



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

August 29, 2021

Twenty-second 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

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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

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 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
John Carpenter (Birth. Rem) and
John & Lillian Carpenter (Anniv.) by
Nancy Carpenter

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

Mon. August 30

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

Tues. August 31

8:00 a.m. *For Parents, Friends & Benefactors* by Alzira

Wed. September 1

8:00 a.m. *Adelina & Licia Rodrigues* by Susana Lopes

Thurs. September 2

8:00 a.m. *Robert Peloquin* by Wife, Wanda

Sat. September 4

4:00 p.m. *Barbara Morrissey* by Fran & Mike Kelley

Sun. September 5

7:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. *Manuel Faria & Family,*
Maria Dos Reis & Family and
Jose, Tony & Domingos Batista by Jacome fam.
Frank Flynn by Marita & Wayne Gray
11:00 a.m. *Francis Seery* by Sue & Joe DiDomenico
Francisca & John Souza by Kevin Campos
Anthony Santoro by Family
Eugenio I. Rebelo by Alzira Azevedo
Biagio & Julia Del Toro 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.

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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the purpose of the law? More importantly, why should we observe the law? Is it so that we don't go to jail or get a speeding ticket? That would not be the answer of Jesus, or the answer from the book of Deuteronomy or the Psalm of today's liturgy. The law is a gift of God, and its purpose is to bring us fulfillment. The most serious consequence of breaking the law is not that we get caught and punished, but rather that we are moving away from the fullness of life and joy that God offers us.

That is why the spirit of the law is so important to Jesus and why he can say that even though the Pharisees follow all the prescriptions of the law, they may not in fact be seeing the spirit of the law and so are missing the offer of life that God is giving them. The external observance is to help train our souls. If we observe the law of God and embrace it with our hearts, then we are well on our way to being the complete person that Christ calls us to be.

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 21st & August 22nd

Budget: \$1526.00

Donations: \$1372.00

Repairs & Restorations: \$498.00

Next weekend, September 5th the second collection is for Repairs & Restorations.

St. Dominic Collections - August 22nd

Budget: \$971.00

Fuel & Energy: \$77.00

Assumption: \$200.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!



In observance of Labor Day, the Mt. Hope Catholic Community parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021



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 or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com.



Give the gift of hope to homeless children.

Volunteer to play with homeless children at a Horizons for Homeless Children Playspace in one of 93 family shelters state. We have a high need for volunteers in Fall River & New Bedford. A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months and an orientation are required.

Upcoming volunteer orientation:

Wednesday, August 25th, 6-8:30 PM Online or Wednesday, September 25th, 6-8:30 PM in Brockton.

To find out more, view other orientation dates, or to apply, call 774.260.2612 or visit www.horizonschildren.org/playspace



Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Michael Levesque



St. Francis of Assisi

Faith Formation Program

Grades 5-7

Important Information

The in person registration for grades 5 through 7, which was to be held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church last Sunday, August 22nd has been rescheduled for this Sunday, August 29th between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If you were unable to drop off your registrations (registration forms are 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

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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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.**

A warm welcome to our new

Pastor, Fr. Tom Costa:

We are pleased to introduce Father Thomas Costa to the Mt. Hope Catholic Community.

Father Tom grew up in nearby Seekonk and later graduated from University of Hartford. After a career in business, he entered priestly formation and completed his Theological studies at Pope John the XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA. He was ordained on July 9, 2005. He served as Pastor of Annunciation of the Lord from 2012 to 2019 and has had assignments as Chaplain of Bishop Feehan High School as well as Our Lady of Lourdes School. Along with experience in Family Ministry, he also brings with him experience ministering as a Hospital Chaplain at Cape Cod Hospital. He arrives from the Taunton Catholic North collaborative, where he served as Co-Pastor of St. Jude The Apostle, St. Anthony's, and St. Mary's since 2019.

He looks forward to meeting parishioners and getting to know the life of our parishes more closely. As he settles into his new role as Pastor, Father Costa would like you to know that he will be praying for all of us. He asks that you in turn pray that the Holy Spirit guides his arrival so that this community continues to grow in the faith, hope and love of Jesus Christ.

Our parish community welcomes Fr. Tom, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide him and bless his time here with us.

Message to Parish Ministry Leaders

from Fr. Tom Costa:

I've been told how welcoming your ministry leaders are I look forward to meeting them and attending your gatherings. This will take some time, but I'm eager to have you introduce yourselves and share your ministry with me. If you are a ministry leader, kindly contact me to schedule a meeting during September, and we can sit and pray and chat about the vision for the parishes. Ministry leaders can reach me by email at frtomc@gmail.com, please include a few possible days and times we could meet. I look forward to meeting u in the future.

Parish Councils and Finance Council Members: I have a list of past members from both parishes and would like to prepare a small gathering from both councils to share your ideas along with my vision of the future for the parishes. Typically, new councils are formed whenever a new pastor is assigned, but before I officially form new councils, I would like to meet all of you and learn about the projects you were working on before the pandemic. Please contact the parish office and the staff will put you on the contact list for the meeting when it is scheduled. A new pastor has a year to form a new council but I would like to do something sooner if possible. Thanks for your help.



**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**

SAINT DOMINIC WOMEN'S GUILD will be holding their monthly meeting on September 15th at 6:30 PM. All members are asked to be in attendance as final preparations for the Barbecue Chicken Dinner will be tabled for discussion.



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.



Faith Formation

AS WE DRAW CLOSER TO FALL SCHOOL SEMESTERS BEGINNING, WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO OUR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES AS WELL. WE WILL BE POSTING REGISTRATION INFORMATION HERE IN UPCOMING WEEKS.


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