



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Philip N. Hamel

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday
May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity



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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Email: stfrancisswansea@comcast.net

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St. Francis of Assisi Liturgical Celebrations:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 11 a.m.

Weekdays: Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. and Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

Property Manager: Tony Roderigues

Office Manager/Bulletin: Colleen Fontaine

Finance Manager/Office/Notary: Fran Kelley

Music Director: Ada Simpson

Faith Formation Director Gr. 5-7: Deb Fontaine

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PARISH BULLETIN ONLINE:

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

St. Dominic's Liturgical Celebration:

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

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. 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Week day, Mon. & Wed. at 8:00 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi: Masses, Sat. 4:00 p.m. & Sun. 11:00 a.m. Weekday, Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m.

Sat. May 29

4:00 p.m. *Gerri Grant (26th Anniv.) by Tom Grant*

Sun. May 30

9:30 a.m. *Liam Farias by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Alves*
Lillian Carpenter (Birth.) by Nancy

11:00 a.m. *Reginald Cousineau 1st Anniversary by*
Colleen & Ron
Janet Arruda by Wanda
Elaine Bento by Fran & Colleen
Domingos Soares by Wife & Sons

Mon. May 31

8:00 a.m. *Available*

Tues. June 1

8:00 a.m. *Diamas & Mariana Campos by Kevin Campos*

Wed. June 2

8:00 a.m. *Available*

Thurs. June 3

8:00 a.m. *Manuel & Maria Conceicao Medeiros by*
Granddaughter

Sat. June 5

4:00 p.m.

Sun. June 6

7:00 a.m. *Andre & Juliette Corbin (Wed. Anniv.)*

9:30 a.m. *Horacio, Irma & Fernando deBrum by*
Horacio deBrum

Jose Pimentel by Laura Bernardo

Deacon Gene Orosz (ordination anniv.)
by Marina Orosz

Manuel Faria & family ,
Maria dos Reis & family, and
Jose, Tony & Domingos Batista
by The Jacome Family

11:00 a.m. *Donna J. Pacheco by Husband, Mike*

Frank Crook 10th Anniversary by Kathy & Bill

Joseph Azevedo by Wife, Alzira

Joseph Pacheco by Mother, Rose

Pro-Life Quote

“God Created Each of Us and Endowed All of Us With the Right to Life”

South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem

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 Most Holy Trinity

What is most striking about the readings for this solemnity is that they seem to be as much about us as about God. Yes, Moses calls the people to look and see if they have ever seen such a thing as God dwelling with the people, “with strong hand and outstretched arm,” but the reason he brings this to the attention of the people is so that they will know what they must do: they must keep God at the very center of their lives. The responsorial psalm takes notion and runs with it, especially in the response that reminds us that we are blessed because God chooses us. This sense of election continues in Paul’s exhortation to be aware of the “spirit of adoption,” which makes us all children of the Most High.

All of this helps us to understand why the command to baptize, given to us in the Gospel today, is a Trinitarian baptism. When we are baptized we are chosen to participate in the life of the Trinity; we are chosen by God and are to live in the community of the persons of the Trinity, both in this life and in the life to come. That is why the command to baptize is linked to the promise to be with us until the close of this age, the age of the Church.

Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP



In Loving Memory

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

Sanctuary Lamp:
Stella Penkala by Daughter, Wanda

Altar Candles:
Eunice & Bartholomew McNally by Norma & Brian McNally



Tabernacle Candles:
Varanese Family by Family

Crucifix Candles:
Louis Furtado by Family

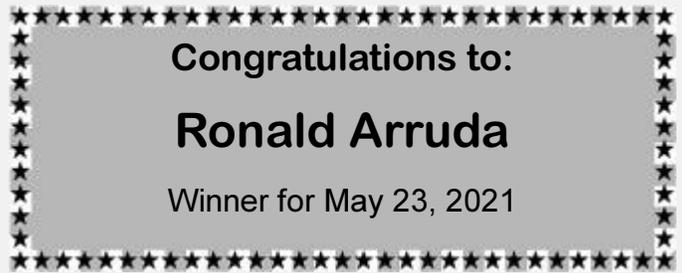
St. Dominic's memorial candles burn in May in remembrance of:

Church Vigil Candle:
Adelino & Lucia Rodrigues by Sue Lopes

St. Dominic Candle:
Lenny Souza by Donald Souza

Church Center Vigil Candle :
Colin Boucher by his wife Judith Boucher

50Week Club Weekly Winner



Congratulations to:

Ronald Arruda

Winner for May 23, 2021

Wanted: New Members

With every new club we are looking for new members. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year! \$2.00 per week gives you a chance to win a weekly drawing of \$25.00! Remember, you can't win if you don't join!

We previously announced, that even under the circumstances we are currently enduring, the 2020-2021 profit from the club that was given to the parish totaled \$6000. You can be part of the action by joining today!

You can contact Kathy & Bill Sullivan at 508-493-9064 for more information. Registration slip below. Please make all payment checks payable to: St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Registration slip form with fields for Name, Address, Phone, and Email.

Parish Support

St. Francis Collections - May 23rd

- Budget: \$1399.00
- Repairs & Restorations: \$1102.00
- Donations: \$2791.00
- Diocesan Assessment: \$250.00
- May Online Giving: \$745.00

Next weekend, the June 6th the second collection is for Ecclesiastical Students.

St. Dominic Collections - May 23rd

- Budget: \$4157.00
- Second Collection: \$535.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!



In observance of Memorial Day, the Mt. Hope Catholic Community parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021

MESSAGE FROM FR. HAMEL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. As Catholics, we are accustomed to talking about the Blessed Trinity ... one God / three Persons ... the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Most of us simply accept it because we have been taught to accept it since we were children. It is something that has always been with us and most of us have never questioned it. You should know, however, that in radical Islam, the cry to put Christians to death is because Christians are polytheist - in other words, Christians believe in more than one god. This is simply not true. Nonetheless, the understanding of a God who is a Most Holy Trinity is something that is beyond our ability to understand, and we will not fully understand it until we are blessed to stand before the Majesty of God one day in heaven. Until then, we are simply called to believe.

Our faith in the Most Holy Trinity is not without foundation. While the people of Israel worshiped the one, true God and had entered into a covenant with Him, the fullness of the revelation of the Godhead had not been revealed to them. In retrospect, we can look back at salvation history through the books of the Old Testament and see how the different persons of God interacted with the people of the covenant, even though they may have been unaware of the individual persons of the one true God.

Jesus in the gospels identifies his role as the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity a few times in words addressed to his disciples and to Pilate. In the gospel of John when he speaks to disciples, Jesus declares that "Before Abraham was born, I AM." When Jesus is questioned by Pilate about his royal dignity, once again he replies "I AM." Any Jew of Jesus' day would have heard that as making Jesus one with God since it is God speaking to Moses through the burning bush who identifies himself in that manner. Moses, having been instructed to go and liberate the Chosen People, asks God who he should say has sent him. The voice through the burning bush responds that he should say that "I AM has sent me to you!" This helps us to understand that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity is that word of God who acts in salvation history to save those who have a covenant with the Father.

In the beginning of St. John's gospel, inspired by God and through his personal relationship with Jesus, he starts by telling us that in the beginning of time there was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things were created through him. The word of God is this I AM who in time, through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, "empties himself" to be conceived in the womb of Mary so as to become man. I AM takes on human nature and a beginning in time as son of Mary so that humankind might have a sacrifice worthy of God. God himself becomes man! As that Word of God, the second Person of the Trinity in the person of Jesus proclaims the Good News and the establishment of the Kingdom. And while the Word emptied himself, as St. Paul tells is in his great Christological hymn, the humanity of Christ never loses his divinity because God is the creator of time and transcends time. Even though Jesus as man comes to a gradual understanding of his being, his divine nature, transcending time, remains one with the whole Godhead.

