



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Philip N. Hamel

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

January 17, 2021

The Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Address:

Church: 530 Gardners Neck Road, Swansea, MA 02777

Office/Rectory: Direct all correspondence to:

270 Ocean Grove Avenue

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Office hours: Monday– Thursday 9:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

BY TELEPHONE ONLY. Closed on Friday.

St. Francis of Assisi Contact Info:

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St. Francis of Assisi Liturgical Celebrations

Sundays: 11 a.m.

Weekdays: Private Mass - No Congregation

PREVIOUS MASS SCHEDULE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE

Only Mass St. Francis of Assisi 11 a.m. Sunday –Reservations
Required—call/email Rectory no later than Thursday at noon
for reservations.

Parish Staff

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St. Dominic's Liturgical Celebration:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: Private Mass - No Congregation

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NOTICE

Masses at St. Dominic's are on Sunday at 9:30am–
Reservations Required—call/email the Rectory no later than
Thursday at noon for reservations.

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Please call the Rectory line at 508-675-7206 to leave a mes-
sage for Barbara Domingue. Thank you.)

Email: stdominic1277@gmail.com

Mt. Hope Catholic Community—St. Francis of Assisi, St. Dominic

WELCOME

If you are a new parishioner please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass and call the parish office to register. We are so pleased you're here!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mt. Hope Catholic Community

St. Dominic: Masses, Sun. 9:30 a.m. Weekday, Mon. & Wed. at 8:00 a.m. (Private Mass-No Congregation)

St. Francis of Assisi: Masses, Sun. 11:00 a.m. Weekday, Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. (Private Mass-No Congregation)

Sun. January 17

9:30 a.m. *Norma Rizy - 1st Anniversary
Adelino Rodrigues(19th Anniv.) by daughter*
11:00 a.m. *Diane Roussel 9th Anniversary by Family
Penny Lachman by Brian & Norma McNally*

Mon. January 18

8:00 a.m. *Thomas Marshall by a friend*

Tues. January 19

8:00 a.m. *Joseph & Manuel Pacheco by Rose Pacheco*

Wed. January 20

8:00 a.m. *Antonio Leite by Louise*

Thurs. January 21

8:00 a.m. *Rev. Henry Dahl*

Sun. January 24

9:30 a.m. *Pamela Arruda by her husband Joeseeph
Joseph Pacheco & Domingos Soares by Rose
Pacheco
Jerry Tremblay by Wife, Diane
Domingos Soares by Wife & Son
Maria Helen Antao by Sister-in-law, Alzira*

Prayer to Saint Marianne Cope



Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience. Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example. Amen. Through the intercession of St. Marianne Cope, I ask for the grace of (mention your request).

With ecclesiastical approval, Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse, N.Y.

Sacraments:

Baptism: Arrangements must be made in advance. Please call the Parish Office to arrange a date and supply pertinent information. Individual Baptismal preparation is required.

Sponsors: must receive from their respective Catholic pastors a "sponsor certificate," which is the signed word of one priest to another that the proposed godparent is a Confirmed, fully-practicing Catholic who is qualified to be a godparent by living in harmony with our faith.

Reconciliation: Saturday from 4:30M to 5:15PM at St. Francis of Assisi

First Eucharist & Confirmation: Preparation – two years prior to receiving each Sacrament is mandatory as a registered student in the Faith Formation Program.

Matrimony: Couples are asked to consult with our priest at least six months in advance of the intended date to allow time for marriage preparation, including the Diocesan Program.

Ministry to the Sick: Please notify us if someone you know is homebound and would like to be added to our Communion call list, or would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Low gluten hosts available: Please let us know before Mass if you have a need to receive this type of host.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

With a short Christmas season, Ordinary Time's return may seem a bit of a jolt, but this liturgy places us right in with the call of the first disciples as told in John's Gospel. As he did with those first disciples long ago, Jesus invites us today to "Come and see."

Today's prayers give us the contours of what it means to follow Jesus. The collect asks that God may show us "peace," and after Communion we pray that our share in Christ's table may "make [us]...one in mind and heart." The general intercessions should further shape our prayer for peace, lifting to God the war-torn places of the world and those who suffer the direct consequences of conflict.

We must fulfill our role in God's plan of salvation, for "when the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated," God continues "the work of our redemption" (prayer over the offerings). The first reading's account of the call of the prophet Samuel surely echoes our own struggle to hear God's call and proclaim Christ's saving work in our daily lives.

Today's liturgy, then, directs us both inward, to hear "the Holy Spirit within" (second reading), and outward, to live as disciples in a world awaiting the fullness of the good news. We go forth to live as God's messengers of peace.

Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP

In Loving Memory

St. Francis of Assisi memorial candles burn in January in remembrance of:

Sanctuary Lamp:
Anne Durkin by Family

Altar Candles:
Sr. Eleanor McNally, SUSC by
Brian & Norma McNally

Tabernacle Candles:
For Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them by Brian & Norma McNally

Crucifix Candles:
Dave Tuttle by Wife, Mary Anne

St. Dominic's memorial candle burn in January in remembrance of: Carl Lopes



50Week Club Weekly Winner

Congratulations to:

Jackie Vales III

Winner for January 10, 2021

Contact Info: Bill & Kathy Sullivan

Telephone: 508-493-9064 or 508-674-8511



Remembering Your Loved Ones

Mt. Hope Catholic Community of

St. Francis of Assisi & St. Dominic

2021 Mass Book

It is very easy to remember a loved one in our own personal way, but what better way than a Mass or Mass Card. Both are available at St. Francis of Assisi and St. Dominic's. All you need to do is contact the appropriate Rectory to schedule a Mass or acquire a Mass Card. **Masses are now available in both churches for the 2021 Mass Book through June. Candles are also available.**

Every attempt will be made to accommodate your requests for specific dates, but we cannot promise. Your understanding is appreciated. Please call the rectories during business hours.



St. Francis Collections - January 10th

Budget: \$2312.00
Repairs & Restorations: \$880.00
Diocesan Assessment: \$800.00
Poor & Needy: \$467.00

Next weekend, the January 24th the second collection is for Repairs & Restorations.

St. Dominic Collections - January 10th

Budget: \$1928.00
Building & Maintenance: 500.00
Initial Offering: \$179.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$176.00

Next weekend, the January 24th the second collection is for Building and Maintenance.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Mt. Hope Catholic Community Faith Formation Program Grades 5, 6, 7

Dear Families of Faith Formation Grades 5th, 6th and 7th

The next faith formation packet, Unit Three, will be available for pickup on Sunday morning, January 17th, between the hours of 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Saint Francis of Assisi Church.

A second pickup date has been scheduled, for Tuesday, January 19th between the hours of 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

A gentle reminder, I'll be outside at the rear of the church, near the faith formation door. Be safe.

Sincerely in Christ, Debra Fontaine, Faith Formation Director, Grades 5-7, Home phone 508- 676-7942 and Home email fontfam005@comcast.net

MESSAGE FROM FR. HAMEL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Behold the Lamb of God.” These words are more than familiar to any Catholic who goes to Mass. Just as we prepare to receive Christ sacramentally in our reception of the Eucharist, we use these exact words: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world! Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. Today in our gospel reading, we see St. John the Baptist use that phrase for the first time in regard to Jesus as he saw Jesus walk by. And John’s disciples paid attention. They would have marveled at the words even if they did not quite understand the full meaning of what St. John was saying. After all, any lamb put aside for God was an offering to be slaughtered in sacrifice. Did they understand that about Jesus when he passed by John? I doubt it. And Andrew seems to prove that fact.

Andrew is so quick to find his brother Simon to share his discovery of Jesus. “We have found the Messiah” he tells Simon. But I am not sure how his finding the Messiah squared in his own thought with the Messiah being the Lamb of God. Andrew, like all good Jews of the day were hoping and praying for the Messiah but expected the Messiah to be more of a political leader than a religious leader. Would the Messiah have religious overtones? Well ... of course he would, because in Jesus’ day, you could not separate the civil from the spiritual. If you were a Jew, then that was your nationality. If you were a Jew, then that was your religious affiliation. To be a Jew was to be both at one and the same time.

Andrew, and the other of John’s disciples whose name is not given, followed Jesus and went to stay with him. After a very short while does Andrew go to get Simon to bring him to Jesus too. It is at this meeting, Jesus, and Simon, that Simon’s name is changed to Cephas, or Peter, which means rock.

While the passage today appears to be brief, it nonetheless teaches so many aspects of discipleship, for the disciples of Jesus’ day, as well as for all disciples throughout time. First and foremost, once we recognize Jesus for who he is, we must follow him as Andrew did. Although we are not following Jesus literally as did those two disciples of John, we do follow Jesus by following his teachings, particularly loving God first and above all things, and then to love our neighbor as ourselves. Secondly, like Andrew and the other disciple, it is important to bring others to Jesus. Andrew did it by his words: “We have found the Messiah.” Through our own words and actions, we too should be actively helping others to see Jesus and find their way to Jesus, especially if they are having a difficult time finding him on their own.

Before Andrew went off to find Simon Peter, what did he do? He and the other disciple went and spent time with Jesus. In fact, the gospel says that they spent the whole day with him. This fact is easy to gloss over but it is important, especially for us today. The reason why Andrew could be so convinced about who Jesus was, was because he spent his day in conversation with Jesus while recognizing him as the Master. In other words, his conversation with Jesus was a lived prayer experience where he encountered Jesus in a personal manner. For us today, we will not have the same physical contact that the first century Apostles and disciples had with the physical Jesus, but through our time before the Blessed Sacrament or in personal prayer, we can nonetheless come to a greater awareness of who Jesus is and likewise develop a close personal bond as we accept Jesus as Master and Lord. It was Andrew’s “prayer time” with Jesus that strengthened his faith to recognize Jesus as Messiah and to share that good news with his brother.

