

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 friends,

Happy Fall! I can't believe it's almost October, where did the Summer go? The days are passing really fast and we can notice the switching of seasons with the morning chill and the changing colors of the trees. I would like to begin this message today with a couple of invitations of events planned for October. First, I would like to invite you to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the very first mass that was celebrated at St. Francis Church. Seven years ago we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of instauration of the Parish, but now we commemorate the date when the parishioners were truly able to come together as a community of faith to celebrate the Eucharist. Our bishop will be presiding the Mass on October 10th at St. Francis at 11am. There will be refreshments afterwards. The Mass Schedule that weekend therefore will be modified, so, please make sure to plan accordingly: Saturday, October 9, there will be Mass at Our Lady at 4pm as usual. Sunday, October 10, there will be no Mass at Our Lady. Masses will be celebrated only at St. Peter's at 9:30 am, and at 11am with the Bishop at St. Francis. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also at St. Francis, to celebrate our Patron Saint protector of the Animals, there will be a blessing of the animals on October 3rd at 1pm at the parking lot. All pets are welcome! October 1st, is also the day when we usually begin our Parish Appeal. The Parish Appeal effort is an opportunity for the parishioners to help even more for our Parishes. You have already been extremely generous on a regular basis, more so this year due to The Legacy of Hope and Partners in Charity Campaign. However, we still need extra funds for the everyday expenses and bills. This week you will be receiving at home more details of our 2021 Parish Appeal. I thank you already for considering another generous donation this year. God bless you!

On October 16th at noontime at Our Lady, we will also be gathering as Catholic Family for our Annual Rosary Rally in front of Our Lady Immaculate. Please make sure to bring your own chair. The event will take place inside the church in case of bad weather.

We are also planning to begin a ten week Bible Study in October. We will be studying the Book of The Acts of the Apostles this year. There will be more information in the weeks to come.

Last but not least: the efforts to upkeep the grounds of Our Lady continue. A special thank you to Shawn Kennedy, the Spooner Family and The Knights of Columbus, for helping with the sweeping of the parking lot. It was indeed a lot of work and it's nice to see that it doesn't look like the Sahara Desert anymore. Thank you so much.

God bless you!

Fr. Mateus

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of Animals will be held Sunday, October 3rd at 1:00pm in the parking lot of St. Francis Church. Refreshments will follow. All pets are welcome!

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

Recognizing a need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies antithetical to Church teaching and uniting Catholic men and helping families of deceased members. In addition to the Order's insurance benefits, Catholic men were drawn to the Knights because of its emphasis on serving one's Church, community and family with virtue. In 1895, the Vatican's first acknowledgment of the Knights came when Archbishop Francesco Satolli, apostolic delegate to the United States, writes a letter extolling the "merits of this splendid Catholic organization" and giving the Order his apostolic blessing. Join the Knights today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs Council # 1182

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"*.

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

On September 22nd, the North Quabbin Catholic Community began Sharing Our Father's Bread, our weekly meals serving the needs of local residents. Because of the rise in local COVID cases, we are currently offering a hot "takeout" dinner. Meal pickup will be available to individual guests every Wednesday evening at 5:00 PM at St. Francis Church Hall on Canal Street on a first-come, first-served basis. Hopefully, we will return to serving our well known sit down dining in the near future. Each church has again provided a collection basket requesting your donation to support this very worthwhile program. Over the past eight years, the success of Sharing Our Father's Bread has been your continued prayers and monetary support. We are so very grateful for your generosity.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The First Saturday Devotion for October will be held on October 2nd at 8:00am at Our Lady Immaculate. Every 13th of the month, everyone, especially the Living Rosary members, are encouraged to pray the rosary. The rosary is a powerful prayer to fight all evils. Let us ask our Blessed Mother's intercession to her Divine Son Jesus Christ by praying the Rosary.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

9-19-21 Sunday: \$1,523.25; Building: \$219.00; Fuel: \$80.00; Initial: \$10.00; Catholic School: \$10.00; Europe: \$5.00; SOFB: \$20.00.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$49,894.78 has been collected; repairs to date: \$16,944.00.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

9-19-21 Sunday: \$733.00; Renovation: \$10.00; Monthly: \$20.00; Fuel: \$70.00; 2nd Fuel: \$124.00.

ST. PETER'S COLLECTION

9-19-21 Sunday: \$365.50.

THANK YOU

St. Peter's Church wishes to say "THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS" for supporting our recent fundraiser. We joined the Annual Petersham Town wide Tag Sale, Thank you to Kathy McCrohon and Mark Murphy for hosting our sale at their home and for providing all workers with a delicious lunch. Thanks to all who donated items or a check, and to those who assisted with set up, take down, manned tables, etc. It was wonderful to once again be out-of-doors seeing old friends and making new ones as we served the needs of shoppers and earned \$522.00 for St. Peter's Parish. PS - All remaining items were donated to St. John's Thrift Shop in Athol. Thanks be to God for all the Blessings of the day!

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.

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 ~ Marcella Catalano

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.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 929

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

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

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



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

Monday, September 27th St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Jennifer A, Norma C. & J. Francis Powers by Aunt & Daughter
10:30 AM **QVHC:** All Residents

Tuesday, September 28th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Ida Hayden by the Family

Wednesday, Sept. 29th Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Nicholas Casella by Quilting Ladies

Saturday, October 2nd

8:00 AM All Parishioners
Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Paul & Mayree Killay by the Family
+Deceased members of the Steer Family
by the McHugh Family

Sunday, October 3rd 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Roseanna "Pic" Godin
By her Family
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** All Parishioners
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Richard Gagnon by his sister
Chris & Greg Mastaler



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember **Marie Ella Perry** who passed away recently, as well as her family. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



SAINT FRANCIS PARISH
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE ITS FIRST MASS'

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 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

MONDAY 27th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 28th

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

WEDNESDAY 29th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 2nd

8:00 AM First Saturday Mass & Devotion
3:00 PM Confessions at OLI Chapel
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 3rd

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

WORD OF LIFE

“The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.” ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities* “Another Look at Abortion”

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