

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

Men's Rosary

Tuesday ~ 7:00pm OLI Chapel

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

Rosary

Thursday ~ 9:00am

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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,

Here we are at the end of our Liturgical Year!

Celebrating today the last Ordinary Sunday of our Liturgical Calendar, today's liturgy reflects about the end of times. For Catholics, thinking about the end of times or death should not generate despair or futuristic speculations typical of superstitious people, but the joy of the definitive encounter with Christ, who says in St. Luke's Gospel: “Refresh and lift up your heads; because your liberation is at hand” (21, 28).

Death is not the end point of our story. On the contrary, it is the sign of the fragility of this world and, at the same time, the entry into eternity. In this sense, the faithful must frequently meditate on the ultimate realities, so that, at the last moment, they do not renounce the truth and end up getting lost. “Before the coming of Christ”, says the Catechism, “the Church will have to undergo a final test, which will shake the faith of many believers” (n. 675). This ordeal concerns the “mystery of iniquity”, a kind of “pseudo-Messianism in which man glorifies himself, substituting himself for God and the Incarnate Messiah”.

We must prepare for death. Since we know neither the hour nor the day of divine justice, we have to live the tribulations of our generation as if, in fact, they were the last. That's why Jesus warns the disciples about his arrival: “So when you see these things happening, know that the Son of Man is near, at the gates” (Mk 13, 29).

Those who, on the other hand, persevere to the end will also enjoy the Church's triumph, through “a victory of God over the last trigger of evil, which will bring down his Bride from heaven” (Catechism, n. 677) . Therefore, let us strive to be on the side of Christ on the day of judgment!

Prayer. — Lord Jesus, favor us with your grace, so that we are always prepared for the final hour. Do not let the tribulations of this fleeting world shake our faith, but fortify us for the hard struggle of the last days.

God bless you!

Fr. Mateus

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

For the next three weekends 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. Wait until you see this calendar! *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. Tickets are \$10ea or 3 tickets for \$25. Checks may be made out to Athol Knights of Columbus.*

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

2022 Contribution Envelopes for Our Lady Immaculate Church will be available for pick at the front of the church after masses the weekend of Nov 27/28 and Dec 4/5. If you are not currently using envelopes and would like a box assigned to you, please call Gayle in the office at 978-249-2738. Thank you.

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: \$11,240
St. Francis: ~ Goal; \$8,000 - To Date: \$1130
St. Peter: ~ Goal; \$7,000 - To Date: \$4,150

WORD OF LIFE

“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well. Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives. ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “An Adoption Love Story”

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The OLI Chapel will now be open daily from 8am-4pm during the winter months. Thank you.



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 COLLECTION

11-7-21 Sunday: \$1,832.39; Building: 338.00—(\$288.00 last week); Fuel: \$223.00; Holy Day: \$85.00.; Flowers: \$15.00; Window: \$453.11.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$50,951.89 has been collected; repairs to date: \$16,944.00.

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Free Will: \$56.00; St. Peter: \$5.00; Individual: \$100.00.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember **Judith Gancorz, Reginald Laffond and Wesley Laford** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

11-7-21 Sunday: \$790.00; Renovation: \$40.00; Fuel: \$171.00; Holy Days: \$26.00.

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 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!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR & BAKE SALE

St. Francis is excited to announce that we will be holding our annual Christmas Fair and Bake sale on Saturday December 4th from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the Church Hall. Items will include a Chinese auction, Raffle Baskets, Christmas greens, and lots of baked goods. From 11 am to 1 pm we will be serving our Lithuanian plate with kielbasa, kugeli, sauerkraut, carrots and bread along with beef stew and hotdogs for lunch. St. Francis parishioners and anyone else who is interested are asked to donate new items for our Chinese auction table. If you are interested in sweets and want to contribute some baked goods, give us a call. Anyone who wishes to offer any larger items for a special raffle or our themed raffle baskets, please let us know! Contact Jackie Doherty (617-175-3577) or Marie Shatos (617-275-3578) if you would like to volunteer your time to help us at the fair. We would love to have you join us!

ST. PETER’S COLLECTION

11-7-21 Sunday: \$897.00; Building: \$165.00; Fuel: \$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.

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

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Hymnal Readings: 950

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 *Dedication*: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/ Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



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

Monday, November 15th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Agnes Breton by Stella Murphy

Tuesday, November 16th

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Special Intention by J'net Calvi

Wednesday, November 17th St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Marcial, Emerenciana & Joseph
Yandoc by the Family
~ Special Intention for the Tavakol Family
by the Family

Saturday, Nov. 20th Vigil: OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Rick Nygard by his Mother
+Victoria Markunas by Paul & Deb
Kuzmeskas

Sunday, November 21st OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Emilie Legassey
by her Family
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** All Parishioners
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Romeo & Irene Roussel
by the Family
+Jean P. McNally by her Family

NOVEMBER 14, 2021



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MONDAY 15th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

TUESDAY 16th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
2:00 PM Holy Hour with Adoration at OLI
7:00 PM Men's Rosary at OLI Chapel

WEDNESDAY 17th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

THURSDAY 18th

9:00 AM Rosary at St. Peter's Church

SATURDAY 20th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 21st

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

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 ~ Roy Dunn
Ann Marie Doherty ~ Vernon Goupil ~ Arline Duguay
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