

# 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

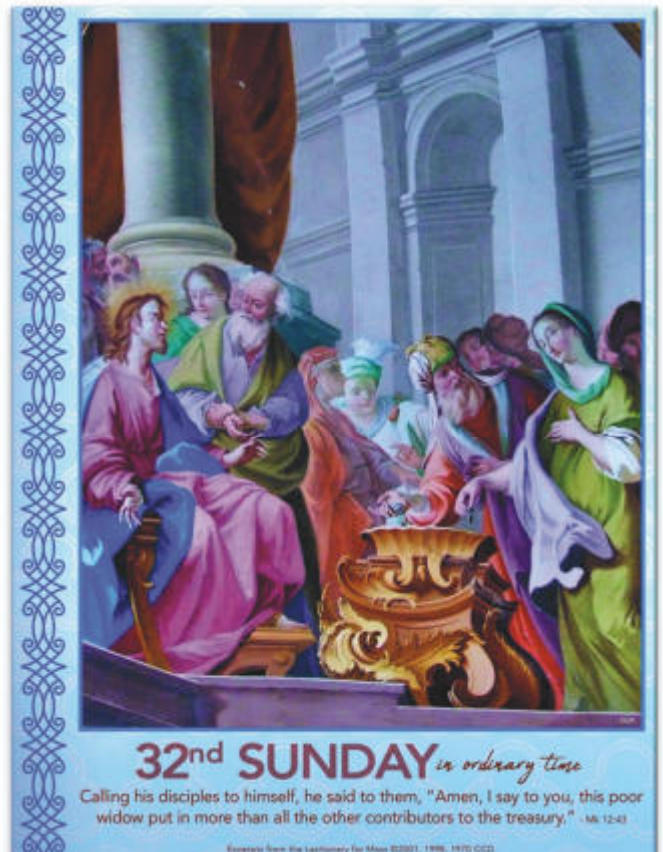
Gayle Bassett, Administrative Assistant

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,

With a divine and supernatural gaze, Jesus sees today the love and detachment with which a poor widow leaves everything she had to live in the Temple's safe. She gives herself entirely, without reserving anything for herself, and that is how God wants her to be the surrender of each one of us. Whether big or small, wealthy or miserable, talented or less gifted, we are all made to give ourselves to God with all we have and are.

In this poor widow is fulfilled, therefore, what God had dreamed of, ever since he said to the chosen people: “Hear, O Israel! You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength” (Dt 6: 4 -5). He doesn't want business, bargains or technical reserves, but that we generously give him the totality of our being, in sacrifice of love, since from him we receive absolutely everything we are.

We know, and the prophets lamented this so much, that there is within us like a battlefield, an internal struggle between a part that wants to give itself to God and another that sees him as an enemy, interested in stripping us of what we think is the most valuable. And yet, with the power of grace and the light of faith, we know that we lose nothing by giving everything to Him, for spiritual poverty is the only way to open ourselves to the gift of that infinite wealth that is God's love.

Let us not be afraid to stoop down and shrink in size, recognizing how little we are worth, for it is like this, stripped of the burdens of bloated pride and foolish vanity, that we can take flight and, with a detachment that only the Holy Spirit can cause in our souls, surrender even the offerings that we have left to survive. May the Lord, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, the new Eve, who did not steal or withhold any fruit unlawfully, but offered to the Father the blessed fruit which the Holy Spirit had formed in her, give us the grace of a humble heart, detached and delivered without fractures or splits.

Fr. Mateus

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In the very near future the Knights of Columbus will begin selling our December Calendar Raffle tickets before and after Masses in the Cluster. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your support to make our fundraiser a success. Tickets are \$10.00/ea or 3 tickets for \$25.00

*Thirty-one chances to win:*

*\$50 in cash/prizes each weekday, \$100 in cash/prizes every Sunday, Two chances to win 100 gallons in home heating oil.*

## 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: \$10,365  
**St. Francis:** ~ Goal; \$8,000 - To Date: \$930  
**St. Peter:** ~ Goal; \$7,000 - To Date: \$2,700

## LEGACY OF HOPE

**Our Lady Immaculate:**  
Goal: \$129,720 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$151,455  
**St. Francis of Assisi:**  
Goal: \$50,953 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$46,310  
**St. Peter Church:**  
Goal: \$32,844 ~ Raised/Pledged: \$42,040

## WORD OF LIFE

“We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”*



## 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 31—November 6

**Deceased Members of the Lachance/Purple Families**



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Please remember **Kathleen McBride, Theresa Tillson and Marjorie Ralys** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

**10-31-21** Sunday: \$2,098.00; Building: \$2588.00; Fuel: \$25.00; Holy Day: \$469.00.

## 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: \$59.00; St. Francis: \$10.00; St. Peter: \$5.00

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

**10-31-21** Sunday: \$487.00; Renovation: \$20.00; Holy Days: \$147.45.

## 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 20-21, 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!

## SAVE THE DATE

St. Francis will hold a Christmas Fair Saturday, December 4th from 9am-2pm. Watch for more info to follow.

## ST. PETER'S COLLECTION

**10-31-21** Sunday: \$401.00; Building: \$180.00; Fuel: \$5.00; Holy Day: \$25.00.

## PARISH THANKSGIVING BAGS

If you are able to help this year we are asking you to donate a bag with all the following items: Stuffing Mix - Cranberry Sauce - Turkey or Chicken Gravy - canned Green Beans - Cake Mix - Thanksgiving Candy. One of each item is sufficient. Please return your bag of purchased items by Sunday November 21st to St. Peter's Church. Your generosity is truly appreciated. For questions please phone Islay at 978-724-0205.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Peter's Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 4th, 2021 from 9:00am - 2:00pm in the church hall, 18 North Street, Petersham. Perfect time to do your Christmas shopping and get your loved ones a beautiful handmade gift. More information to follow. Please save the date! For questions phone Islay 978-724-0205.

## ROSARY

Every 13th of the month, everyone, especially the living rosary members, are encouraged to pray the rosary. 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. Join us in the Chapel at OLI at 6pm. If the 13th falls on a Tuesday, we will meet @3pm.

## Hymnal Readings: 947

### Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

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

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175  
[89a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



### 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:** Arkadiusz Surlej  
by the Baczek & Knutelski Families

### Monday, November 8th

- 8:00 AM **OLI:** +Mary Cass by Stella Murphy  
+Connie Superchi, 1st Anniversary  
by her Husband

### Tuesday, November 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

### Wednesday, November 10th St. Leo the Great

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

### Saturday, Nov. 13th Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM **OLI:** +Charles & Philip Demarest  
by the Family

### Sunday, November 14th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Ralph & Sandra Shatos  
by Marie Shatos  
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +Richard Rousselle by his Wife  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Lynn Brothers by Mark & Cindy Winters  
+Arkadiusz Surlej by the Baczek Family

NOVEMBER 7, 2021



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### MONDAY 8th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

### TUESDAY 9th

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

### WEDNESDAY 10th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

### SATURDAY 13th

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

### SUNDAY 14th

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

## 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

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