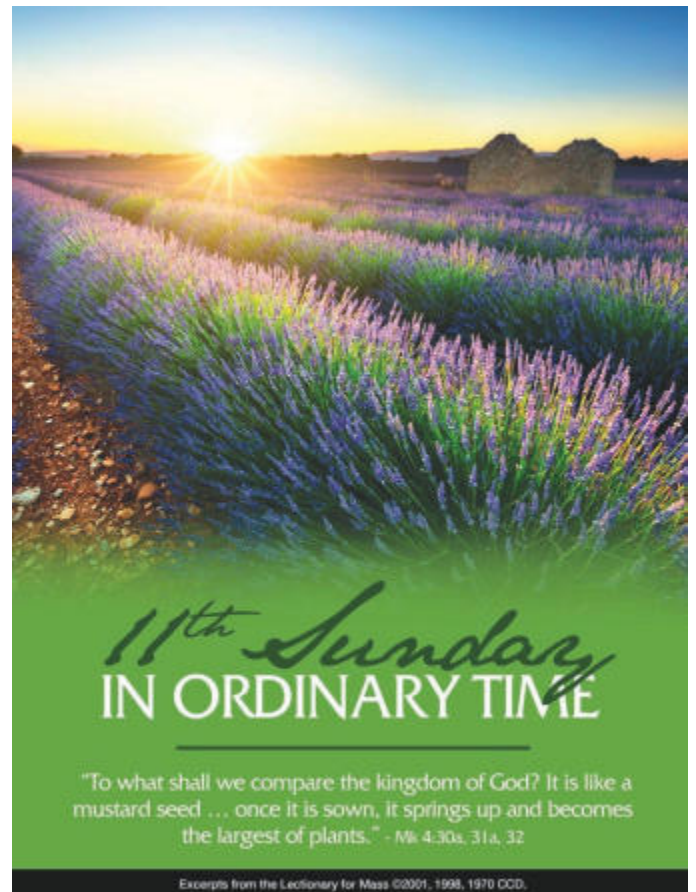
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor  
Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

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

When we talk about God’s kingdom, we typically think of that as heaven, the perfect place, but the two parables in today’s Gospel make it sound like God’s kingdom is growing on earth right now. Well, that is true. God’s kingdom is not something that we go to when we die, but it is something that manifests itself even now. God’s kingdom is where his people are, and it grows not only in number, but in depth of belief. We need to care about God’s kingdom because with all the sin in the world, we need to have the refuge it provides. We need to have a safe space where fear is no more, where despair is no more, where loneliness is no more, where sin no longer has any power. That is the kingdom of God. None of those things are from God. We were not supposed to live with fear, despair, loneliness or even sin. We were not meant to be away from God. The kingdom of God on earth means that we are with him. We are reconnected to him by the very blood of Jesus. Christ died on the cross so that we might believe in him and have eternal life, a life with no end free from dread and sin.

All of that happens in a time that we cannot fathom, but there is a glimpse of that even now. God’s kingdom on this earth looks like nothing that the eternal kingdom that is to come. It looks ramshackle and broken. It looks messy and unkempt, but it is what God wants because the broken people of this earth are what he wants. He loves us to the extent that he gave his own son to call us his own. There will be a day when every knee bows before God’s name, but we will not wait until it comes. Here and now is where God’s kingdom will reign. God will do it because it is his kingdom. There is beauty in the broken. There is joy in the smallness. God looks upon us with joy as we sing his praises, like a father who adores his children’s performance. It may start small, but it is God who makes it bigger than we can ever imagine.

## NEW PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

After seven years as our Pastor, Bishop McManus has appointed Fr. Edwin Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester. Father Mateus Souza, who’s currently the associate pastor at St. Cecilia’s Church in Leominster, has been appointed as our Administrator. Both appointments are effective July 1, 2021.

What’s the difference between a pastor and an administrator? the Code of Canon Law stipulates: “For the office of pastor to be conferred on someone, it is necessary that his suitability be clearly evident by means of some method determined by the diocesan bishop, even by means of an examination”. Therefore, in deciding the appointment of a pastor to a parish, the bishop should make a judgment based on his knowledge of the priest’s character and abilities.

As such, the bishop may obtain this knowledge during a priest’s time as administrator of a parish. A pastor has a six-year term, an administrator does not have a fixed term. Otherwise, an administrator has the same faculties and responsibilities that a pastor does.

