

# 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](mailto:fr.mateussouza@gmail.com)

Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

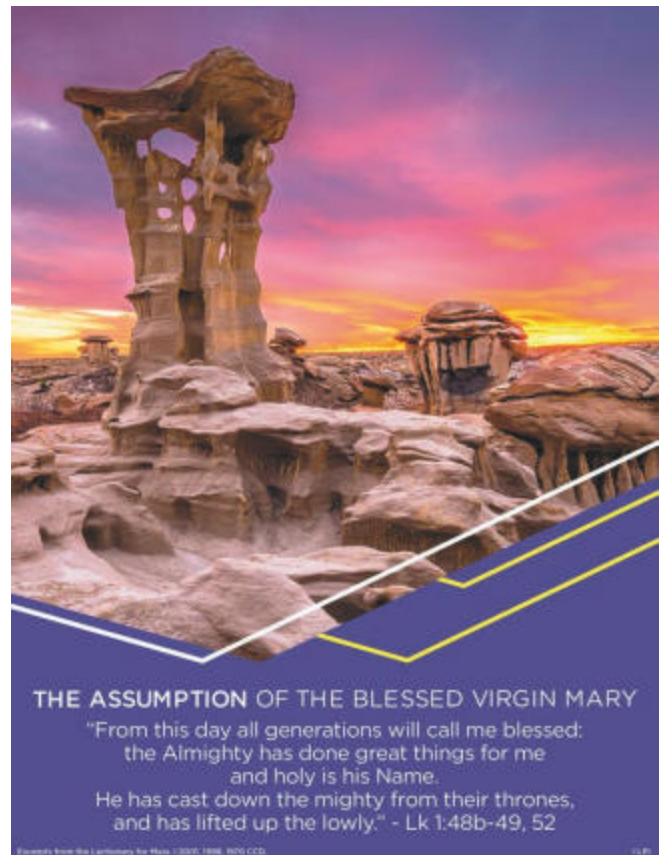
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### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his Name.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly." - Lk 1:48b-49, 52

## 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

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATEUS

With all the evils inundating the Church of Christ *on earth*, we can too easily forget the single goal of all our striving: eternal life in the Kingdom of God with Our Lord, Our Lady, and all the angels and saints.

The path we follow to get there is charity today and the pursuit of holiness. The beautiful feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most powerful reminders of our glorious destiny and of the immense power of God to bring us home. This feast teaches us so many lessons, but let us consider five of them.

First, our home is indeed not this earth, this mortal, perishable, sin-infested valley of tears. God in His changeless eternity foreknew us, fashioned us for Himself, and placed us in the garden of this world to till it and keep it, until such time as we are ready to be advanced to the greater and better garden of which this world is a dim shadow.

Second, our ultimate condition is not that of a ghost or an idea or an angel: purely spiritual. No, we are made up of flesh and blood, we are the crossroads where the visible meets and mingles with the invisible. The Word became flesh to redeem and divinize *this* rational animal, to perfect both its rationality and its animality. In the Assumption, we see perfection of mind as well as perfection of materiality. That is our final destiny too: to be raised from the dead, with our flesh restored to integrity, and our soul reunited with our body—the human person God made from the dust of the earth and the infusion of His breath.

Third, it teaches us that the laws of nature, since they come from God in the first place, do not bind His hands or thwart His will. Our Lady was raised up into the heavenly places, contrary to what we call the “laws of physics”—but altogether in harmony with the supreme law of God’s will. She was taken up into another realm, a realm not measured by the motions of corruptible bodies and the time it takes for them to travel, a realm not contiguous and continuous with ordinary space and time.

Fourth, this feast day teaches us the immense dignity of the human body, a temple of the Holy Spirit. The body is the worthy dwelling place of the immortal soul and of the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist; it is the worthy instrument used by God for the transmission of human life; it is the essential means by which we perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy; and it will be raised again on the last day.

Fifth, the Assumption tells us that Our Lady is close, very close, to Our Lord, that she sees our needs and intercedes for us with Him. She sees what we lack; she hears the requests of her children; she takes action for their sake, as any loving mother would, and the most loving mother most of all.

The Assumption brings Our Lady closer to us than ever, because it brings her close to the Lord, who is present always and everywhere. We need have nothing to fear with so attentive a Mother, so generous a Redeemer. God bless you!

Fr. Mateus.

### FOOD PANTRY

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!



Please remember **Oreste Carbone and Isabel Mallet** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE

### COLLECTION

8-8-21 Sunday: \$1,842.50; Building: \$258.00; Initial: \$131.00; Window: \$300.27.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$48,982.78 has been collected.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

8-8-21 Sunday: \$501.00; Monthly: \$55.00; Renovation: \$20.00; Fuel: \$140.00.

## ST. PETER'S

### COLLECTION

8-8-21 Sunday: \$476.00; Building: \$100.00.

### 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 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: \$150,050

### St. Francis of Assisi:

Goal: \$50,953 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$46,210

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are slowly moving to get things back to normal after surviving a very difficult year with Covid -19. In the next few weeks we will be restoring our chambers after having substantial damage occur after last year's fire. During the next month we will begin planning our calendar for 2021-22 and we will be planning a recruitment drive for the Knights. Please keep an eye on our bulletin for more information.

If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus and you are a practicing Catholic man, you can go online with no pressure at KofC.org to learn more or you may contact me personally, Paul McNiff at 978 249 2108, and I will be happy to talk to you about the Athol K of C and our mission here in the Cluster.

*AUGUST 15, 2021*

## Hymnal Readings: 965

### Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



### 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

### Monday, August 16th

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

### Tuesday, August 17th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Camille & Bibianne Boudreau and  
Family by Francis Boudreau

### Wednesday, August 18th

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

### Saturday, August 21st Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Simone Blanchard by her Husband

### Sunday, August 22nd 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Roland W. Michaud  
By the McGuirk Family

9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +Laurel Babineau  
by Stephen Babineau

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Jimmy Winters  
by Mark & Cindy Winters


### 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!

### PRAYER LIST

William Wood

*AUGUST 15, 2021*



**17th Annual  
ST. PETER'S OPEN  
GOLF  
TOURNAMENT  
2021**

RAFFLES & MULLIGANS

<b>SEPTEMBER 26</b> SUNDAY   2021	<b>ELLINWOOD COUNTRY CLUB</b> 1923 Pleasant St. Athol, MA	<b>BENEFITS</b> ST. PETER'S PARISH Petersham, MA
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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](mailto: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!

The St. Peter's Golf Committee

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