

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
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Irene Inniss, Cluster CCD Administrator
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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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

Dear brothers and sisters,

On November 1st the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, honoring all those faithful in heaven, the known and unknown saints. The feast began the traditional Octave of All Saints, November 1-8.

November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day, a day set aside to pray for all the dead. All Souls Day shifts the Church's focus on praying for the Faithful Departed throughout November. The need and duty of prayer for the dead has been acknowledged by the Church. It is recommended in the Scriptures of the Old Testament: "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Macc. 12: 46). This duty is expressed in public and private prayers but especially in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of souls.

The prayers are particularly directed for the souls who are being purified in Purgatory, waiting for the day when they will join the saints in heaven. The celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, but we can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, sufferings and penances. We can particularly help the Poor Souls by doing acts and prayers that have indulgences attached to them.

Therefore, the Church grants us from November 1st to November 8th a period of eight days to profit from a series of plenary indulgences in suffrage of the souls of the faithful departed. Let us remember, first of all, what conditions the Church imposes for us to obtain any plenary indulgence: a) First of all, it is necessary to go to confession. A single confession is enough for these eight days, unless a mortal sin is committed in the meantime. b) secondly, it is necessary to receive Holy Communion; c) finally, one must pray for the Holy Father's intentions, just reciting an Our Father and a Hail Mary. Let us also remember that only one plenary indulgence can be earned per day, so that in order to profit from several plenary indulgences, each of them requires a distinct Communion and a new prayer in the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. Once these conditions are fulfilled, from November 1st to 8th, we will have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, whenever we devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even in spirit, for the deceased. Furthermore, it is not necessary that the person we want to pray for is buried in the cemetery visited. It is worth remembering, finally, that on November 2nd, Commemoration of the All Souls, the Church does not oblige us to visit any cemetery: this is a pious custom, but the rule only states that, on this day, it is sufficient to fulfill the conditions as usual and piously visit a church or oratory to receive the indulgence.

Monday November 1st, All Saints Day (Day of Obligation), there will be one mass at Our Lady at 12:15pm and one mass at St. Francis at 7pm.

On November 2nd, instead of having a regular 8am morning mass at Our Lady, I would like to offer a mass for All Souls in the Gethsemane Cemetery at 12:15pm. Please bring your own chair. There will be a tent available, however, If the weather is bad, mass will be held as usual at Our Lady at 8am. I will confirm at the end of today's mass.

Hope to see you there, God bless you!

Fr. Mateus

FOOD PANTRY

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

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

On Monday, November 1st, masses will be celebrated at 12:15pm at Our Lady and 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi.

ANNUAL APPEALS

For your convenience, there are envelopes available at all churches for your donation. To those who have made their contribution, we sincerely Thank You!!!

Our Lady: ~ Goal; \$20,000 - To Date: \$6,905
St. Francis: ~ Goal; \$8,000 - To Date: \$750
St. Peter: ~ Goal; \$7,000 - To Date: \$1,250

LEGACY OF HOPE

Our Lady Immaculate:
Goal: \$129,720 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$150,740
St. Francis of Assisi:
Goal: \$50,953 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$46,310
St. Peter Church:
Goal: \$32,844 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$42,040

WORD OF LIFE

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: uscgb.org/end-of-life-care.”
~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End

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!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The First Saturday Devotion for November will be held on November 6th 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**

10-24-21 Sunday: \$1,995.50; Building: \$757.00; Fuel: \$550.00; Holy Day: \$5.00; Propagation of Faith: \$147.00.

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: \$27.00.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
COLLECTION**

10-24-21 Sunday: \$600.00; Monthly: \$15.00; Renovation: \$10.00; Fuel: \$20.00; Holy Days: \$10.00; Initial: \$5.00; Propagation of Faith: \$20.00.

INSTANT 120 CLUB

St. Francis will have 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**

10-24-21 Sunday: \$521.00; Building: \$20.00; Mission: \$27.00.



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*”.

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 ~ Roy Dunn

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 944

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



Saturday, October 30th Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Alexander Kuzmeskas
by Paul & Deb Kuzmeskas

Sunday, October 31st 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Nicholas Casella
by Marie Shatos
+Frances Salkaus by her Daughter
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** All Parishioners
11:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners

Monday, November 1st ALL SAINTS

12:15 PM **OLI:** Global UNBOUND Community
7:00 PM **St. Francis:** All Parishioners

Tuesday, November 2nd All Souls' Day

8:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners

Wednesday, November 3rd

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

Saturday, Nov. 6th

8:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners
Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM **OLI:** +Norman & Linda Sue McGilvray
by Charles & Paula Thibault

Sunday, November 7th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** Kevin Doherty ~ Health &
Healing by Jackie Doherty
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +Stasia Ambrozy
by Don & Carol Ambrozy
11:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners

OCTOBER 31, 2021



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 30th

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

SUNDAY 31st

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 1st

12:15 PM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
7:00 PM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

TUESDAY 2nd

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

WEDNESDAY 3rd

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SATURDAY 6th

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

SUNDAY 7th

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



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November 7th

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