



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Philip N. Hamel

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of The
Passion of The Lord



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Address:

Church: 530 Gardners Neck Road, Swansea, MA 02777

Office/Rectory: Direct all correspondence to:

270 Ocean Grove Avenue

Swansea, MA 02777

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

Property Manager: Tony Roderigues

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St. Dominic's Contact Info:

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PARISH BULLETIN ONLINE:

<https://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-dominic-/bulletin>

St. Dominic's Liturgical Celebration:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: Private Mass - No Congregation

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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.

Parish Staff:

Property Manager: Peter Urban

Office Manager/Bulletin: Louise Guglielmo

Music Director: Ada Simpson

Faith Formation Director Gr. 1-4: Barbara Domingue

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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. March 28

9:30 a.m. *Hubert and Menard families by Joanne Menard
Carl Lopes by his wife*

John & Lillian Carpenter by family

11:00 a.m. *Domingos Soares by Wife & Sons
Rev. Manuel Andrade by Sister, Alzira
Lorraine Fernandes by Mary Ann Tuttle
Alice Morrissette, Kenny Santos, and
Ted Silva by Annette
Jerome Mendoza by Wife, Paula
Michael Viveiros by Daughter, Kimberly
Oliveira & Family
Aires da Cunha by Cousin, Helena*

Mon. March 29

8:00 a.m.

Tues. March 30

8:00 a.m.

Wed. March 31

8:00 a.m.

Thurs. April 1

8:00 a.m.

Sat. April 3 EASTER VIGIL

7:00 p.m. *For All Parishioners*

Sun. April 4 EASTER

9:30 a.m. *For All Parishioners*

11:00 a.m. *Dr. Eufrocino Beltran by Ed & Nancy Avila
Manuel & Joseph Pacheco by Rose Pacheco
Emily & David DeMedeiros by Rose Pacheco
Aloysius Stanton by Ada Simpson
Lorraine Baldwin by Kenneth & Vera Baldwin &
Family
Stephen Higgins 5th Anniversary by Jane &
Jennifer Higgins*

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.

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

This day is named after the Gospel readings that we will hear. The account of the entry into Jerusalem and the Palms the people waved is put against the account of the passion of Christ, his death for us told in excruciating detail. What are we to make of this contrast? How are we to apply this to our own lives? The reading from Isaiah with the responsorial psalm and the famous Philippians hymn that is our second reading interpret these Gospels for us. God sees us as all the actors in the passion. We are the ones who wave the palms, the ones who drive the nails and the spear into the body of Christ, we are Mary and Peter and the apostles; but above all we are to be Christ for others, we are to lay down our life for the love of neighbor. And because of this call to accept the life of Christ with all its joy and pain, the glory and the suffering, we can expect to share in the lifting up of the Philippians hymn, sharing in the Lordship of Christ to the glory of the Father forever. *Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP*



Year of
ST. JOSEPH



In Loving Memory

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

Sanctuary Lamp:
Rose & Dina Ripanti by Joseph Ripanti



Altar Candles:
Edward Gendreau by Mary Anne

Tabernacle Candles:
Louis Furtado by Family

Crucifix Candles:
Deceased Holy Union Sisters by Norma & Brian McNally

St. Dominic's memorial candle burn in March for : John & Lillian Carpenter by Family

Parish Support

St. Francis Collections - March 21st

Budget: \$1773.00

Easter Flowers: \$684.00

Repairs & Restorations: \$310.00

Catholic Relief: \$277.00

Next weekend, the April 4th the second collection is for Easter Offering for Retired & Infirm Priests.

St. Dominic Collections - March 21st

Budget: \$1688.00

Easter Flowers: \$322.00

Next weekend, the April 4th the second collection is for Easter Offering for Retired & Infirm Priests.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Our Hope Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Dominic - Confirmation News

Confirmation with Bishop da Cunha will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00PM at St. Francis of Assisi.

Rehearsal at St. Francis of Assisi will be held on Monday, April 5, 2021 from 6:30-7:30PM. Candidates and sponsors must attend.

50 Week Club Weekly Winner



Contact Info: Bill & Kathy Sullivan

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

REMINDER TO ALL ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 50 WEEK CLUB MEMBERS

As our club is now in the final stages with only one more month to go, and we draw closer to its conclusion of our 2020/2021 club. It has been a very different year with the pandemic still with us, but we will do the best we can.

Now is the time to take the opportunity to not only **catch up on payments or make additional payment**, to ensure that your club is current. We will keep you informed as we go forward.

As we did last year we encourage you to continue to help us with **new members**. Start spreading the word and assist us in making our 50 Week Club the best it can be. Remember, you can't win if you don't join. Call Kathy Sullivan if you are interested at 508-493-9064. God Bless and stay safe. Thank you.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! This envelope can be found in your April mailing packet.

