

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

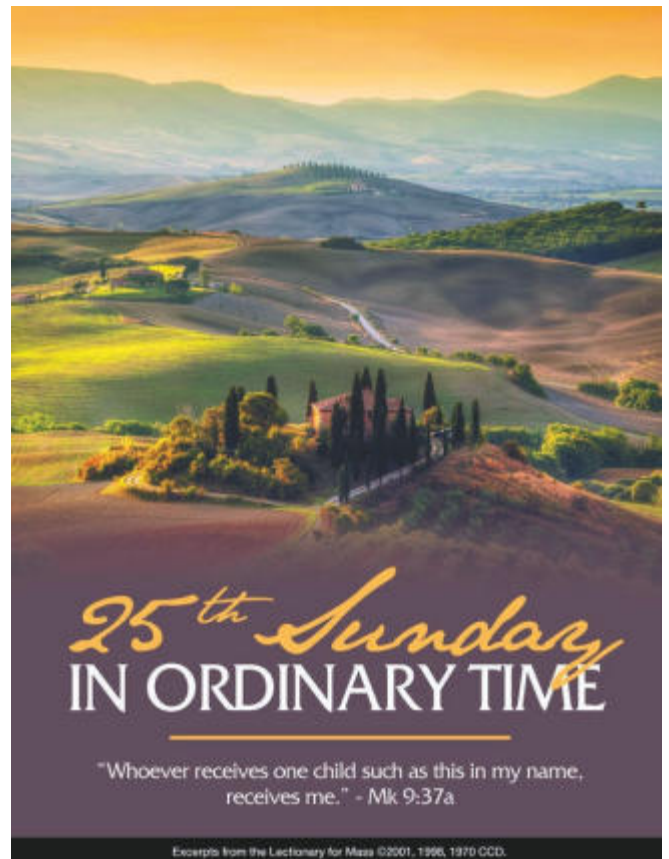
Gayle Bassett, Administrative Assistant

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATEUS

Today's Gospel tells us about the second proclamation of the Passion. Jesus, as we have seen over the last few days, has been trying to make his disciples discover him in faith, and even after getting Peter to profess him as the Son of God at Caesarea Philippi, the Twelve fall back into unbelief: Peter, because his faith is still fragile and uncertain, the others, because they are also incapable of understanding the cross and everything that concerns the Passion of the Son of Man.

Today, they finally reach Capernaum, in Galilee, after a long journey through northern Israel. As they enter the house, the Lord asks the disciples: “What were you arguing about on the way?” For he knew that they had argued about who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of God. Their response is an embarrassed silence, broken by Christ with a surprising and counterintuitive teaching. He does not say to them: “Let none of you, out of arrogance, want to be first”, but: “If anyone wants to be first, let him be the last of all.” He does not rebuke them, therefore, for their desire to be great in the Kingdom, because we are all called to perfection in love and, of course, there is no end in this life for our growth in holiness; rather, Jesus encourages them to seek spiritual greatness, but under one condition: that whoever wants to be the first be also the last, as “the one who serves all”. Because Christ himself, being the Son of God by nature and therefore the beginning and end of all things, made himself the slave of all and, by his humiliation, deserved to be elevated above all things.

It is his humble abasement, therefore, the model that must follow all who want true greatness, which is to reign with God in heaven by having served him in the brothers on earth. If He, indeed, who formed the bones and sinews of our flesh, did not think it unworthy of Him to come into the world to wash our feet, how will we not follow His example of humility and become everything for everyone, now that Christ became everything for us? Let us also look at the Blessed Virgin, crowned Queen of heaven and earth not only for her singular purity and holiness, but above all for her intense charity and unparalleled spirit of service, which drives her to help even today, with her tireless zeal of Mother, all the members of the holy Church of God. May the humble servant of the Lord obtain for us the grace we need to be in every way conformed to the image of her Son, following him in his abasement that elevates, and that we overcome that diabolical arrogance that made Lucifer fall into hell for wanting to elevate himself above heaven.

