



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Philip N. Hamel

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

August 15, 2021

The Assumption of The
Blessed Virgin Mary



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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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

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

St. Dominic's Contact Info:

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

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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. August 14

4:00 p.m. *David Couturier 3rd Anniversary by Family*

Sun. August 15

7:00 a.m.

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

11:00 a.m. *Joseph Azevedo by Wife, Alzira Elaine Bento by Mike Pacheco*

Mon. August 16

8:00 a.m. *Albert Migliori by his daughter Gail*

Tues. August 17

8:00 a.m.

Wed. August 18

8:00 a.m. *Elizabeth Hurley (Birth) by the Gendreaus*

Thurs. August 19

8:00 a.m. *Octavio Azevedo by Sister-in-law, Alzira*

Sat. August 21

4:00 p.m. *Judith A. Pelletier by Colleen*

Sun. August 22

7:00 a.m. *Timothy Coppinger by daughters*

9:30 a.m. *John Carpenter (Birth) and John & Lillian Carpenter (Anni.) by their Daughter Nancy*

11:00 a.m. *Grace Beltran by Ed & Nancy Avila Eugenio I. Rebelo by Alzira Azevedo*



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.

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

While at home, we find that there are few opportunities to pause and contemplate the image of the horizon. It is more common to do so at the beach, when we break away from our daily routine to visit family members or friends, or when we go on vacation during the summer months. We lack the time, and at times the inclination, to contemplate in silence the first rays of sunlight or the last moments of a beautiful sunset. Perhaps we should make the time to do it more often. This great solemnity of the Assumption invites us to contemplate the light of the Lord illuminating his mother, assumed into heaven and interceding for us as his Church. In today's Gospel, Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who recognizes a special stream of light in Mary, pointing to a new dawn for all of humanity. With the canticle of the Magnificat, Mary rejoices in her acceptance to become the mother of Jesus. Today we join in her celebration, participating in the promised gift of eternity given to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is important to remember that while musicians may select a variety of Marian songs for this celebration, Marian songs are never used during the Rite of Communion. It is also important to sing all the parts of the Mass, especially the responsorial psalm and alleluia, as prescribed for all of the solemnities of the Church.

Reflection taken from Liturgical Life of the Parish

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



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.

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 - August 7th and August 8th

Budget: \$3997.00

Repairs & Restorations: \$402.00

Donations: \$1253.00

Diocesan Assessment: \$750.00

Next weekend, August 22nd the second collection is for Repairs & Restorations.

St. Dominic Collections - August 8th

Budget: \$2662.00

Bldg & Maintenance: \$571 .00

Next weekend's second collection is the Fuel Offering.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



**Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
Omer Caron, Francis Flynn,
and Doris Gaudreau**

MESSAGE FROM FR. HAMEL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is one of the very few yearly Church celebrations that can supersede a Sunday Mass. This particular feast of Mary and the theology behind it are both vital to our Catholic faith and therefore deserves our consideration and reflection.

In years past, the end of the life of the Blessed Mother was referred to as the Dormition of Mary ... or in other words, "her falling asleep." Since we accept that Mary was herself conceived in her mother's womb (St. Anne) without the stain of Original Sin as the Immaculate Conception, it was held that Mary did not die at the end of her earthly life, but simply was assumed into heaven as the end drew near. The theology behind this was that death is a result of sin in the world, and since Mary had never been tainted by sin, death could not take her. However, in more recent times, it has been accepted that Mary most likely did in fact die at the end of her natural life since she is not divine but as human as the rest of us. However, because of her sinless state, her body would not know decay and hence was assumed into heaven where she was given her glorified body without having to wait for the resurrection of the dead when Jesus returns in glory.

This magnificent feast and our understanding of what God allowed for the Blessed Mother serves as a beautiful example for all disciples. It shows to us a shining example or preview of what we shall be and what we should expect once Jesus comes again in glory to hand the kingdom over to God the Father. In the resurrection to come, not only will we see Jesus and the Blessed Mother, but we shall finally become like them, being reunited with some type of physical form that will once again house our souls.

