

# 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

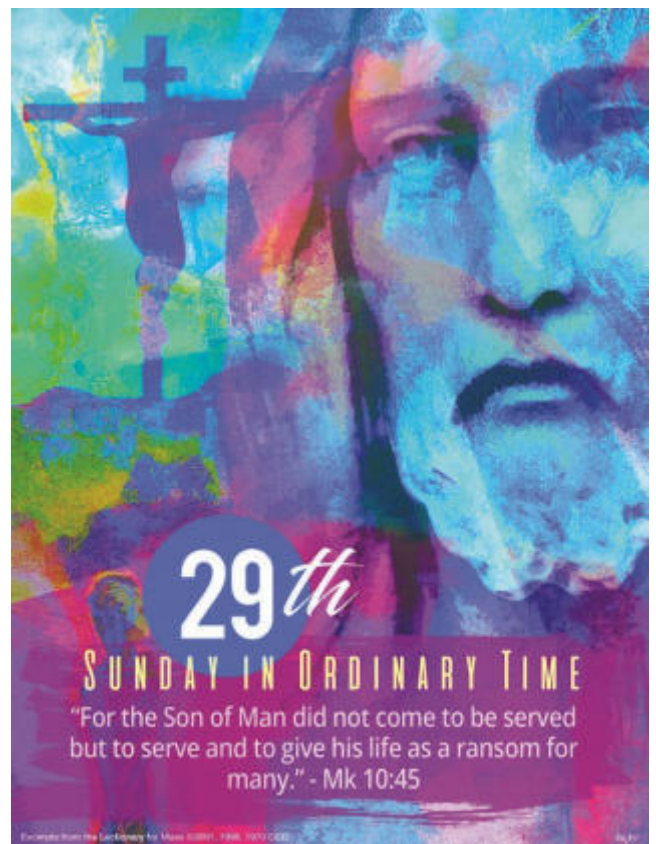
Gayle Bassett, Administrative Assistant

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,

This Sunday's Gospel teaches us a very important lesson about how Jesus must save each of God's children. It is the cross, and no other, the Lord's instrument by which we are redeemed and enter into eternal life. If we really want to sit next to Christ in Heaven, we must drink from the same cup He drank and receive the same baptism He received. In other words, every Christian must be willing to receive the palm of martyrdom.

The disciples, however, were slow to understand this. Despite Jesus' numerous warnings about his Passion, they continued to imagine a triumphant messiah, who would arrive in glory from a cloud to defeat the hosts of the Roman Empire. And from that same illusion, John and James intended to win a place in the Kingdom of God, because they were not interested in sacrifice, but in the privileges of this false glory.

The mistake of these two disciples is not an unusual thing, but something that is repeated in the history of Christianity. In fact, we have great difficulty accepting the cross of Christ; we only want the glories, a way to get to Heaven without suffering or effort. However, Jesus' words to the disciples are also valid for us, as a true paternal correction: “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.” After all, says the Lord, “the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Now this “service” of Jesus is the only true power that governs the world. All other civil authorities have only a semblance of power, for the final word on the fate of humanity is always that of God. And those who want to receive His graces must, in turn, imitate His example, putting themselves at the service of the neighbors, because by serving others, the Christian participates in Christ's mission and thus attains their true dignity.

We have to fight daily to overcome our selfishness and sacrifice our lives on the holy altar of the Lord. Furthermore, our sanctification and salvation are divine works, which do not depend on human effort. God only requires our filial trust in mercy, so that He may truly be the Lord of everything and everyone. On the contrary, those who cling to their own wills will be doomed to the tyranny of this sinful world.

In political elections, we find an opportunity to renew our trust in God, choosing good candidates, who do not profess ideologies contrary to Christian doctrine, and who consecrate the destiny of our country in the hands of Our Lord, who is the only one really victorious. Let us therefore allow ourselves to be embraced by the service of Jesus who gave his life in redemption for many.

Prayer — *Lord Jesus, conform my passions to Your Heart so that I may overcome the disordered tendencies in me and be able to place my gifts at the service of others. Do not allow the spirit of competition to dominate my soul, leading me to quarrels and contentions with my neighbor. May your grace be my strength to serve my neighbor in everything. Amen!*

God bless you!

Fr. Mateus

**LEGACY OF HOPE**

**Our Lady Immaculate:**

Goal: \$129,720 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$150,660

**St. Francis of Assisi:**

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

**St. Peter Church:**

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

**SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD**

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 5:00pm 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. We are so very grateful for your generosity.