Because we have the treasure of time passed since Jesus’s resurrection and ascension we have, in a sense, a greater understanding of the power behind John the Baptist’s declaration of Jesus being the “Lamb of God.” The early disciples of Jesus would have seen it as referring to someone much beloved by God. In the early days of Jesus preaching ministry, they would not have understood that this “Lamb” would by necessity be sacrificed on the altar of the cross, just as the lambs offered in sacrifice in Jerusalem were sacrificed on the altar in the temple. Jesus, the Lamb, would have to be put to death.

Our understanding of who Jesus is - Son of God, son of Mary allows us to see the wholeness of Jesus as the Christ which the first disciples were kept from seeing prior to the Lord’s passion and death. Because we know Jesus not simply as the “Lamb of God” but as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” our response must be not only that of St. Andrew, but more than that. Andrew initially saw a teacher and potential “messiah”. We see Jesus as a teacher, a Messiah, the forgiveness of sins and the way to the Father. Our understanding of Jesus should give us an even greater eagerness to follow him by worthy and holy lives. It should give us an even greater eagerness to bring to Jesus those who do not yet believe, or whose faith is faltering for one reason or another. Andrew was excited initially about Jesus because of a possible better life on earth. We need to be excited about Jesus because of the possibilities of an extraordinary life in heaven, along with the grace to live our life on earth with all of its joys and trials alike. But regardless, Andrew and the unnamed disciple teach us a great lesson. Recognize the person of the Christ. Consciously spend time with him so as to learn the lessons that he hopes to teach us. Use those lessons to bring others to Christ through our words and actions.

Andrew, strengthened by his relationship with Jesus, still had a difficult death. Closeness to Jesus does not magically bring us bliss in this life. In fact, Andrew, like Jesus was crucified. Because he did not see himself worthy to die in exactly the same manner, he was crucified upside down. But his relationship with Jesus and the grace generated through that relationship allowed him to bear his cross so as to enter the joy of the Master’s kingdom. Our relationship with Jesus will likewise merit us the grace to bear our own crosses. And when the time comes, having lived our discipleship to the best of our ability, like Andrew and Peter, we too will enter the Master’s joy!

Diocese of Fall River

Office of Safe Environment

Mt. Hope Catholic Community

St. Francis of Assisi & St. Dominic



Our Parishes are committed to providing a safe place for all the faithful. Therefore, we follow a strict policy of The Essential Three for all who minister, work or volunteer in our parish. We ask for your cooperation and support. The safety of our community depends on all of us doing our part. Please visit the Diocesan Safe Environment page for more information:

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/office-of-safe-environment/>

Victim Assistance

Anyone who has suffered abuse by a priest, or someone affiliated with the Diocese of Fall River, is urged to call Carolyn Shipp, Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 508-985-6508 or visit the Safe Environment page of our website (web information listed above). Be assured that your voice will be heard.

Pro-Life Quotes

"When we consider that women are treated as property it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

**Mt. Hope Catholic Community
of St. Francis of Assisi & St. Dominic**

Federal Paycheck Protection Program

This is a federal government program which was offered at the beginning of the pandemic, to enable small business, etc. to continue managing their payroll and other expenses. Both St. Dominic and St. Francis applied and received the loan. Built into this program was a forgiveness (no payback needed) program, which both churches applied for. We both recently received our approval for forgiveness, which means both of these loans are paid in full. With the help of these loans, both churches were able to continue managing our financial needs, with no additional financial impact.



LaSalette Retreat and Conference Center is launching THREE new online series beginning January 12 on Scripture, Psychology and Spirituality. Virtual Tour of the Holy Land and Women of the Bible are just a couple of examples of what is offered.

To view the selection and make reservations, please visit <https://www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/online->

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH MONTHLY ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

WOMEN'S GUILD — MEETING CANCELLED

4th DEGREE Knights of Columbus—MEETING WILL BE ZOOM. ALL MEMBERS SHOULD FOLLOW THE LINK PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you want to volunteer to be a reader at Sunday Mass at St. Dominic's, please contact Sister Marianne Postiglione, RSM at postigm@gmail.com or by phone at 314-537-3058.

Men, women, young adults are welcome.



Lenten Alms Change Lives

Each Lent, through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH will have the Rice Bowls available beginning this week. Please consider participating in this worldly endeavor. Make it a family affair in your home. Every cent counts. Learn more about it in the coming weeks as we present various examples of the life changing moments in the lives of others because of your generous hearts.

Saint Dominic's Knights of Columbus Council #3669 and our Saint Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank everyone who donated clothing and monetary donations to help children in need this winter. We were able to deliver 165 coats at two housing projects in Fall River, an organization that aids the homeless and to individual families in need. .



In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Mt. Hope Catholic Community parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021


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