



# Mt. Hope Catholic Community

## Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

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

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



Sunday  
August 1, 2021  
Eighteenth 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:

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

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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

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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 31

4:00 p.m. *Oscar & Cecile Fontaine* by Ron & Colleen  
*Maryanne Falcone* by Judy & Tony Roderigues  
*George LeBreux* by Wife, Anne

#### Sun. August 1

7:00 a.m. *Mary Jane Hargreaves (Anniv.)*  
9:30 a.m. *Gregory Martin* by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hedge  
11:00 a.m. *Deacon Robert Normandin* by Family

#### Mon. August 2

8:00 a.m. *Mary & Augustine Viveiros and sons*

#### Tues. August 3

8:00 a.m. *Marion Venafra* by Pauline Santoro

#### Wed. August 4

8:00 a.m. *Rev. Richard Gendreau (Birth. )*

#### Thurs. August 5

8:00 a.m. *Joseph Azevedo* by Wife, Alzira

#### Sat. August 7

4:00 p.m. *Barbara Morrissey* by Fran & Mike Kelley  
*Kadeshia Fazzina* by Judy & Tony Roderigues

#### Sun. August 8

7:00 a.m. *Christopher Leahey (Anniv.)*  
9:30 a.m. *Edward Olson (Birth. Rem.)* by his wife  
*Guilherme Oliveira (9th Anniv.)* by his wife  
*Mary Jan Hargreaves (3rd Anniv.)* by her husband  
*Manuel Faria & family* by the Jacome family  
*Maria dos Reis & family* by the Jacome family  
*Jose, Tony & Domingos Batista* by the Jacome's  
11:00 a.m. *Richard Morrisette & Carolyn Smith* by  
Annette  
*Joseph Azevedo* by Wife, Alzira



#### Communion for the Homebound

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.

**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.

### *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Last week the miracle of the loaves began the preparation for the bread of life discourse. Today the reading from Exodus about the Manna together with the passage from Psalm 78 prepares us for the beginning of the bread of life discourse of John, chapter 6. The Gospel is interesting because it sets the scene for the discourse, with Jesus understanding the real reason why the crowds are being so persistent, that they were in fact wanting some proof before they believed. Jesus states the theme of the discourse, that he is the sign; he is the bread of life.

The reading from Paul is a piece unto itself, and calls us to simply be recreated, to be made new as disciples of Jesus. The renewal of "the spirit of our minds" is what is called for - an interesting turn of phrase which means, for Paul, that a whole new person is to be born by the power of the Spirit. *Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP*



# In Loving Memory

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

Sanctuary Lamp:  
**Abdellah & Elizabeth Mizher** by Daughters



Altar Candles:  
**Matthew DeFarias** by Mom, Catherine

Tabernacle Candles:  
**Jankowski Family** by Wanda

Crucifix Candles:  
**Lois Thompson** by Fran & Mike Kelley

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

Church Vigil Candle: **Rev. Richard Gendreau**

St. Dominic Candle:

Church Center Vigil Candle :  
**Lillian and John Carpenter**

## 50Week Club Weekly Winner

Congratulations to:

**Ann Seery**

Winner for July 25, 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 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.

## Parish Support

### St. Francis Collections - July 24th and July 25th

**Budget: \$2359.00**

**Repairs & Restorations: \$1034.00**

**Donations: \$778.00**

*Next weekend, August 8th the second collection is for Diocesan Assessment.*

### St. Dominic Collections - July 25th

**Budget: \$ 2078.00**

**Second Collection: \$ 85.00**

*Next weekend's second collection is The Peter's Pence Collection.*

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



**Pray for the Repose of the Souls  
of  
Dr. Henry C. Lincoln and  
Robert Kelliher**

## MESSAGE FROM FR. HAMEL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

When I saw the first reading for this weekend from the Old Testament book of Exodus, I couldn't help but think of the reaction that often occurs when one pastor of a parish is moved, and a new pastor is appointed. Why, oh why did the bishop do this to us??? Oh my God!!! We were all doing so well and now what is going to happen to us??? Who is this new guy coming in and how the heck are we all going to get along??? For goodness sake!!! I hope the future for us isn't bleak and we get a Mass that is convenient (because God knows how busy I am)!!!! Lord!!! Deliver your people!!!! It really does have its parallel in the reaction of the people of Israel who had just been freed from slavery! Moses!!! Why, oh why did you lead us out of Egypt??? Oh my God!!! This food in the desert is terrible while we had incredible (slave) food up until just recently!!! For goodness sake!!! Hopefully our time in the desert doesn't kill us and we live long enough to make it to the promised land!!! Lord!!! Deliver your people!!! ... Ok ... the words are different, but the sentiment of the people is basically the same. Lord??? Can we REALLY trust you? Can we trust that you love us and are always with us? Can we trust that you will lead us in rights paths??? Can we trust that you will "nourish" us with food that will really make a difference? Lord!!! Hear and answer our prayer!!!

In answer to the prayer/grumbling of the Israelites, the Lord sent them manna in the desert as well as quail ... or in other word, bread, and meat ... or in yet other words, food to sustain them for their lives in the desert. For us, in answer to our prayer / grumbling, the Lord sent his only begotten Son, now in the form of the Holy Eucharist, to nourish and sustain us as we make our pilgrim way through the sometimes seemingly desert of our lives.

The people of Israel most certainly ate the manna and the quail, and it did sustain them, but the reality is that they didn't always appreciate it to the extent that they should have. They eventually started to take it for granted and because of that, the "food from heaven" became expected, boring, and ordinary to them. Yeah! It's ok, but it doesn't really excite us!!! It's the same thing ALL the time!!! And guess what? We Catholics can and perhaps have fallen into the same pattern of thought when it comes to how our God nourishes his people today!