**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.

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
“Every Suicide is Tragic”

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The prayer shawl ministry has been part of our church community for over 12 years. We are a small group of women that share our talents and time to create beautiful shawls for anyone in need of prayer. Whether the need is for comfort, healing, or support in life’s ups and down’s, we feel we share Gods healing touch with each shawl. We are starting our ministry, back in person, at the CCD center from 5:30-7:00pm on the second Sunday of the month. If you are interested but still uneasy about being in a group setting you can still contribute your shawls to this ministry, and we can get them to the people in need. If you, or anyone you know is in need please contact Kathy Bryce at 978-249-3771 and leave a message. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this ministry, we would love to have you – all are welcome!

**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  
Ann Marie Doherty ~ Vernon Goupil ~ Arline Duguay  
Fr’s Mother—Terezinha Souza ~ Marcella Catalano  
Judy Gancorz

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
COLLECTION**

10-10-21 Sunday: \$1,395.50; Building: \$191.00; Fuel: \$50.00; Novena: \$95.00.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$50,498.78 has been collected; repairs to date: \$16,944.00.

**SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD**

Free Will: \$23.00; OLI: \$20.00

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
COLLECTION**

10-10-21 Sunday: \$720.00; Renovation: \$20.00; Fuel: \$151.00.

**INSTANT 120 CLUB**

St. Francis will having a 120 Raffle to help offset the costs of fuel for the upcoming winter. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing for the winners will take place the weekend of November 6-7, 2021. Members of St. Francis will be selling tickets after mass. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call Jackie Doherty (978-249-3638). Thank you for your support!

**ST. PETER’S  
COLLECTION**

10-10-21 Sunday: \$820.00.

**ANNUAL APPEALS**

**Our Lady:** ~ Goal; \$20,000 - To Date: \$2,175

**St. Francis:** ~ Goal; \$8,000 - To Date: \$100

**St. Peter:** ~ Goal; \$7,000 - To Date: \$200



**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*”.

*OCTOBER 17, 2021*

## **Hymnal Readings: 938**

### **Readings for the week of October 17, 2021**

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/  
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8  
and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk  
12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk  
10:46-52



### **Saturday, October 16th Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Patrick & Patricia Killay  
by the Family  
+Robert Joly & Vicky Janik  
by Mark Soucie

### **Sunday, October 17th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Fr. Dennis O'Brien  
by Marie Shatos  
+Patricia Miller by the Family  
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +Barbara Chase Fortier  
by Don & Carol Ambrozy  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Bonnie Loverro Wozniak  
by the Ladies of the Class of 1962  
+Red & Mini Winters  
by Mark & Cindy Winters

### **Monday, October 18th St. Luke, Evangelist**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Marcial Yandoc, Birthday  
Remembrance by the Family

### **Tuesday, October 19th Ss. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jagues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Napoleon Gauthier by his Daughter

### **Wednesday, October 20th**

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Aida Gagliardi by Anna Gagliardi  
Beane and Joseph Gagliardi  
+Robert Knight and Marion Hosley  
by Susan Knight

### **Saturday, Oct. 23rd Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Bill Lively by his Wife and Family  
+Dec'd Members of the Steer Family  
By the McHugh Family

### **Sunday, October 24th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Maciej Baczek  
by Jackie Doherty  
+Robert Hunter Jr., 1st Anniversary  
By his wife Shirley  
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** All Parishioners  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +John Newton 5th Ann. by his Wife  
+Tony Gingras, 41st Ann by his Family



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY 16th

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

### SUNDAY 17th

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 18th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

### TUESDAY 19th

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

### WEDNESDAY 20th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

### SATURDAY 23rd

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

### SUNDAY 24th

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi  
9:15 AM CCD Grades K-5  
9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter  
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
6:00 PM CCD Grades 6-10

**CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY 2021**  
"THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"  
KICK OFF: MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 7PM  
AT THE CCD CENTER - 925 Main Street - Athol, MA  
GUEST SPEAKER: MSGR. JAMES MORONEY  
FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE CALL MRS. SHARON MAHER  
(978) 400-6460

A photograph showing a diverse group of people, including men and women of various ethnicities, sitting around a table. They are looking at books, likely Bibles, and appear to be in a discussion or study session. The setting is indoors, possibly a community center or a church.



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