Tradition tells us that after the Crucifixion of Jesus, the Blessed Mother went to live with the Apostle John. The scriptures and tradition tell us very little beyond that of how the life of the Blessed Mother continued to unfold. There are stories of the two of them eventually moving to what is modern day Turkey, but we cannot know this with any real degree of certainty. What is essential is simply that she who was conceived without sin to be the mother of the Savior was given a separate singular honor of being both body and soul in heaven since she as mother of the Christ is likewise the Mother of God. As such, her being, as it has been from the time of her assumption, indicates to us how we shall one day be. Her exalted role in heaven likewise indicates to us the specialness of she who intercedes for us before the throne of God. Her closeness to the Christ, who is her son, likewise allows her to have a special closeness likewise to the Father and to the Holy Spirit.

Let us then allow this feast to encourage a greater closeness to our Blessed Mother, and with that closeness, allow her to keep us close to her divine Son, particularly in the Eucharist so that like her, we can await our life eternal, body and soul, in the presence of her God and our God!

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In this, my last weekend as pastor of our Mt Hope Catholic Community, allow me to extend a very sincere thanks to all of the parishioner who were entrusted to my care two years ago: The parishioners of St. John of God Parish - Somerset / St. Dominic Parish - Swansea / St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Swansea. At the beginning of my brief tenure which I expected to last until my retirement, I told all three parishes that I was counting on the intercession of St. Kateri Tekakwitha - "She who bumps into things". While there were a few bumpy spots, particularly with the unlinking of the parish of St. John's of God and the COVID-19 pandemic, these two years have nonetheless been two years of grace for me. I am grateful for the cooperation of so many of you, and for the many kindnesses shown to me over these two years. I am especially grateful for the fraternal support of Deacon Gary, who I consider a dear friend and brother. Likewise, the staffs of all three parishes initially, and of the Swansea parishes this past year, have been invaluable in their support of me. Their friendship and guidance allowed us to work together more as family than anything else. I would be remiss not to thank Fr. Brian Albino who for that first year served as our parochial vicar, offering his sage advice and total cooperation. And to my dear parishioners - the welcome, encouragement and constant support are gifts that I will always treasure. Since the day that I was told that I would be returning to the greater Somerset/Swansea area, I have prayed for each and every member of our Mt. Hope Catholic Community. Realize that as I transition into a new pastoral assignment, I shall continue to have a special place in my heart and in my prayers for one and all.

While leaving a much-loved assignment is never easy for any priest, I do so with the consolation of knowing that you will be well served with Fr. Tom Costa as your new pastor. If you welcome Fr. Tom as you welcomed me, and I would expect no less after coming to know you, then I am certain that Fr. Tom will be one of the happiest priest in this Diocese of Fall River. Please remember me in your prayers, particularly today as we celebrate the Blessed Mother of God. And my prayer for the parishes today is that Mary our mother continues to watch over you always, keeping you close to her Most Holy Son, especially in the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

God love and keep you all!

a grateful Fr. Hamel



**Mt. Hope Catholic Community
Confirmation 1 & 2 News**

***Sept. 7th Tuesday, Teacher Meeting at 6:30 P.M., (Informational and Cori at St. Francis of Assisi Center). (Please bring your license or Student ID).**

***September 15th Wednesday, Confirmation 1 & 2 Parent Meeting Grades 8 & 9 (Informational Meeting and Registration) at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center at 7:00 P.M., following meeting. Classes for Grade 8. Confirmation 1 begins on Sept. 26th.**

***NOTE: Confirmation is a 2 year program. Beginning in Grade 8 and being Confirmed in Grade 9. All Public and Catholic School Students must attend both years.**

**Mt. Hope Catholic Community of
St. Francis and St. Dominic's
Flu Shot Clinic
SAVE THE DATE**

Date: September 19, 2021

Time: After the 11AM Mass

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME

Jackie from Walgreen's will be administering the Flu Shot this year as she has in the past. Forms will be available at all the church entrances at both St. Francis and St. Dominic's. If you intent to acquire the shot, please take a form home with you, and bring the completed form along with your medical cards on the day of the Flu Clinic.



St. Francis of Assisi

As always, if you are in need of help with utilities, rent or groceries, we are here to help. Call the rectory and you will be put in touch with a member who would love to assist you.



COME ON—COME ALL!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 FROM 9am—3pm

CASE FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

will be here in Saint Dominic

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RECTORY AND MEMBERS OF THE GUILD**

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