

# 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

Rev. Mateus Souza, Administrator  
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Bryan Lagimoniere, Deacon

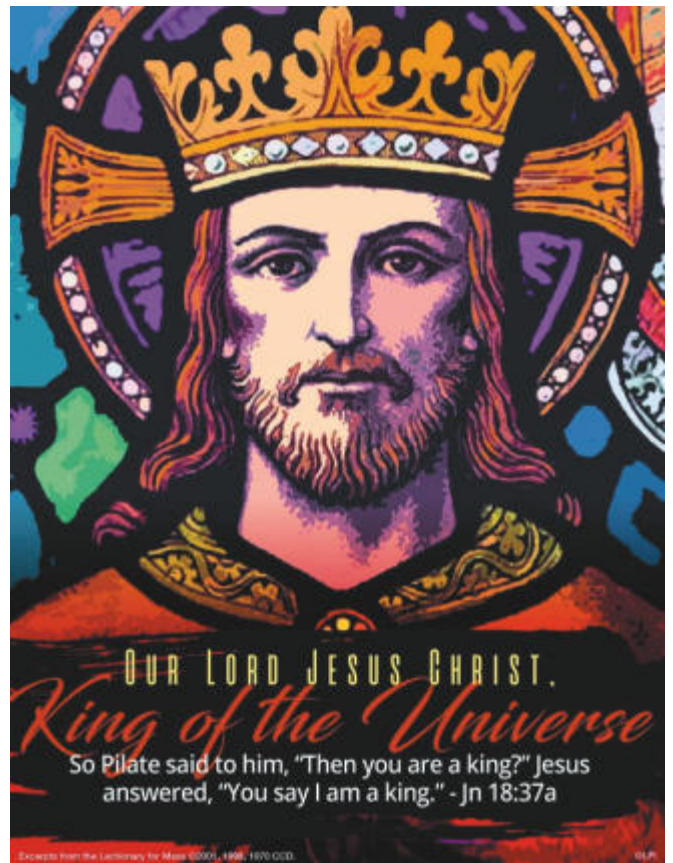
Gayle Bassett, Administrative Assistant

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

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATEUS

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we approach the end of this Liturgical Year and the beginning of the Advent Season it's almost impossible to not feel the pressure of having to plan Christmas already. Whether you have a big family or not, I think we all at some degree or the other have already thought about parties, guests, traveling, extra room, meals and of course presents for everybody!

Growing up in Brazil, Christmas was always fun. It's summertime down there, so celebrating Christmas for us could be compared to 4<sup>th</sup> of July here in America. However, for many families Christmas is not as abundant or memorable as it is here. Simple things such as family gatherings, or dinners are not something that everybody has access to. Growing up, my mom would always tell us that Christmas day was the only day she would have soda. That was the only Christmas treat. No fancy desserts, no toys.

Thankfully, my parents were able to give us more than they ever had, but I remember many Christmases without presents under the tree. That of course didn't take away the fun of the celebrations, with my uncles and aunts coming to have a Christmas barbecue in the backyard.

As you can imagine, this is still the reality of many boys and girls in my hometown. Many children are deprived of proper nutrition, education, and family basic structure. Thanks to Non-profit Organizations funded by the Town, many of these children can receive what the parents cannot offer on their own, such as education, nutrition, access to sport, internet and dental assistance.

IAMA (Institute for Assistance to Minors) is one of these organizations in my hometown of Adamantina. They provide everything the parents cannot as an after-school program while the parents are at work. Their goal is to supplement the basic needs of a child that they are not receiving at home or through the public school.

That being said, this year I would like to make something different and special by dedicating one Christmas giving tree to the 60 children (boys and girls) assisted by IAMA in my hometown of Adamantina. With your help, this project will be even more special.

The tags will be available starting next weekend at Our Lady. You will not find in them any crazy or expensive requests like Xbox games for example, but something that I am sure these kids never had access to and that will make their Christmas merrier! For the girls, we will send regular Barbie Dolls, or Disney Princess Dolls. For the boys we will send regular action figures: Marvel or Star Wars for example. We need only the regular single doll box or action figure so we can ship them all at once in a large box. After some research, I found that these toys should not cost more than \$10-\$15.

So please join me in another crazy project and consider donating today for these children in Brazil. We want to distribute all the tags right away so we will have time to ship the toys before Christmas. It would be ideal for us to mail the toys by Dec. 8th. Toys can be brought to mass Dec. 4/5 or delivered to the Rectory before Dec. 8th.. A Special shoutout to the Knights of Columbus who already committed to cover the costs of shipping.

