



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Philip N. Hamel

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday
July 11, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Address:

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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

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St. Dominic's Liturgical Celebration:

FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST ALL MASSES
WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL

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

Weekdays: Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 AM

Parish Staff:

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Music Director: Ada Simpson

Faith Formation Director Gr. 1-4: Barbara Domingue

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sage for Barbara Domingue. Thank you.)

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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. 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. July 10

4:00 p.m. *Oliveira & Azevedo Families* by Linda LePage
Armand & Lorraine Desrosiers by Colleen & Ron

Sun. July 11

7:00 a.m. *Thomas McElroy*
9:30 a.m. *Horacio, Fernando & Irma DeBrum* by Horacio DeBrum
Mary & Manuel T. Pacheco by Natalie Little
All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Maria Bernardo
Paul Lenon, Jr. (14th Anniv.) by Natalie Lenon
11:00 a.m. *Richard Tangney* by Bill & Kathy Sullivan
Joseph Azevedo by Wife, Alzira
Dorothy Marois by Bill & Kathy Sullivan

Mon. July 12

8:00 a.m.

Tues. July 13

8:00 a.m. *Kathy Lund* by Claire Howard

Wed. July 14

8:00 a.m.

Thurs. July 15

8:00 a.m.

Sat. July 17

4:00 p.m. *Donna J. Pacheco* by Husband, Mike
Gladys Penkala by Wanda

Sun. July 18

7:00 a.m. *Oliveira & Azevedo Family* by Linda Lepage
9:30 a.m. *George and Ann Botelho* by Kevin Botelho
11:00 a.m. *Deacon Robert Normandin* by Family
Jerome Mendoza by Wife, Paula
For the Intention of Matthew DeFarias by Family



IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT EITHER ONE OF OUR PARISH RECTORIES, SO THAT WE MAY ARRANGE FOR A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TO BRING THEM COMMUNION. GOD BLESS AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF FAITH.

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If the Scriptures proclaimed on the Sundays between Christmas and Lent focus more on the call to follow Jesus and to be his disciples, the period after Easter could be characterized as the season of the mission. Amos does not claim any special talent as a prophet, but rather is preaching at the house of God only because God sent him. Paul hammers this point home, speaking of destiny and choosing and salvation. The Gospel brings this word of mission to the time of Christ, when he sends out the twelve to do his work.

The call to be a follower of Jesus, then, is not just about doing good things. If we are called to follow, we are at the same time called to lead, to be on the mission of proclaiming the good news to the entire world. The urgency of having received and responded to the good news is that we know the benefits of salvation and we, like God want none to be lost. We want all to be saved and so we are to work tirelessly to ensure that all who are not part of the family of the Church will become followers of Jesus. This is our responsibility for we are members of Christ. *Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP*



MESSAGE FROM FR. HAMEL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the gospel reading this weekend from St. Mark, we see Jesus sending the Twelve out in pairs of two. When most people hear this particular gospel what they seem to remember most is Jesus' instruction to shake the dust from their feet if in fact they are not welcomed in any particular town, and that they should find one place to stay and stay put there until it is time to move on. Both of these things are true. But if you were to ask if anything else noteworthy takes place in this particular passage, I suspect that most would say no. Why do I believe this? Because it is too easy to overlook the fact that Jesus is preparing the Church and preparing his Apostles for what will become two very important sacraments in the lives of disciples, a preparation that might not seem too obvious!

By giving the Twelve the authority to drive out unclean spirits, Jesus was in fact giving his Apostles the authority to forgive sin. When Jesus drives out unclean spirits, he often tells the person to go and sin no more. So, it is with the Twelve because what are the unclean spirits that try to hinder us in our spiritual lives if not sin! Because we cannot see spiritual realities, we tend to see sin as human and not spiritual when in fact sin is anything that tries to separate us from God. Sin then is very spiritual, though not a spiritual good. And while we may not look at our own sins as being the presence of unclean spirits, they are in fact just that. Sin is real. Sin is unclean. Sin is the temptation of unclean spirits tempting us to move away from the love of God that comes to us through our membership in the Body of Christ. And Jesus gave the Apostles the authority to drive out these unclean spirits.

Because we are an Apostolic Church, meaning that we have a priesthood that has come to us in an unbroken line tracing itself back to the Apostles, the authority given by Jesus to the Apostles remains in full force within the Church to this day. While the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has ritualized it into what we now know at the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, it has its roots in this instruction of Jesus to the Twelve.

Our Protestant brethren will often "point out" to us that nowhere in the scriptures does it talk about confessing your sins to another. While there may not be anything blatant, there can be no mistaking what Jesus has in mind when he is sending the Apostles out to the towns so as to make more disciples and to cure their afflictions.

Our passage today also tells us quite clearly that the Twelve, aside from driving out many demons also "anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them." Most often, the roots of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is said to be seen most clearly in the Epistle of James where he asks: "Are there any sick among you? Have them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them." However, I suspect that if James the Apostle was giving this as an instruction for the Church, it is in fact because he first received the instruction from the Lord, and such an instruction is clearly implied in the passage today from St. Mark.