Let’s keep both Fr. Edwin and Fr. Mateus in our prayers. May the Lord bless them with a special joy and much success as they prepare to serve His people with enthusiasm and priestly dedication.

## RECEPTION FOR FR. EDWIN

There will be reception for Fr. Edwin on Sunday, June 13th at 12:30pm in the St. Francis Church hall. All are invited to attend.

## SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Bishop McManus has restored the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021.

### FOOD PANTRY

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

## JUNE MASS SCHEDULE VISITING PRIESTS

Please welcome the following priests who will be covering when Fr. Edwin is on vacation from 6/14 to 6/30 before Fr. Mateus arrives on July 1st. Also, be aware of the days when there will be no weekday Mass:

- June 14,15,16: Fr. Dario Acevedo
- June 19-20: Fr. Joseph Westfall, from Cross Catholic Outreach will tell us about this organization's efforts to serve the poor and vulnerable and how we can participate in this great cause.
- June 21, 22, 23 and 28, 29, 30: No Mass
- June 26-27: Fr. Richard Lewandowski
- \*\*Adoration will be held every Tuesday from 2-3 pm while Father is away...



*Confessions:* Confession will resume at 3pm on Saturdays at the OLI Chapel beginning June 5th.

*Masses:* Weekday masses and First Saturday Devotion will continue to be held at OLI in the main body of the church.

*Adoration:* Adoration will continue as Holy Hour from 2-3pm each Tuesday at OLI in the main body of the church.

## 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.



## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

6-6-21 ~ Sunday: \$1,838.50; Building: \$333.00; Window: \$612.00; Peters Pence: \$10.00; Catholic Communication: \$90.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$48,038.51 has been collected.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### COLLECTION

6-6-21 ~ Sunday: \$842.00, Monthly: \$35.00; Fuel: \$424.00; Holy Day: \$10.00; Catholic Communication: \$37.00.

## ST. PETER'S

### COLLECTION

6-6-21 ~ Sunday: \$871.00; Building: \$100.00; Catholic Communication: \$18.00.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation"

## 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: \$15,370

**St. Francis of Assisi:** ~ Goal: \$5,300 To Date: \$2,805

**St. Peter Church:** ~ Goal: \$6,000 To Date: \$2,950

**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.

*JUNE 13, 2021*

## Hymnal Readings: 884

### Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



### Saturday, June 12th Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM OLI: +Eunice & Oscar Lively by the Family

### Sunday, June 13th 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St. Francis: +Paul Shatos by Marie Shatos

9:30 AM St. Peter: +Marion Rousselle & Family  
By Joyce Rousselle

11:00 AM OLI: +David & Joanne Pandiscio  
by Marc & Cindy Winters

### Monday, June 14th

8:00 AM OLI: +Souls in Purgatory  
by Marcella Catalano

### Tuesday, June 15th

8:00 AM OLI: +Rev. Vincent J. Legere  
By Anna Gagliardi Beane

### Wednesday, June 16th

8:00 AM OLI: +Marcial, Emerenciana & Joseph  
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### Saturday, June 19th Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

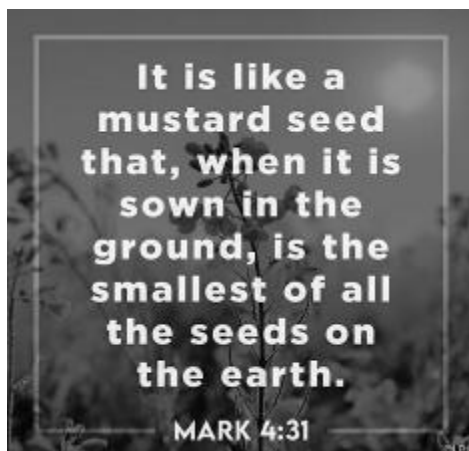
4:00 PM OLI: +Barbara Belletete by her Family

### Sunday, June 20th 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St. Francis: +All Father's Living & Deceased

9:30 AM St. Peter: +All Father's Living & Deceased

11:00 AM OLI: +All Father's Living & Deceased



*JUNE 13, 2021*



*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

**SATURDAY 12th**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 13th**

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

12:30 PM Reception for Fr. Edwin at St. Francis

**MONDAY 14th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**TUESDAY 15th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

2:00 PM Holy Hour with Adoration at OLI

**WEDNESDAY 16th**

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SATURDAY 19th**

3:00 PM Confessions at OLI Chapel

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

**SUNDAY 20th**

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate



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



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