



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Philip N. Hamel

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday
July 18, 2021
Sixteenth 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

Swansea, MA 02777

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

BY TELEPHONE ONLY. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

St. Francis of Assisi Contact Info:

Parish Office: 508-673-2808

Parish fax: 508-672-6241

Email: stfrancisswansea@comcast.net

Website: www.stfrancisswansea.com

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

Tel: 508-674-0024

Email: religiouseducation@stfrancisswansea.com

Confirmation 1 & 2 Directors: Joy & Joe Vivieros

Tel: 508-674-0024 Email: joyann56@comcast.net

St. Dominic's Parish Address:

1277 G.A.R. Highway, Swansea, MA 02777

St. Dominic's Contact Info:

Parish Office: 508-675-7206 Mon.-Thurs. 9am-2pm

Parish fax: 508-672-4716

Email: saintdominicparish@comcast.net

Website: www.stdominicswansea.org

FACEBOOK ONLINE:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Dominic-Parish-Swansea-193026010775744>

PARISH BULLETIN ONLINE:

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

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:

Property Manager: Peter Urban

Office Manager/Bulletin: Louise Guglielmo

Music Director: Ada Simpson

Faith Formation Director Gr. 1-4: Barbara Domingue

Tel: 508-675-7002 (this line does not have voice message.
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. 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 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

Mon. July 19

8:00 a.m.

Tues. July 20

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

Wed. July 21

8:00 a.m. *Deacon Gene & Marina Orosz (Wed. Anniv.)*

Thurs. July 22

8:00 a.m. *Emily deMedeiros* by Godmother, Rose

Sat. July 24

4:00 p.m. *Gill Santos 50th Anniversary* by Daughter
Barbara Morrissey by Fran & Mike Kelley

Sun. July 25

7:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. *Paul Medeiros* by Lorraine Medeiros
Carlos Sandstrom (1st Anni) by Hilda Sandstrom
11:00 a.m. *Rita Crook Birthday Remembrance* by Kathy & Bill Sullivan
Joseph Azevedo Birthday Remembrance by Wife, Alzira
Anthony & Margaret Macedonio by Family
Harry O'Driscoll by Friends



Congratulations to Finley Harper Bernardo
daughter of Keith Joseph Bernardo and
Erin Colleen Hunt Murphy

Finley was Baptized at St. Francis of Assisi on
Sunday, July 11, 2021

May God Bless Finley and her family!

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We see them almost every day: people who have lost their way and just can't seem to hold it together. Some of them are members of our family. The truth that we see in today's readings is that we all need help at different times, that none of us really has it all together, and that we all need a shepherd, we need Jesus. The power of the Christian tradition and of the Jewish tradition from which we take the readings from the Old Testament comes from this basic fact. Faith is not something extra that we do in order to win points with God and gain admittance to heaven. Faith is who we are; it is what founds our lives and helps us to hold it together. We may long for heaven, where things will all make sense, but for this time and in this life, it is faith in the shepherd of Israel, the good shepherd who is Jesus, that holds our life as precious, helps us to do what is right and makes us worthy to come to Communion.

So Jesus looks on us with compassion and gives us his life as the compass for our own. God comes to shepherd us by sending Jesus and so the wonderful hymn of trust contained in Psalm 23 is our song of gratitude. The letter to the Ephesians reminds us of how Christ destroyed barriers and brought the deep peace that will keep us true to his name and guide us home at the last. We who were without a shepherd are now sheep of one flock in Christ. In age of the church we can hear the call of the one who knows us and trust as he leads us through death to life.

Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP



In Loving Memory

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

Sanctuary Lamp:
Vincent Penkala by Daughter,
Wanda



Altar Candles:
Armand & Lorraine Desrosiers by
Colleen & Ron

Tabernacle Candles:
Ferreira & Guay Families by Family

Crucifix Candles:
Edward & Cecile Lajoie by Anne Ripanti

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

Church Vigil Candle:
Paul Lenon, Jr. by Natalie Lenon

St. Dominic Candle:
Mary Hogan

Church Center Vigil Candle :
Claire Carty

50Week Club Weekly Winner



Congratulations to:

Maria Luisa Carreiro

Winner for July 11, 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



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 December. Candles are also available at both churches. Candles are available at St. Francis of Assisi for the months of August, September and November.

