



# Mt. Hope Catholic Community

## Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

**Pastor: Rev. Thomas A. Costa, Jr.**

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



Sunday

August 22, 2021

Twenty-first 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](mailto:stfrancisswansea@comcast.net)

Website: [www.stfrancisswansea.com](http://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

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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

Parish fax: 508-672-4716

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Website: [www.stdominicswansea.org](http://www.stdominicswansea.org)

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<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](mailto: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 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

#### Mon. August 23

8:00 a.m. *Carl Lopes* by his wife Susana

#### Tues. August 24

8:00 a.m. *Forgotten Souls in Purgatory* by Alzira

#### Wed. August 25

8:00 a.m. *Jose A. Viveiros* by Mrs. Guilherme Oliveira

#### Thurs. August 26

8:00 a.m. *Oscar Fontaine Birthday Remembrance* by Ron & Colleen

#### Sat. August 28

4:00 p.m. *Lorraine Desrosiers Birthday Remembrance* by Colleen & Ron  
*Donna Connors* by Wanda

#### Sun. August 29

7:00 a.m. *Jose & Tony Batista (6th Anniv.)* by Jacome family

9:30 a.m. *Walter Laberge (Birth)* by Gail Laberge

11:00 a.m. *Jerome Mendoza* by Wife, Paula  
*Claire Travers 40th Anniversary* by Family  
*Louis Furtado* by Wife & Family



#### 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.

### *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Today's readings conclude our reflection on the bread of life and include the passage from Ephesians concerning the image of Christ and the church as modeled in the relationship between a husband and wife. Clearly that is enough for any day. The option is given in the second reading to omit the passage about wives being subordinate, and this option should be taken whenever it is likely that the message of the reading, that Christ and the church share a deep and abiding love, might be lost in a strong reaction against the first part of the reading.

The consequences of the bread of life discourse should not be passed over quickly, because what was true in the time of Christ is true today. For many people today, the reality of Christ's gift of his flesh as food is too hard a saying to hear. It is too hard to hear that the presence of Christ in Communion is not some clean, simple matter; it is rather a matter of flesh and blood, of sacrifice in its deepest sense. It is likewise too hard to hear that if we are to imitate the love of Christ it means giving our very lives, our flesh for the sake of another. Too often we would like to avoid sacrifice and skip over the painful parts that are involved in love and just get to the joy. The message today makes it clear that there are no shortcuts to true love.

*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



### 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 14th & August 15th

**Budget: \$2039.00**

**Donations: \$651.00**

**Diocesan Assessment: \$118.00**

**Assumption: \$735.00**

*Next weekend, August 29th the second collection is for Repairs & Restorations.*

### St. Dominic Collections - August 15th

**Budget: \$1898.00**

**Assumption: \$540.00**

**Peter's Pence: \$121.00**

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

### Pro-Life Quote

"Life is a Gift From God. The Church's teaching on the dignity of human life is clear. "Human life" states the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF**

**FAITH FORMATION-COURSE WILL BE**

**CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM OR IN-PERSON SESSIONS-  
FOR ADULTS 18 OR OVER**

The Office of Faith Formation will be offering Adult Confirmation Classes on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the following dates FOR online sessions: October 7, 21, 28, November 18. In-Person Sessions: Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon, on October 16, November 6, and December 4 at St. Julie Billiart Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., No. Dartmouth. Conferral of the Sacrament will be Thursday, December 9, 2021 at St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River at 7 p.m. For more information or to register for the classes, please call the rectory. You can also visit the Office of Faith Formation website at [www.fallriverfaithformation.org](http://www.fallriverfaithformation.org).

**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](mailto:rsaraiva@dfrcs.org) or [rosemarysaraiva@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarysaraiva@gmail.com).



**Pray for the Repose of the Soul  
of Kenneth Collins**



**Diocese of Fall River**

**Office of Safe Environment**

**Mt. Hope Catholic Community**

**St. Francis of Assisi & St. Dominic**



Our Parishes are committed to providing a safe place for all the faithful. Therefore, we follow a strict policy of The Essential Three for all who minister, work or volunteer in our parish. We ask for your cooperation and support. The safety of our community depends on all of us doing our part. Please visit the Diocesan Safe Environment page for more information:

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/office-of-safe-environment/>

**Victim Assistance**

Anyone who has suffered abuse by a priest, or someone affiliated with the Diocese of Fall River, is urged to call Carolyn Shipp, Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 508-985-6508 or visit the Safe Environment page of our website (web information listed above). Be assured that your voice will be heard.



**NEW MASS POLICY FROM THE DIOCESE**

On Tuesday, July 27, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced a change to its mask-wearing guidance and now advises that fully vaccinated persons wear a mask in indoor public places, in areas of the country with "substantial and high" transmission of Covid-19. This is to reduce the risk of being infected with the more transmissible Delta variant of the virus and possibly spreading it to others.

Currently almost all territory of the Fall River Diocese lies in counties classified as either "substantial" or "high" areas of community transmission. In light of this, the Diocese of Fall River **is strongly encouraging all parishioners** to follow the CDC guidance and to wear a mask while attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration unless unable because of a medical condition or under the age of 2. This is particularly important for anyone with a weakened immune system; anyone at risk for severe disease because of age or underlying medical condition; or anyone in a household with someone having these conditions or with someone who is unvaccinated.

The recent uptick in virus transmission in some places is a reminder that the pandemic has not yet passed, and continued vigilance is required. Parishioners are asked to please keep in mind the need for a collective commitment to the overall good of the parish community. The Diocese of Fall River continues to monitor all Covid-19 advisories and orders by both the CDC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will amend diocesan guidelines and directives on an ongoing basis as needed.



**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.**

**St. Francis of Assisi  
Faith Formation Program  
Grades 5-7  
Important Information**

We had in person registration for grades 5 through 7, which was held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church last Sunday, August 22nd.

If you were unable to drop off your registrations (registration forms or on the St. Francis of Assisi website), then kindly send your completed form (one per child) along with your payment (made out to St. Francis of Assisi), and mail them directly to Saint Francis of Assisi Rectory, 270 Ocean Grove Avenue, Swansea MA 02777.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Debra Fontaine  
Faith Formation Director, Grades 5, 6, 7  
Mount Hope Catholic Community  
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish  
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**COME ON—COME ALL!  
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9am—3pm**

**CASE FIELD HOCKEY TEAM  
will be here in Saint Dominic**

**Hosting a CAR WASH FUNDRAISER!!!**

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IN THEIR ENDEAVORS!!**

**DONATION: \$5**



**SAINT DOMINIC WOMEN'S GUILD  
BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER & RAFFLE  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 5:30PM**

**DINNER INCLUDES— 1/2 CHICKEN  
MASHED POTATOES  
ROLLS  
VEGETABLES  
DESSERT  
COFFEE AND SODA**

**RAFFLE TO FOLLOW**

**DONATIONS ARE \$15.00**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH  
SAINT DOMINIC'S AND SAINT FRANCIS  
RECTORY AND MEMBERS OF THE GUILD**



On Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 12:10 p.m., the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro will be the location for the Mass celebrating the closure of the La Salette Triduum and the 175th Anniversary of the Apparition. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Following the Mass, the permanent installation in the Shrine Church of newly restored stained-glass windows taken from the Mary Keane Chapel in Enfield, New Hampshire will be unveiled. All are welcome.

**SEPTEMBER SURPRISE CALENDAR FUNDRAISER! - sponsored by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus! The Calendars are available every weekend after Mass or from any of the Knights.. Donations are \$10 with 30 chances to win!!!!**

  
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