God bless you!

Fr. Mateus

FOOD PANTRY

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



120 CLUB WINNERS

Thank you to those that supported the Our Lady 120 Raffle.

Winners are:

- \$500— Ray Belanger
- \$250—Veronica Warren
- \$150— Jim Meausky
- \$100—Tracy Keniff
- \$50—Cindy Winters
- \$50—Rosetta Joly
- \$50—Bill Fregeau
- \$50—Gregg Mitchell

APPEALS

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Our Lady Immaculate: ~ Goal: \$23,800 To Date: \$17,195

St. Francis of Assisi: ~ Goal: \$5,300 To Date: \$3,030

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

LEGACY OF HOPE

Our Lady Immaculate:

Goal: \$129,720 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$150,540

St. Francis of Assisi:

Goal: \$50,953 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$46,310

St. Peter Church:

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

YOU ARE BORN A MAN ~ YOU BECOME A KNIGHT.

JOIN TODAY. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs If you have any questions, please contact Paul McNiff at 978-249-2108, and I will be happy to talk to you about the Athol Knights of Columbus and our mission here in the Cluster.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Please join the 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade. As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Our Lady Immaculate Church will host the Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 12 Noon. All are invited to attend ~ Please bring your lawn chair. For more information, please contact Cora at 978-249-9569 or 978-618-9181.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember **Marylee Meuse and Robert & Ann-Marie Ellison** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

9-12-21 Sunday: \$2,213.50; Building: \$294.00; Fuel: \$50.00; CCD: \$295.00; Catholic School: \$10.00; Window: \$300.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$49,594.78 has been collected; repairs to date: \$16,944.00.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

9-12-21 Sunday: \$868.00; Monthly: \$20.00; Fuel: \$105.00; Initial: \$5.00.

ST. PETER'S COLLECTION

9-12-21 Sunday: \$771.00; Building: \$235.00; Initial: \$10.00.

WORD OF LIFE

"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifices of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "*Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A*"

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*".



Our Lady Immaculate Church welcomes **Rylan Thomas Caron** with great joy into the faith community, the Catholic Church. Congratulations and may the flame of the Christian faith be alive in his heart.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 926

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Saturday, Sept. 18th Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Charles (20th Ann.), & Margaret
Young by the Family
+M/M Joseph Bonenfant
by the McHugh Family

Sunday, September 19th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Margaret Shatos, Maciej
Baczek by Marie Shatos
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +Nancy Gaffney
by Jordan & Deb O'Connor
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Richard & Margaret (30th Ann.) Stone
by the Family
+Dominic Gingras, Sr. by his Family

Monday, September 20th Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Bonnie Loverro Wozniak
By the ladies of the Class of 1962

Tuesday, September 21st St. Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Blanchard Family by the Family

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd

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

Saturday, Sept. 25th Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Richard Stone, 10th Ann., & Lisa
Stone Patient by Gloria Durkee
+Simone Blanchard by her Husband

Sunday, September 26th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Amelia Watkevich
by her granddaughter
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +George McGrath by the Family
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Etienne Lozier by the Family

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

Kevin Doherty ~ Joan Doherty ~ Irene Dearden
Roberta Baker ~ Vernon Goupil ~ Arline Duguay
Fr's Mother—Terezinha Souza

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



SAINT FRANCIS PARISH
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100th Anniversary



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

HOLY MASS PRESIDED
BY THE MOST REV. ROBERT J. MCMANUS
AT 11 AM

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL TO FOLLOW



SATURDAY 18th

3:00 PM Confessions at OLI Chapel
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 19th

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 20th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 21st

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
2:00 PM Holy Hour with Adoration at OLI

WEDNESDAY 22nd

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 25th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 26th

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter
9:45 AM CCD Grades K-5
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
6:00 PM CCD Grades 6-10

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