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 - July 10th and July 11th

Budget: \$2197.00

Repairs & Restorations: \$565.00

Donations: \$1148.00

Diocesan Assessment: \$512.00

Next weekend, July 25th the second collection is for Repairs and Restorations.

St. Dominic Collections - July 11th

Budget: \$2723.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Pro-Life Quote

“When life and family are not treasured and preserved in a society, collapse on all fronts is inevitable.”

Fr. Richard Welch, CSSR, JCD, President of Human Life International

MESSAGE FROM FR. HAMEL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The prophet Jeremiah gives a severe warning to the shepherds who do not shepherd the sheep properly. The warning is from the Lord, and Jeremiah is not afraid to relay it loudly and boldly as the Lord's mouthpiece. And you know what? People hated Jeremiah for it so much so that they made all sorts of plans to end his life. The threats did not discourage him! If anything, it made him more determined to speak the truth!

Jeremiah had no idea who the righteous shoot to David would be or even when he would arrive on the scene. He certainly would not have had any idea that this shoot of David would be The Lord himself in the person of Jesus. I suspect that he, like the rest of the Jews of his day, would have expected a political leader who would govern wisely and bring Israel back into a golden age. And yet his message from the Lord was apt for his day and is just as apt for the times within which we live.

When we think about the shepherds in the church today, our first thought goes to the bishops of the church. They are referred to often as shepherds, and the crosier, or pastoral staff, that they carry is purposely designed to remind us of a shepherd's staff, even though too many of them took on overly ornate design and ornamentation over the years, taking their cue from the medieval royal courts. (You will never find a shepherd with a metal staff, much less one that is either silver plated or gold plated!)

Our Church (universal) is made up of hundreds of local churches (dioceses). While the pastor of the universal Church is the Bishop of Rome / the Pope, the pastor of the local churches is the resident bishop or Archbishop. Technically, each (Arch)diocese has only ONE high priest. Ours of course is Bishop Edgar da Cunha. An Archdiocese, like Boston, also only has ONE high priest (Cardinal O'Malley) even though there may be an assistant bishop or even several assistant bishops. But any priest/bishop who exercises any type of priestly ministry does not exercise his own priesthood but is extended the right (granted faculties) to exercise the priesthood of THE local High Priest/Bishop. In other words, I only exercise the priesthood in this parish because the Bishops of Fall River have granted me the faculties to do so. And because of this, priests who work in any diocese shares the bishop's ministry and so are often also referred to as shepherds - of parishes, of shrines, of institutes of higher learning, etc...

So back to Jeremiah! Does his Old Testament warning to shepherds who mislead the sheep apply to bishops and priests today? The answer of course is a resounding yes! It certainly does. That is one of the reasons why, when Pope Francis was elected to the papacy in 2013, one of his first catchlines to become famous was that bishops and priests should have "the smell of the sheep." In other words, bishops, and by extension their clergy (priests and deacons), should be ministering *among* the sheep and not *above* the sheep!

Woe to you shepherds!!!! Honestly, we hear it all the time these days, even if not always exactly in those words. But we hear it in so much of the justified criticisms leveled at bishops and clergy for the abuses that have not only taken place in the church, but have been swept "under the rug," not tending to the needs of innocents who have been horribly harmed. In so many sad cases, shepherds fed ON the sheep, rather than feeding the sheep. Pope Francis has been working to correct this mindset by speaking out against clericalism which is basically an attitude that the ordained and vowed religious are somehow superior to the laity and therefore entitled to privileges which they have neither earned nor deserve. When Pope Francis talks about too many priests as being "little monsters" because of the way they treat their "flocks" he is in many ways showing himself to be a modern day, Jeremiah! Bishops, priests, and deacons are taken/separated from the community to exercise a sacred function. They are *NOT* somehow made better, superior, or more entitled than anyone else in the community. They have simply been given a greater responsibility to serve and *not* to be served. Unfortunately, being human, too many forget the sacred charge that was given to them at ordination, that theirs is a ministry of service.

