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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. It begins with Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, after which the Mass is celebrated.

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of people, just as Jesus did. At the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass but also the ministerial priesthood.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. It is a joyous occasion, the reason of our faith.

During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore.

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

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 23 Divine Mercy Sunday Service at Holy Rosary in Gardner at 3 pm.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Partners in Charity Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the Church. Or visit www.partners-charity.net. Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

Our Lady: \$23,800 to date: \$1,270.00
St. Francis: \$5,300 to date: \$0.00
St. Peter: \$6,000 to date: \$100.00

PRAYER SHAWL TEA

Have you ever given or received a prayer shawl? The Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and given out over 1000 shawls. These shawls are made with love and prayers for the recipient. Come share an afternoon tea with us on Sunday, April 24th at 2pm at the CCD Center as we share our stories and give thanks for this ministry. Blessing of Shawls will be Saturday April 23rd at the 4pm Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 ray@fishparkconsulting.com or Brother Paul McNiff at (978) 249-2108 or pmcniff2@verizon.net.

Fraternally yours, Ray Belanger, Grand Knight

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.
Registration Deadline: June 18, 2018
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

CHURCH FAIR

Holy Cross Church, Lake Avenue in East Templeton. April 29, 2017 from 9am to 2pm. Baked Goods, Crafts, Tag Sale, Chinese Auction, Home Business Vendors, Lunch Specials.

FOOD PANTRY

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

WORD OF LIFE

"An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her." Find out more here: www.goo.gl/MkBfb9

OUR LADY IMMACULATE COLLECTION

Sunday: \$1,650.00; Bldg: \$187.00; Fuel: \$26.00; Windows: \$597.57; Flowers: \$137.00; Catholic Relief: \$86.00; SOFB: \$211.00. Weekly Goal: \$2,465.00— Under: \$-602.00

SHARING OUR FATHERS BREAD

Our Lady: \$8.00; St. Francis: \$3.00; Individual: \$100.00; Memorial: \$100.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Repairing the exterior trim around the stained glass windows in the church ~ \$32,000. To date \$14,263.56 has been collected.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who made the OLI Braised Beef Dinner a Success. \$1,131.60 was raised at this event.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLECTION

Sunday: \$564.00; Monthly: \$25.00; Reno: \$89.00; Fuel: \$155.00; Flowers: \$58.00. Weekly Goal: \$992.00— Under: \$-248.00

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

The K of L will met on Wednesday April 12th following the Sharing Our Father's Bread Dinner. All members are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY PICTURE

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

ST. PETER'S COLLECTION

Sunday: \$587.00; Building: \$55.00—(\$35.00 last week); Catholic Relief: \$25.00. Weekly Goal: \$650.00— Under: \$8.00

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.



Please remember **Joanne Akey, Roy L'Heureux & Tekla Bedard** who passed away recently, as well as their families. Always remember the power of prayer in helping others.

APRIL 9, 2017



My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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

MONDAY 10th

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 11th

7:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 PM Divine Chaplet, Prayers, Benediction

WEDNESDAY 12th

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

THURSDAY 13th

7:00 PM Last Supper Mass at OLI

FRIDAY 14th

3:00 PM Living Stations at OLI

7:00 PM Passion Service at St. Francis

SATURDAY 15th

8:30 AM St. Peter's CCD

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady Immaculate

SUNDAY 16th

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

*"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest."*

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

- Mt 21:9-11

APRIL 9, 2017

Hymnal Readings: #823

Readings for the Week of April 9, 2017

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps

116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb

4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,

12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,

10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5

-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps

19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps

51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col

3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35



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:** +Gailiunas & 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

Monday, April 10th Monday of Holy Week

7:00AM +Marcial & Emerenciana Yandoc
by the Family

Tuesday, April 11th Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM +Norman Nault by Val & Bernie Hoye

Wednesday, April 12th Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM +Gerry Firth 5th Ann. by his Wife and Family

Thursday, April 13th Holy Thursday

7:00 PM All Parishioners

Friday, April 14th Good Friday

7:00 PM All Parishioners

Saturday, April 15th Vigil of Easter

7:30 PM All Parishioners

Sunday, April 16th EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:00 AM **St. Francis:** All Parishioners
9:00 AM **St. Peter's:** All Parishioners
11:00 AM **OLI:** All Parishioners

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