Jesus, in the gospels tells the apostles that "the Father and I are one." He likewise tells them that once he returns to the Father, they will send the Holy Spirit to remain with the Church until the end of time. And in this weekend's gospel from St. Matthew, Jesus ends the passage by saying "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." This also helps to identify Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Also, in our passage from St. Matthew this weekend, Jesus tells the eleven that "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In these two sentences, Jesus shares so much with us. Because all power resides in him, his words earlier to the disciples about his own impending death help us to see that God the recipient of mankind's sacrifice is likewise the sacrifice itself. Jesus had told his disciple prior to his passion that he had the power to lay down his life and the power to raise it up, so while Jesus as son of Mary was crucified and died, the Christ who transcends time and is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, restored life to his human body by his own power as God, as a prefigurement of salvation for all people.

In his command to baptize and make disciple of all nations, Jesus reveals again the person of the Holy Spirit of God. While the presence of the Holy Spirit is seen in the conception of Jesus as well as at Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist, the full power of the third person of the Blessed Trinity is most clearly seen in the events of Pentecost, when sent by the Father and the Son, the Spirit descends upon the Apostles and the Blessed Mother and fills them with heavenly grace to accomplish what mankind alone cannot hope to accomplish.

The actions of God throughout human history in clear to all believers. However, through the teachings and revelations of Jesus, we know that God is three persons though still one God, and we can see how the persons of this Trinity have acted in his own individual person to touch the lives of people. And through the teaching of Jesus, we know that despite the reality of separate persons of this Blessed Trinity, God remains one since Jesus tells us that he and the Father are one. And because they are likewise one with the Holy Spirit, the Church is called to baptize accordingly ... in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And because of this understanding, while remaining a mystery, we come humbly before God in all of our prayer, beginning this prayer in similar fashion: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen! One God; three person of equal power and majesty, not to be understood, but ever to be adored!



Time to Gather, Time to Heal, Time to Love. The 80th Catholic Appeal has begun. Please gather with your fellow parishioners in bearing witness to those in need in our communities, and heal and love through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates funded by the Appeal provide compassionate care to our neighbors in need, such as hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care in our nursing homes, programs that uphold and protect a culture of life, food services for the hungry, care for children in crisis, and much more. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at www.givefrdiocese.org/2021.

Support the Annual Catholic Appeal!



Congratulations to Jaxon Roger Chasse son of Robert Alan Chasse, Jr. and Leah Suzanne Robillard

Jaxon was Baptized at St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, May 26, 2021

May God Bless Jaxon and his family!

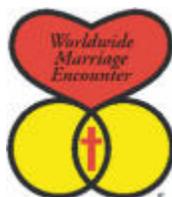
SOME GUIDELINES FOR LITURGICAL PRACTICES AS PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED

- Indoor seating capacity is increased to 100%.

With regard to masks, those who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear a mask to attend Mass or any other liturgical or social function held on parish property. Pastors may wish to remind the faithful that those who are fully vaccinated are free and welcome to continue to wear masks if they choose to do so. According to the most recent CDC and Commonwealth of Massachusetts guidelines, non-vaccinated persons are advised to continue wearing face masks and to continue distancing in most indoor settings. This includes our churches. While there is no way for parishes to enforce this, pastors may also wish to remind the faithful of this current guideline and to note that each person is asked to make the best decision for him/herself while keeping in mind the need for a collective commitment to the common good of one's parish community.

- ♦ The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains in effect in the Fall River Diocese at this time.
- ♦ The instruction to "offer a sign of peace" may be given. This "sign" should be done without physical contact.

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 are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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/>.

"Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." Invite God into your marriage on the next English Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on

Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24
Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29

St. Hope Catholic Community

St. Francis of Assisi & St. Dominic

New Mass Schedule

Effective June 5, 2021 the following changes have been made to the Masses scheduled at our churches:

St. Francis of Assisi: Saturday: 4PM

Sunday: 11AM

St. Dominic:

Sunday: 7:00AM & 9:30AM

Weekday Masses will resume with the schedule that was in place prior to the pandemic. Mass will be at 8AM - Monday & Wednesday at St. Dominic; Tuesday & Thursday at St. Francis of Assisi.

As many of our older parishioners do not have computers, please pass this information on to those who may otherwise not learn of it in a timely fashion. And honestly, it will be good to see everyone back again!!!


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