



# Mt. Hope Catholic Community

## Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

**Pastor: Rev. Philip N. Hamel**

**Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John**



Sunday  
April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday



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St. Francis of Assisi Liturgical Celebrations:

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Weekdays: Private Mass - No Congregation

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

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Saturday: 4:00 p.m. AND Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: Private Mass - No Congregation

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Masses at St. Dominic's are on Saturday at 4:00 am and

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## 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)

**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 De Medeiros* by Rose Pacheco  
*Aloysius Stanton* by Ada Simpson  
*Lorraine Baldwin* by Kenneth & Vera Baldwin & Family  
*Stephen Higgins 5th Anniversary* by Jane & Jennifer Higgins

**Mon. April 5**

8:00 a.m.

**Tues. April 6**

8:00 a.m. *Joseph S. Azevedo* by Daughter, Louise

**Wed. April 7**

8:00 a.m.

**Thurs. April 8**

8:00 a.m. *Doris Montour* by Colleen

**Sat. April 10**

4:00 p.m. *Manuel Faria & family* by the family  
*Maria dos Reis & family* by the family  
*Jose, Tony & Domingos Batista* by family

**Sun. April 11**

9:30 a.m. *Catherine G. Fox (30th Ann.)* by Pat Fox  
*Pauline Littlefield* by Pauline Ferry  
*Jose & Maria dos Anjos Pimentel* by daughter  
11:00 a.m. *Emilia Soares & David De Medeiros* by Rose Pacheco  
*Lorraine Fernandes* by Colleen & Ron Fontaine  
*Henry Reis* by Courville Family  
*Michael Toolin* by Deb & Dave  
*Jerome Mendoza* by Wife, Paula

### Mt. 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.

### 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.

### Easter Sunday

Rejoice, just rejoice, will you? Easter needs no more introduction than this. The joy of this day is the joy of those who thought that all was lost, only to have a miracle happen and hope restored. There is no other way to approach the planning of this day, nothing else to preach on, nothing else to do or say. The message is just that simple, "Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, trampling down death by death," as the Byzantine rite resurrection troparion goes. Let the bells ring out the triumph, let the Church sing for utmost joy, and let good wishes, good will and good works flow from this day to fill the rest of the year as the waters fill the oceans. It is just that simple.

*Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP*



# In Loving Memory

**St. Francis of Assisi memorial candles burn in April in remembrance of:**

**Sanctuary Lamp:**  
**Noel & Exirina Peloquin** by Wanda



**Altar Candles:**  
**Louis Furtado** by Family

**Tabernacle Candles:**  
**Bryan Kelley** by Parents

**Crucifix Candles:**  
**Pat Guerriero & Opie Lovejoy** by Family

**St. Dominic's memorial candle burn in April for : Carl Lopes** by his wife

## 50Week Club Weekly Winner



**Congratulations to:**

**Michael Talbot**

Winner for March 28, 2021

**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.



#### St. Francis Collections - March 28th

*Due to the early submission of the Easter bulletin this report will appear in the April 11th bulletin.*

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**Thank you for your generosity and support!**



**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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The gospel for the Easter Vigil which begins the celebration of our Octave of Easter - our eight-day celebration of the Lord's resurrection - always recounts the women going to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus, only to find the stone moved and the tomb empty. In the liturgical cycle within which we find ourselves this year, the passage is taken from the gospel of St Mark.

One detail that St. Mark points out that the other gospels do not, is the question that had filled the minds of the women as they journeyed toward the tomb. The question? How the heck are we going to get into it? Who will roll the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb? There is a huge stone blocking access to the tomb and St. Mark specifically mentions that the stone is huge. Of course, we know that the stone has been rolled back and that Jesus is risen! In fact, that is what the angel tells them when they arrive. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him."

I occasionally use this passage of scripture at funeral Masses so as to be able to talk about the stone that was moved from the entrance of the tomb. Many people simply assume that the stone was moved so that Jesus could come out. But as I often point out, when Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the room where they had celebrated the Last Supper with the Lord, the Apostles barricaded themselves in the room for fear that they, like Jesus, would be arrested and likewise put to death. Yet, despite the barricade that they set to lock themselves in and other people out, Jesus simply passed through and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

The point is that Jesus, resurrected, is now in his glorified body. In the gospel of John, when Jesus first appears to Mary Magdalene in his resurrected body, Mary initially does not even recognize him. The human body of Jesus, joined perfectly and completely with his divinity as a member of the Blessed Trinity, possesses the fullness of the power of God which transcends all time and space. And so, the point is that Jesus did NOT need to have the stone moved so as to exit the tomb. He could simply have passed through in the same manner that he entered the place where the Apostles have gathered in next week's gospel. And if this is the case, then why does St. Mark today point out that the stone was moved? What is his reason?

In the epistle for the Easter Vigil, St. Paul addresses the church in Rome. He begins, "Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism in death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection." Or ... in other words, the stone was moved not for Jesus to exit, but rather for disciples to enter!

Jesus' resurrection was not simply to overcome his own death, but also to overcome the death of all people. But for disciple to share the glory of the resurrection, and thus the glory of the Father, it is indeed necessary for disciples to first enter the tomb. In other words, we must die!

Because we recognize Jesus as Lord of both the living and the dead, what do the words "we must die" mean for those who hope to live lives of faithful discipleship. First, it means that we need to die to ourselves, or in other words to put our own selfish desires in check so as to live God's own love. It means living our lives as closely in the model of the Master as is humanly possible, always examining ourselves so as to always be our best selves by truly loving God first and our "neighbor" as ourselves.

Secondly, if we live lives of true discipleship, our second death will be what we experience at the end of our earthly pilgrimage at which point we, like Jesus, will physically "enter the tomb" because the only way we can get to heaven is by shedding these earthly bodies of ours. But having been baptized into his death, our death will likewise bring us to share the glory of his resurrection.

For the baptized Christian, and indeed for all people of good faith, death is never the enemy but rather the portal to eternal life. This is what Jesus won for us by his resurrection, and this is the hope of our faith - life on high in the heavenly Kingdom of God. While we may fear the manner of death, since some, like that of Jesus are not pleasant, death in and of itself should not be feared because it brings with it the promise of eternal life, the life that we celebrate today.

The death of Jesus brought great sorrow to the Blessed Mother, the Apostles and to Jesus' disciples. Our own deaths may likewise bring sorrow - the sorrow of suppressing our own desires so as to serve God more faithfully, and then finally when we breath our last, the sorrow that our loved ones may experience. But because we have been baptized into Jesus, the deaths we experience will bring us the joy of God's grace in this life, and the joy of an eternal Easter in the next. Easter is not simply a feast to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus even though that is primary, but likewise to recognize that we will share that very experience of new life once we too enter the tomb. Jesus' tomb led to his victory over death. Jesus' tomb then is also the pledge of a like victory for us! Alleluia! He is risen!!!



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<i>Family and Friends of John Raposo &amp; Marie de Estrela</i>	
<i>Deceased members of Holy Spirit Society</i>	



The Holy Spirit Society will be holding a weekly rosary/prayer service in St. Dominic's Church Parish Hall beginning Friday, April 9th at 6:30 pm for 7 weeks, concluding on May 21st.

Please feel free to join us and bring your petitions.

**SAINT DOMINIC CHUCH  
PARISH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS  
CORRECTION**

**K OF C CHAPTER 3669 WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8 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.**



  
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