But how does Jeremiah's warning to the shepherds apply to the rest of us? You know ... those who aren't bishops, priests, or deacons? Does it apply to us at all??? Once again, the answer is a resounding YES!!! It most certainly does!

When each and every one of us were baptized, and when we continue to baptize new people into the church, we were/are anointed on the crown of the head with Sacred Chrism. Our ritual instructs at that moment that as the baptized, we share the three-fold dignity of the person of Christ himself: Priest / Prophet / King. We recognize that each of the baptized acts as priest by offering the sacrifices of their lives to the glory of God in union with the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. We exercise the role of prophet which is in fact the role of teacher by the example of holy lives that serve to encourage others in their lives of faith. Our royal dignity is the recognition that as members of the Body of Christ, and as sons and daughters of God, we are in fact members of his royal family as are *ALL OTHER PERSONS!* So again, back to Jeremiah!

St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians that one part of the body cannot say to another "I don't need you!" As members of Christ's body through baptism, we all need each other and affect each other. Because of this, all the baptized have the responsibility to "shepherd" others, helping to make sure that those who are prone to wandering off stay on the right path. But we know, again though human weakness, that sometimes people lead others astray. Jeremiah's warning "Woe to you" applies to them as well. Again, that is why an honest examination of conscience on a regular basis is so important for disciples. Are we giving good example at all times, or do we find ourselves leading others astray??? Shepherds in the church are not restricted to the ordained. Shepherds in the church are restricted to *ALL THE BAPTIZED*. Or in other words ... no restriction at all.

Do we need to pray for the "formal" shepherds, our clergy? Yes, we do. We need to pray that as a whole, they shape up and start doing a better job of pasturing the sheep, not lording it over the sheep as the pagans do, but by walking among them and at their side. But we also need to pray for ourselves and all of our brothers and sisters in faith, that each and every day we recognize not only the privilege of our discipleship - being called God's own daughters and sons - but also the responsibility to help each other to avoid the wolves at the gate who would lead us away from the body of Christ who is our Good Shepherd! And woe to us, says Jeremiah, if we do not pay attention and take it seriously! So just a word to the wise!!!

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Due to COVID-19, live sessions are not permitted, however, online sessions are offered on Tuesdays to support you during your time of loss. For your convenience, two sessions are offered, one at 4:30 p.m. and another at 7 p.m.

To join these sessions simply register using one of the following links:

4:30 PM Register in advance for these sessions at:

<https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4>.

7PM Register in advance for these sessions at:

<https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the sessions. Once you have registered you may attend any session in your chosen time slot.

***One-on-one sessions can also be arranged, contact information is listed below.

For more information, please call 508-678-9089 or 508-642-0583 or E-mail Rose Mary Saraiva at rsaraiva@dfrcs.org or rosemarysaraiva@gmail.com.

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://wwmema.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 Jul 8-29

THE SILVER ROSE EXHIBIT



sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be present at St. Dominic's Church, this Monday, July 19 at the 8AM Mass. This program represents the unity between the K of C in Canada, US and Mexico, through a series of prayer services, promotes the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is a rosary-centered occasion for parishioners and community to pray for respect of life, and spiritual renewal of each nation.



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10th Annual Charitable Fundraiser 2021

CLAMBOIL and RAFFLE—Donation \$30

Saturday, July 24th, 2021

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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 \$9,000. Would you consider your donation to this fundraising for our Church?

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH PICNIC!!!

AFTER TWO YEARS , WE ARE FINALLY ABLE TO GATHER AS A PARISH FAMILY AGAIN TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC.

THE PARISH PICNIC will be held on Sunday, August 8th from NOON to 3PM. Hot dogs, Hamburgers, ice cream sundaes and beverages will be sold for 25¢ each! Following, there will be games for the children on the Parish Grounds and BINGO in the Hall for adults.

We would like to know approximately how many will be attend. Please complete the registration form. You may place it in an envelope & return it in the collection baskets at either church at Masses and/or the call St. Dominic rectory at 508-675-7206.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

CLIP HERE _____

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