The bishops of the United States really do want to have a Eucharistic renewal program for our country, and boy 'o boy do we need a good program of renewal. As I mentioned on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (formally known as Corpus Christi) only one third of Catholics in the United States actually believe in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament! It's incredibly sad that this, the most basic and important part of our lives as Catholics hasn't been passed on to children who are now parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents. How incredibly sad that people can come into our churches for Mass and not realize that the fullness of Christ's humanity AND divinity are present literally in our tabernacles and in the sacrifice that we offer during the Mass! How incredibly sad that some who profess the Catholic faith have somehow come to see the Eucharistic food as something expected, boring and ordinary. How much have some Catholics become like a good many of those Israelites who were complaining to Moses in the desert!!! When we look at the situation honestly, the Church today has more in common with the ancient Israelites who wandered in the desert than we might want to admit. Leopards don't change their spots, and human beings don't change a whole lot either unless they are open to being educated by being open to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The people of Israel had Moses their leader and his brother Aaron the high priest to instruct them in the hopes that God had for them and to likewise encourage them in their living of the faith. Similarly, we have Jesus Christ himself as our leader, the head of the Church which is the body of Christ, and we have our Holy Father Pope Francis as the universal high priest to instruct and encourage us in our lives of faith as he guides the universal Church. On a local level, we have our diocesan high priest or bishop in the person of Bishop da Cunha. He likewise instructs and encourages us on a local diocesan level! But do we allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to constantly renew us and strengthen us in our faith?

Moses in the Old Testament represents the law and Aaron is the original chief priest of the covenant. In parallel, Jesus IS the law when we accept that he IS God, that God IS love, and that the law as summarized by Jesus is to love God first and then love your fellow human being. Loving genuinely is the law and loving genuinely is to follow Christ's law. To make sure that this law was taught to disciples, Jesus appointed Peter to be the first chief priest of the new covenant. And today, to whomever the Petrine ministry is entrusted (elected Pope) is the successor of Peter and hence the chief high priest, the first among equals! The high priests continue to teach love and share love by the passing on of the ability to celebrate the Eucharist in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

In the Eucharist, we have so much more than manna and quail. Is the Eucharist real food? Well ... yes, it is. We'd be hard pressed to survive on one small host every day or once a week without anything else to eat. But regardless of the size or quantity of "Eucharistic bread" we consume on a daily or weekly basis, it does remain real food. But more importantly, the Eucharist is real spiritual food for us because it is literally the flesh and blood of Jesus, son of Mary and Son of God. When the Eucharist is given as the "last rites" of the Church, it is referred to as Viaticum which means "food for the journey". But regardless of whether or not we receive it as the last rites, or simply our customary reception of communion at daily or weekly Mass, the Eucharist is that food which allows us to CONTINUE the journey of our discipleship, the journey which is our pilgrimage that is always leading us to the Father, through Jesus, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Or in other words to heaven ... or in yet other words, to our PROMISED LAND.

Our lives of discipleship can often take on the characteristics of the desert ... hot, dry, and seemingly endless. But with spiritual eyes fixed on the promised land of heaven, we sustain the journey with the "bread of heaven" that was offered as the New Covenant. Let us then pray for ourselves, for our fellow parishioners, and most especially for those Catholics who still haven't accepted the grace of a converted heart to accept the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, that we never see our manner from heaven, the Eucharist, as common, boring, or worse yet, of little value. In reality, the Eucharist today is THE most important tool that a disciple has to continue the journey and to sustain the promise that the journey will lead us to our true and eternal home, our promised land which is heaven!

*St. Hope Catholic Community*

*Farewell Reception for Fr. Hamel*



*You are cordially invited to attend a reception in honor of Fr. Hamel. It will be held on August 15, 2021 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 530 Gardners Neck Rd. after the 11:00 A.M. Mass.*

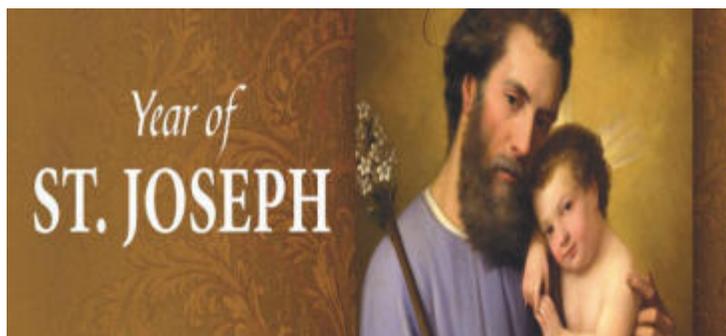
*ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME*



*HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED AN EMMAUS RETREAT?*

*The next Emmaus is September 10-12 at La Salette in Attleboro, MA.*

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. For more information or to apply online, email us at [emmausretreats@gmail.com](mailto:emmausretreats@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.emmausretreats.com](http://www.emmausretreats.com).



**SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH REPAIRS**

We have recently acquired a quote to have the Church trim repainted. We are so close to meeting our goal! Would you consider your donation to this fundraiser ? Thanks and God Bless!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHAPTER 3669**

would like to extend their thanks for all who attended and supported their CLAMBOIL DINNER this past weekend! It was a great success and great time enjoyed by many!

**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!!!!**

**!!!SCAM ALERT!!!**

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF A SCAM COMING THROUGH TEXT MESSAGE POSING AS FATHER HAMEL AND ASKING FOR GIFT CARDS.**

**THE AUTHORTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND ASK THAT YOU IGNORE THE TEXT MESSAGE AND DO NOT RESPOND.**

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.

**SAINT DOMINIC PARISH PICNIC!!!**

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 and 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.

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**REGISTRATION FOR PARISH PICNIC**

# of Adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hamburgers \_\_\_\_\_

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