Pro-Life Quote

"I think we have deluded ourselves into believing that people don't know that abortion is killing. So any pretense that abortion is not killing is a signal of our ambivalence, a signal that we cannot say yes, it kills a fetus."

Faye Wattleton

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we stand at the gates of Jerusalem, or if you prefer, at the entrance of our Holy Week. For us as Catholics, it really is one and the same because each and every year we get to relive the events that welcomed Jesus to the City of David as well as the quick sequence of events that led to his death on a cross: first welcomed as a king and the son of David, and then second to be lifted up onto the cross as a prelude to his rising as Christ the King of the Universe. What happened to Jesus in the course of a single week happened a little over two thousand years ago. But when we come to understand that our own individual sins contributed to the weight of the cross since Jesus died for all people of all times, then we realize that in a very real way, we are reliving events in which we had a significant part.

Each and every year the passion of our Lord is read twice during Holy Week. On Passion Sunday we hear from one of the synoptic gospels - this year from Saint Mark. On Good Friday we always hear the passion according to Saint John. Yet regardless of which of the four gospel accounts we hear; we are reminded of the horror that Jesus willingly accepted so that we might have entrance one day into the kingdom of heaven. But while the events that took place two thousand years ago are familiar to us, we must never allow them to simply become a tale of times past. Because our own sin contributed to the passion of Our Lord, our voices are in fact one with the voices that called out for Jesus to be crucified.

The first gospel of Passion Sunday recounts the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem amidst the cry of Hosanna to the son of David. It is certainly a far different cry from the one just five days later that calls for Jesus' death. The stark contrast of human voices on those two days give testimony to the fickleness of human nature which if we are honest, is our own nature. We want to do good, but sometimes are quickly and easily seduced to sin which calls for Christ to be condemned - condemned by our lack of prayerfulness, our lack of kindness, our lack of compassion, our lack of generosity, our lack of hospitality - all the sins that plague and tempt each and every human man, woman, and child. And what are a lack of prayerfulness, kindness, compassion, generosity, and hospitality? They are simply lacks love, and for good or for bad, none of us is capable of loving perfectly or at every moment of our lives ... if only!

A couple of weekends ago, the gospel retold of Jesus chasing the money changers from the temple. That passage ended with the evangelist writing that no one had to tell Jesus about human nature. He himself understood it well. The fact that he did and continues to understand human nature well is both a blessing and a curse for disciples. It is a curse because we know that Jesus is completely aware of our sinfulness. He is well aware of how our lack of love throughout our lives contributed to the sufferings that he endured. The blessing on the other hand is that despite Jesus' awareness of our individual wickedness, he nonetheless, as Son of God, loves us perfectly and forgives our sin.

Because we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are in fact his disciples. That is why our observance of Holy Week, which we begin today, becomes a week that calls us to serious reflection and meditation. We should meditate on the sufferings that he endured for our sake. We should meditate on how we have contributed, through our individual weaknesses, to his passion and death. We should meditate on how we might, through conscious effort, become more loving of God and others. We should meditate on the tomb in which we helped to place the Lord. We are culpable and bear responsibility. Meditating on the events of the week will, please God, help us to cry "crucify him" less, and "hosanna to the son of David" more! Hopefully, we all have a holy week, joined together in prayer!



A Palm Sunday Prayer



On this day of great rejoicing, Christ Jesus, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross. Hosanna! we cry. Blessed are You who comes in God's name to save us. Hosanna!

Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise.

Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light

We need You, O Christ, our Savior.

Hosanna! Amen

Our Holy Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi &

St. Dominic Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday - 7:00PM, St. Dominic (hall)

Good Friday - 3:00PM, St. Francis of Assisi

Holy Saturday - 7:00PM, St. Dominic (church)

Easter - 9:30AM, St. Dominic (hall)
11:00AM, St. Francis of Assisi

Note: Reservations are required for all Holy Week and Easter services. Call the appropriate rectories for your reservations. Regular rotation schedules do not apply for Easter.

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given week-day. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE
BEGINNING SATURDAY,
APRIL 10TH
4PM MASS ON SATURDAYS
IN THE CHURCH.

SUNDAY

9:30AM MASS IN THE HALL

AS ALWAYS, RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE IN ORDER TO ATTEND.

PLEASE CALL BY THURSDAY NOONTIME.

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH

PARISH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

K OF C CHAPTER 3669 WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 3 AT 6:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

WOMEN'S GUILD WILL HOLD THEIR MEETING ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, APRIL 21 @ 6:30pm.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. To highlight the importance of protecting minors from abuse, Bishop da Cunha will celebrate a Mass of Atonement on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.



THE FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HOST THEIR MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH.


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