Thank you again everybody and God bless!

Fr. Mateus

## WORD OF LIFE

“The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person.” ~Pope Paul VI, Declaration of Religious Freedom

### FOOD PANTRY

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

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### 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: \$15,865

**St. Francis:** ~ Goal; \$8,000 - To Date: \$1,380

**St. Peter:** ~ Goal; \$7,000 - To Date: \$5,050

### CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The OLI Chapel and St. Francis Church 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"*.

*November 20-26 ~ Jean Claude Bourdages*

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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

Fr's Mother—Terezinha Souza ~ Marcella Catalano

The Phillips' Family: Sam, Kelly, Kaydence,

Alycia, Aulden & Kailyn



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

**11-14-21** Sunday: \$1,432.50; Building: 310.00; Fuel: \$55.00; Window: \$300.00.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church. To date \$51,251.89 has been collected; repairs to date: \$16,944.00.

### SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Free Will: \$41.00; St. Peter: \$10.00; Individual: \$200.00.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

**11-14-21** Sunday: \$834.00; Monthly: \$5.00; Renovation: \$70.00; Fuel: \$55.00; Flowers: \$5.00.

### 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

**11-14-21** Sunday: \$791.00; Building: \$80.00.

### 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.

### ST. PETER

### CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

Cut your own mini tree ~ wreaths and more.

6 West St., Petersham

Saturday, Nov 27, 10am—1pm

Proceeds to benefit St. Peter's Church

## Hymnal Readings: 953

### Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28  
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36  
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



### 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:** Wesley Laford  
by Don & Carol Ambrozy  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +Romeo & Irene Roussel  
by the Family  
+Jean P. McNally by her Family

### Monday, November 22nd St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 AM **OLI:** +Bob Murphy by Stella Murphy  
10:30 AM **QVHC:** All Residents

### Tuesday, November 23rd

8:00 AM **OLI:** +DeSantis Family by the Family

### Wednesday, November 24th St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and companions, Martyrs

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

### Thursday, November 25th

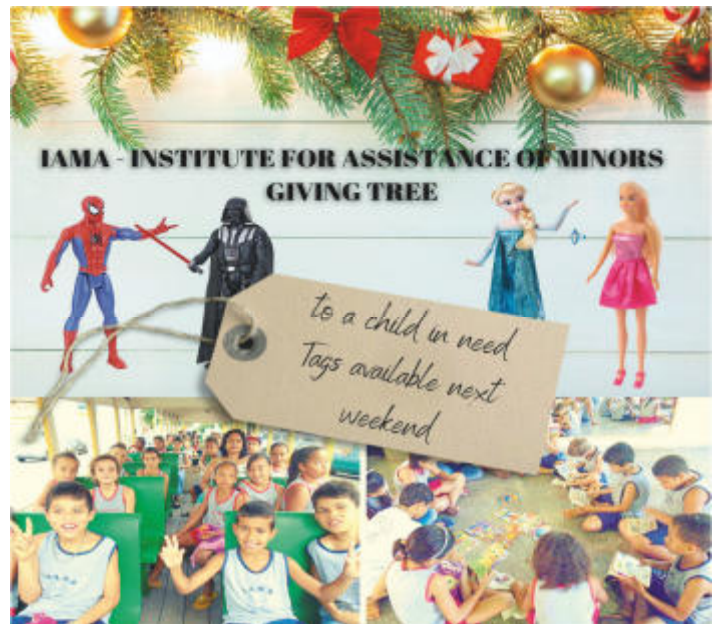
8:00AM **OLI:** +John S. Robertson by his Family

### Saturday, Nov. 27th Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Norman & Juliette Thibault  
By Charles & Paula Thibault  
+Judy Gancorz by Rita Soltysik

### Sunday, November 28th First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM **St. Francis:** +All Parishioners  
9:30 AM **St. Peter:** +M/M Walter Chase  
by Don & Carol Ambrozy  
11:00 AM **OLI:** +James & Emily Deleo by Cynthia  
+Special Intention for Tavakol Family  
by the Family



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### MONDAY 22nd

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate  
10:30 AM Mass at Quabbin Valley

### TUESDAY 23rd

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 24th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

### THURSDAY 25th

8:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

### SATURDAY 27th

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

### SUNDAY 28th

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



Our Lady Immaculate Church welcomes **Shania & Luna Luna** with great joy into the faith community, the Catholic Church. Congratulations and may the flame of the Christian faith be alive in their hearts.

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