

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 ~ 3 to 3:30pm 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 ~ 3 to 3:30pm 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 ~ 3 to 3:30pm in the OLI
Chapel

Rev. Mateus Souza, Administrator
fr.mateussouza@gmail.com

Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

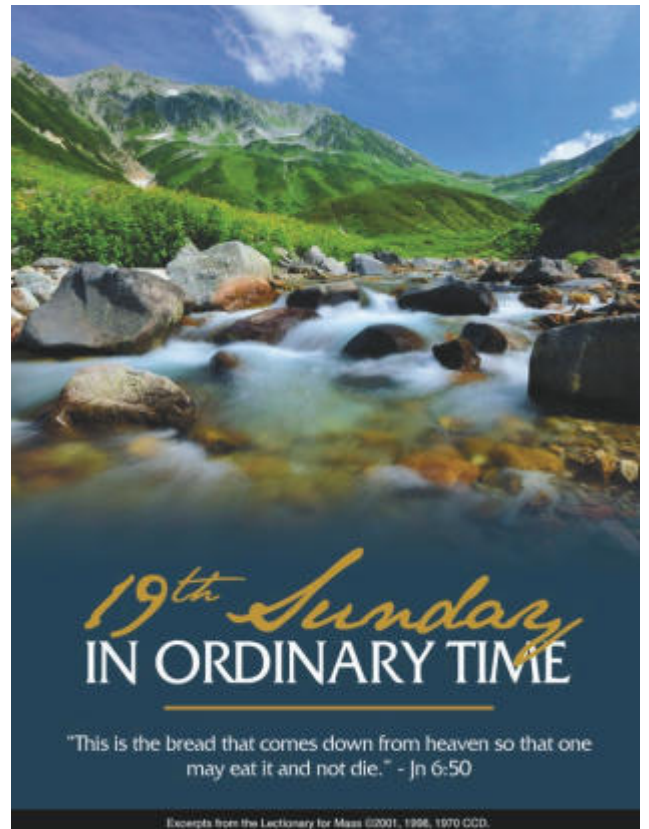
Gayle Bassett, Administrative Assistant

Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator
& Safe Environment Coordinator

Patrick Kennelly, Business Manager

Terry Parker, Music Director

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATEUS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy August! After a so wet July we should pray that August will bring us more sunshine and days at the beach.

I can't believe it's been a month already since I first arrived here in Athol. I'm enjoying every single moment of it. Thank you again for the warm welcoming.

Today I have a few things to share with you. First, I want to encourage all of our golfers and non-golfers of our Parish to join us at the 17th Annual St. Peter's Open Golf Tournament. This is one of the moments I mentioned before where we would be called to celebrate our unity as three Parishes. I believe it's important for all of us to support each other in the different fundraisers that our Parishes put together. There is more details in the bulletin, but before you say you don't play golf as good as I do, please make the commitment to at least join us for lunch that day. Tickets are available for the luncheon separately. It will be definitely a time of fellowship and fun!

Another great event happening in our church is the Enrollment for our Religious Education Program. Irene and I have been working very hard to reach out to the families in Athol and Petersham. So please make sure you tell your children and grandchildren that is time to enroll: Especially the children who should be receiving their first communion in May. We are preparing a beautiful program this year and to make it easier for the parents, classes will be on Sundays every other weekend.

Have you not been confirmed or are you thinking about becoming Catholic? To be fully initiated is easier than you think! It's time for your enrollment as well. Please call 918-249-7690 for more info.

I also would like to take a moment to thank Mr. Clarence Blanchard and Mr. Peter Newman for cleaning the mold in the exterior of the Rectory this past week. Parishioners like them make our parishes great! Thank you so much guys! It looks amazing!

If you have any sort of experience with landscaping or if you are just handy and want to donate some time, please get in touch with me. I will always have a project for you.

Last but not least, I would like to announce that starting this month, our Parishes will have the expertise of a Business Manager as part of our staff team. Mr. Patrick Kennelly from Milford, MA used to work with me before and he is gladly donating his time to assume this important position at no cost for our Parishes. Pat will help me to find better solutions for some of our expenses so we may be able to set a plan of action to strengthen financially our three parishes moving forward. I'm very thankful for this!

Please continue to pray for your priest as I continue to pray for you every day. God bless you.

Fr. Mateus.



INSTANT 120 CLUB RAFFLE

In lieu of having a fair, Our Lady Immaculate will be offering an Instant 120 Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available at the church office M,T,W from 8:30am—3:00pm. Tickets will also be sold at OLI after Masses the weekends of Aug 21/22 & Aug 28/29. Prizes will be drawn once all tickets are sold. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Religious Education will be held on Tuesday, August 17th & August 31st from 6-7pm at the CCD Center. All classes will be held on Sunday mornings and evenings every other week. Classes will begin on September 12th with grades K-5th meeting from 9-10:45am and grades 6-10th meeting from 6-7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call Irene at 978-502-3575.

