

NORTH QUABBIN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor

SCOTT COLLEY & BRYAN LAGIMONIERE, DEACONS

Gayle Bassett, Secretary
Irene Inniss, CCD Administrator ~ OLI & St. Francis
& Safe Environment Coordinator

Bob Lemoine & Cindy Winters ~ Music Ministry
Islay Boeri, CCD Administrator ~ St. Peter's
Rick Carrier, Maintenance

OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

192 School Street, Athol MA 01331

Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass Saturday 4pm

Sunday 11am Mass

Holy Days of Obligation: Mass at 12:10pm

Weekday Mass: 7am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

First Saturday: 8:00am Mass

Every Tuesday: Eucharistic Adoration 7:30am—3:00pm

Confessions: Saturday 3pm, First Saturday 8:30am, and by appointment

Rosary: Mon, Tues, Wed, 6:30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday 3:30pm & Sunday 10:30am

Church Office Hours: M, T, W ~ 8:30am—3:30pm



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

101 Main Street, Athol MA 01331

Weekend Mass: Sunday 7:00am ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:40am

Holy Days of Obligation: Mass at 7:00pm

Confessions: Saturday 3pm at OLI, after Sodality Mass or by appointment

Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays at 9:00am

Rosary Sodality Mass: Every 3rd Tuesday at 5pm

SAINT PETER'S PARISH

18 North Street, Petersham MA 01366

Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:00am

Confessions: Saturday 3pm at OLI or by appointment



Visitors and New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself. We want to meet you.
Registration forms are available in the sacristy.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month.
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

The lending library is located in the vestibule of Our Lady Immaculate Church. Books can be borrowed for a period of 4 weeks.

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 978-249-7479.

Problem Pregnancy

Located in the St. Francis Rectory, hours are Thursdays from 10am – 12:45pm. For more information or questions please call 1-978-602-5617.

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

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO CONFESSION

Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses against God and against your sisters and brothers. Confession brings reconciliation between God and the penitent, between the penitent and others, and to the individual penitent.

One goes to Confession privately behind a screen or face-to-face with the priest. Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance consists of a good examination of conscience. This examination, guided by the Ten Commandments, prepares one to confess sins to the priest.

Confession begins with the Sign of the Cross and the penitent greeting the priest with the words, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was (weeks, months, years) and my sins are..."

The penitent confesses their sins to the priest, who stands in the name of Christ and the Church. The priest will help you make a good confession if you are unsure or uneasy. Following the confession of sins, say, "This is all I can remember. I am sorry for these and all my sins."

The priest will assign you a penance. The penance takes into account your personal situation and supports your spiritual good. It may be a prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service, or sacrifice.

The penitent will then pray an Act of Contrition. This prayer expresses true sorrow for the sins confessed. This prayer may be expressed in one's own words or one may use one of the formal prayers of sorrow like the following:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

The priest, acting in the person of Christ, will absolve you from your sins by saying the prayer of Absolution. As the prayer is ending, the penitent makes the Sign of the Cross and responds, "Amen."

EASTER TRIDUUM APRIL 13-16

Holy Thursday:

8 am Morning Prayer at Our Lady's Chapel
7 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER at OLI
followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel.

Good Friday:

8 am Morning Prayer at OLI's Chapel
12:10 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Francis
3:30 pm Living Stations at OLI
7 pm LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION at St. Francis

Holy Saturday:

8 am Morning Prayer at OLI Chapel
10 am Blessing of Easter food at St. Francis
7:30 pm EASTER VIGIL at OLI
(Please note there is no Mass before the Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday:

Sunday Mass Schedule as usual.

LENT 2017

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays at 3:00 pm in the OLI Chapel, Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7 pm at the Church that's hosting the Deanery Pilgrimage (different priests will be hearing confessions), or by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will hold this prayerful devotion every Friday during Lent at St. Francis Church at 7 pm.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE

Let's make a pilgrimage to the different Churches of our Deanery. Take the opportunity to go to Confession, pray and reflect on a Lenten theme. Confessions start at 6:30 pm. Service will be at 7 pm. April 5 at St. Vincent the Paul in Baldwinville
April 23 Divine Mercy Sunday Service at Holy Rosary in Gardner at 3 pm.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

This weekend is In Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2017 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. This weekend every member of our Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge and return it to the church office or the diocesan chancery, or put it in the collection basket. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2017 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. These are our Parishes' goals which remain the same as last year:

Our Lady: \$23,800
St. Francis: \$5,300
St. Peter: \$6,000

Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday April 3rd at the Council Chamber.

At our March 20th meeting we heard a presentation by the Parish representatives who attended World Youth Day in Poland. Thank you to Sharon Maher, Robin LeBlanc, Amanda LeBlanc, Aleisha Berthiaume, and Ryan Berthiaume for joining us and sharing their inspirational message. Following the meeting we shared a dinner sponsored by Brother Charlie Thibault (thank you Paula!).