Prior to the Second Council of the Vatican, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was referred to as Extreme Unction - an unction being an anointing. It was referred to a "Extreme" because of a faulty theology which crept into the Church which thought that the sacrament should only be administered in the case of exceptionally severe life-threatening illnesses. And because it also brings with it the forgiveness of sins, it should be held off until the very end of an illness so that the sick person would have his or her sins forgiven shortly before death, and thereby assured an entrance into heaven regardless of how notorious a sinner he or she may have been. This faulty theology turned the Anointing of the Sick into an almost magical event of "instant soul cleaning" and completely disregarded what has always been the Sacrament of the dying, which is the Eucharist as Viaticum. This wrong understanding still persists in the Church, and unfortunately, many in the Church are to some extent guilty of perpetuating this by constantly running to anoint someone who is just about to die and thereby invalidating the purpose of this sacrament. This practice is actually an abuse of the sacrament and continues a wrong understanding of the mystical power of the sacrament by using it as though it were magic. The wrong understanding is also continued by some in the Church who stubbornly continue to refer to the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as "The Last Rites", which IT IS NOT! The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is exactly what it is called - a sacrament for those who have any type of sickness and is NOT EVER to be called for just prior to a person expiring.

The Last Rites of the Church as I stated above is VIATICUM, which in fact is the Eucharist, which when given to a person who is dying is intended to be "food for the journey." The sacrament, for an individual who is indeed dying, should be administered weeks to months prior to death, to allow the sick person the spiritual strength to prepare themselves spiritually for the journey that they are about to take to our heavenly home in the presence of God, the angels, and the saints. The reception of the Eucharist implies that the person has some ability to receive either the whole host or at least a part. I once had a parishioner with ALS who could not swallow even a small piece of the host, so I would bring communion in the pyx in the form of the very small crumbs that usually fall to the bottom of the ciborium. And with her moistened finger, she would take as much as she could. This was done even prior to her receiving Viaticum, but it illustrates that communion can be brought to a dying person even with a limited ability to swallow if the information is communicated to whomever is carrying the Eucharist to that person.

But regardless of the ability to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when we are ill, or to receive Viaticum when we are in fact dying, it is of utmost importance to remember the perfect love that God has for all of his children. And when summoned through sincere prayer when the sacraments are not available, the love of God, the strength of God and the compassionate mercy of God will always be present - because God our Father has a perfect understanding of who we are as individuals and loves us with a perfect unconditional love despite our smallness and imperfections! How lucky are we to be called his children, and yet in fact, we are!!!!



**Pro-Life Apostolate of
Diocese of Fall River
Pro-Life Boot Camp
Life is Worth Living**

Your Invited!

You are invited to attend this year's **Pro-Life Boot Camp: Life is Worth Living**, where you will join other teens who will take a stand for the protection of the right to life of all human persons, from conception to natural death.

When?

Saturday, July 24th, 2021. Begins at 8am and will close with Mass starting at 5:30pm.

Where?

373 Elsbree St., Fall River, MA 02720 at Bishop Connolly High School

RSVPs needed by July 10th

To sign up contact Irina De Lucca @ 508-985-6509 or Deborah LeDoux @ 508-617-5312

Free Youth Event! Help us spread the word!

- Pro-Life, Faith Driven Workshops & Presentations
- Free Lunch Provided
- Adoration Healing and Worship
- Confession
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- Pro-Life Q and A Panel
- Meet and Socialize with Other Teens Safely-social distancing and Covid restrictions will be followed.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Catholic Youth Day at

Martha's Vineyard

This August 14, help bring young people together in the Diocese of renewal!

Group Registration for the Catholic

Youth Day is now open.

There is no cost for attending the Catholic Youth Day (just register your parish group).

Transportation (Bus & Ferry), along with Lunch will be provided.



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10th Annual Charitable Fundraiser 2021

CLAMBOIL and RAFFLE—Donation \$30

Saturday, July 24th, 2021

Beginning at 5PM/ Raffle to follow

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE— Wheelbarrow filled with spirits (alcoholic that is!)

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TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE KNIGHTS OR AT ST. DOMINIC'S RECTORY 508-675-7206

SEPTEMBER SURPRISE CALENDAR FUNDRAISER! - sponsored by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus! The Calendars are available beginning this weekend!!!! Please see one of the Knights at the entrance to St Dominic's this weekend. Donations are \$10 with 30 chances to win!!!!

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH REPAIRS

We have recently acquired a quote to have the Church trim repainted. The cost would be approximately \$9000. An anonymous donor has offered a donation of \$1000 for the repairs, if we could raise the other \$ 8000. Would you consider your donation to this fundraising for our Church?



The Holy Spirit Society will be holding their follow up meeting Monday, July 12th at 6:30 PM. All members are asked to be in attendance.

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 392 are hosting a 4 day bus trip to AMISH COUNTRY AND GETTYSBURG from September 7-10th. Please call Joan Leonardo at (508) 678-8943 for more information and booking. Seats are still available.

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus have changed their meeting date from July 15th to July 22nd at 6:30PM. All members please make note of this change.


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