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: \$15,870

St. Francis of Assisi: ~ Goal: \$5,300 To Date: \$2,830

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.

Our Lady Immaculate:

Goal: \$129,720 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$149,890

St. Francis of Assisi:

Goal: \$50,953 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$44,210

St. Peter Church:

Goal: \$32,844 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$42,040

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Do you know anyone who is sick and in need of prayers? Please call the office and their names will be listed in the bulletin every week so our parishioners can include them in their personal prayers. God bless you!

OUR LADY IMMACULATE

COLLECTION

8-1-21 Sunday: \$2,433.50; Building: \$516.00; Holy Day: \$10.00; Initial: \$10.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$48,682.51 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLLECTION

8-1-21 Sunday: \$743.00; Renovation: \$80.00; Fuel: \$40.00.

ST. PETER'S

COLLECTION

8-1-21 Sunday: \$1,371.00; Building: \$152.00.

MASS INTENTIONS and MASS CARDS

To accommodate the demand on intentions, we will begin allowing the addition of a 2nd intention to all masses in the cluster. This gives the chance for all parishioners to have masses said for loved ones, as well as promoting prayer by all for those who have passed away. As always, you can reach Gayle at 978-249-2738 to schedule an intention. MASS CARDS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE in the office as a way of notifying the family of your mass intention.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION

Please join us in praying the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on every 13th of every month at 6pm at Our Lady. We are looking forward to seeing you! **This month we will gather: Friday, August 13th.** *"Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world. . . for she alone can save it."* (Our Lady, July 13, 1917)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS DONATION

Now you can honor a deceased relative by donating a flower arrangement to the Parish you belong. The arrangement will be placed in the sanctuary for the weekend and their names will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please contact Jane at Our Lady, Marie at St. Francis, and Islay at St. Peter's for more information. *"The use of living flowers at Mass serves as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community"*.

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD

Hello Everyone, my name is Allison Belliveau, I am a Cadette Girl Scout and am working to complete my Silver Award "Can you Gnome the bird". For my Silver Award I am building 30 bird houses as well as information cards to tell a little bit about each bird. My hope is to encourage different ages to come and enjoy the different kinds of birds that our region has to offer; while also learning a little bit about the birds. I invite you to join me on August 15th or 18th on my guided tours along the NEW birdwatching trail located at the Cutthroat Brook Tree Farm (586 Briggs Road Athol, MA). On this trail not only will you find birdhouses but you will also find some sneaky Gnomes. Please call 978-249-3964 to sign up. I look forward to seeing you at my tours!

Hymnal Readings: 908

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day*: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



Saturday, August 7th

- 8:00 AM **OLI:** +All Parishioners
Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Anthony Kaczmarczyk
By the Family

Sunday, August 8th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Gloria Dawson
by Marie Shatos
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +Richard Rousselle by his Wife
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Dominic Gingras by the Family

Monday, August 9th

- 8:00 AM **OLI:** +Rosanne Wrigley by Stella Murphy

Tuesday, August 10th St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

- 8:00 AM **OLI:** +Agnes Breton by Stella Murphy

Wednesday, August 11th St. Clare, Virgin

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

Saturday, August 14th Vigil: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 4:00 PM **OLI:** +Joseph, Edith & Edward Hanlon
by the Family

Sunday, August 15th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Patricia Cormier
by Shirley Hunter
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +Arlene Chase & Evelyn Blanchard
by Don & Carol Ambrozy
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Rose Waid by the Family

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

AUGUST 8, 2021



17th Annual
ST. PETER'S OPEN
GOLF
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2021

RAFFLES & MULLIGANS

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Petersham, MA

PROGRAM SCHEDULE		FEES AND SPONSORSHIP	
REGISTRATION:	10:00 AM	PER PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE:	\$85
SHOTGUN START:	11:00 AM	TOURNAMENT SPONSOR:	\$600
LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW		TEE AND HOLE SPONSOR:	\$175
		PUTTING GREEN SPONSOR:	\$150
		TEE OR GREEN SPONSOR:	\$100

FEE INCLUDES: GREENS FEE, CART AND LUNCHEON

For Non-Players Tickets for the Luncheon is \$20

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT MIKE SCHLOSSER AT 978-249-6175

Dear Friends of Our Lady, St. Francis and St. Peter's Parish,
You are cordially invited to participate in our *17th Annual St. Peter's Church Golf Open*, scheduled for **Sunday, September 26th, 2021** at Ellinwood Country Club in Athol, MA.

We would like to personally thank each of you for your support of our golf tournament over the past 16 years benefiting St. Peter's.

Please take a moment to look over the above team/sponsor opportunities. Deadline for registration is September 20, 2021.

Four Players per team - singles are welcome and will be placed on a team.

For questions regarding the event, please email Mike Schlosser at mikes102155@gmail.com or call 978-249-6175

For those who don't play but want to participate, tickets for the Luncheon are available for \$20.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

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