The Council is sponsoring an Essay Contest the theme of which is "The Importance of Religious Freedom". Youth ages 14 to 18 are eligible and encouraged to participate. Entry forms may be obtained through CCD, by contacting me at (978) 249-0435 or rav@fishparkconsulting.com or Brother Paul McNiff at (978) 249-2108 or pmcniff2@verizon.net.

Fraternally yours, Ray Belanger, Grand Knight

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your support! This week we will collect:
Peanut Butter & Jelly—Baked Beans

TRIP TO ITALY

Travel with Fr. Edwin to Italy ~ Dates: Oct. 18-16, 2018 (9 days)
Where: Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice
Cost: \$3,399.00 - Does not include lunches and trip insurance.
For questions please contact Fr. Edwin.
For registration and payments, please contact:
Proximo Travel, P.O. Box 3479, Worcester, MA 01613
Ph: 508.340.9370

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,739.00; Bldg: \$279.00; Easter: \$10.00; Windows: \$20.00; Flowers; \$167.50; SOFB: \$339.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-447.00

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Free Will: \$11.00; Our Lady: \$11.00; St. Francis: \$6.00; St. Peter's: \$36.00; Individual: \$250.00; Memorial: \$25.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$13,665.99 has been collected.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$693.00; Monthly: \$55.00; Reno: \$25.00; Fuel: \$21.00; Flowers: \$218.00; Catholic Relief: \$5.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-223.00

DIVINE MERCY PICTURE

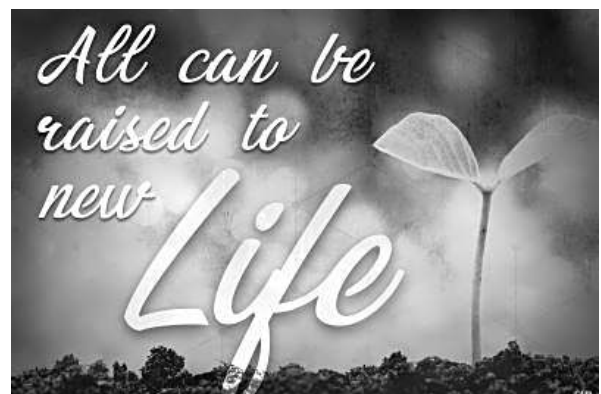
Traveling Divine Mercy Devotion—For more information, please call Clovine at 978-249-6085.

ST. PETER'S COLLECTION

Sunday: \$612.00; Building: \$535.00; Fuel: \$5.00; Catholic Relief: \$10.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Over: \$2.00

SUNRISE SERVICE

There will be an Easter sunrise service on Sunday, April 16, at 6:00 a.m. at the Petersham Curling Club, 250 North Main Street (Route 32), outside near the parking lot. The service is hosted by the Petersham Interfaith Committee. Coffee, hot cocoa and light refreshments will be served at the Orthodox Congregational Church following the service. All are welcome.



APRIL 2, 2017



With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SATURDAY 1st

8:00 AM First Saturday Mass & Devotion at OLI
8:30 AM St. Peter's CCD
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 2nd

7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
9:00 AM Mass at St. Peter's Church
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
6:00 PM OLI Grades 9-11 CCD

MONDAY 3rd

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
3:30 PM OLI Grades 1-4 CCD
7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation at CCD

TUESDAY 4th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

WEDNESDAY 5th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
9:00 AM Prayers to Our Lady at St. Francis
5:00 PM SOFB Meal at St. Francis
6:00 PM Living Stations Rehearsal at OLI

FRIDAY 7th

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Francis

SATURDAY 8th

4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 9th

7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
9:00 AM Mass at St. Peter's Church
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate
6:00 PM OLI Grades 5-8 CCD
6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry at CCD

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

Jn 11:25-27

APRIL 2, 2017

Hymnal Readings: #820

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2017

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54



Saturday, April 1st

8:00 AM +J. Paul Labrie by his Family

Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Judith Horrigan 19th Anniversary
By her Family

Sunday, April 2nd **5th Sunday of Lent**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +M/M Paul Shatos
by Marie Shatos

9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +John, Esther, John E. &
Richard Goodfellow
by the Goodfellow Family

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Gloria McCarthy
by the Young Family

Monday, April 3rd

7:00AM +Timothy O'Malley 7th Anniversary
By his Family

Tuesday, April 4th

7:00 AM +Jack Cox by his Family

Wednesday, April 5th

7:00 AM +Paula Joly by her husband

Saturday, April 8th **Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:00 PM **OLI:** +Leonide & Imelda Bernard
By M/M Ola Richard & Family

Sunday, April 9th **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** +Gailunas & Matulis Families
By their Daughter In Law

9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** +Jimmy Winters
By Mark & Cindy Winters

11:00 AM **OLI:** +Jean Torstensen by her Family

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