



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

September 5, 2021

Twenty-third 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: 508-675-7206

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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. September 4

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

Sun. September 5

7:00 a.m. *For all Parishioners*

9:30 a.m. *Jonathan Durfee (Anniv.)*

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

Mon. September 6

8:00 a.m. *David Guglielmo (1st anniv.)* by Louise

Tues. September 7

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

Wed. September 8

8:00 a.m. *Guilherme Oliveira and family*

Thurs. September 9

8:00 a.m. *Anthony Santoro 2nd Anniversary*
by Wife, Pauline

Sat. September 11

4:00 p.m. *Richard Boutin* by Tony & Judy

Sun. September 12

7:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. *Catherine G. Fox (Birth.)* by Pat Fox

Laurinda Valente (23rd Anniv.) by

Daughters Hilda and Odete

11:00 a.m. *John Crook 7th Anniversary* by Kathy & Bill

Jerome Mendoza by Wife, Paula

Joseph S. Azevedo by Wife, Alzira

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once again we see the efficacy of God's word at work. Jesus commands, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately what he has commanded comes to pass. The man who previously was limited in both hearing and speech now is able to do both. In each of the gospel miracles, we discover something new about Jesus. He has authority over sickness and health, life and death, as well as over the cosmos and all of creation. In Jesus we find God's dreams for the world enacted: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the sick are healed, and the outcast are restored to society.

Reflection taken from Living Liturgy.com, OCP



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.



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

In Loving Memory

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

Sanctuary Lamp:
Robert J. Peloquin by Wife, Wanda



Altar Candles:
Albert and Alice Michaud by Granddaughter, Colleen

Tabernacle Candles:
Paul & Marion Flanigan by Daughter, Martha

Crucifix Candles:
Rita Marois and Delta Kelley by Family

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

Church Vigil Candle: Carl Lopes

St. Dominic Candle: Lillian Carpenter

Church Center Vigil Candle :
Adelina & Licia Rodrigues

50Week Club Weekly Winner

Congratulations to:

Ray Walsh

Winner for August 29, 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 available at St. Dominic's. Candles at St. Francis are booked for 2021.

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.

Pro-Life Quote

"You are called to stand up for life!...You are called to work and pray against abortion."

John Paul II

Parish Support

St. Francis Collections - August 28th & August 29th

Budget: \$2185.00

Donations: \$1602.00

Repairs & Restorations: \$1093.00

August Online Giving: \$740.00

Next weekend, September 12th the second collection is for Diocesan Assessment.

St. Dominic Collections - August 29th

Budget: \$ 4,611.00

Fuel & Energy: \$349.00

Candles: \$240.87

Next weekend, September 12th collection is for Fuel and Energy.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES
OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF
FAITH FORMATION-COURSE WILL BE
CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM OR IN-PERSON SES-
SIONS-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 Billiard 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.



**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.**



**Congratulations to Keegan Jameson Gallagher
son of Joshua M. Gallagher and
Katie E. Viens**

**Keegan was Baptized at St. Francis of Assisi on
Sunday, August 29, 2021**

May God Bless Keegan and his family!

***A warm welcome to our new
Pastor, Fr. Tom Costa:***

Our parish community welcomes Fr. Tom Costa, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide him and bless his time here with us. He prefers to be called "Father Tom", and some of you might already know him because he graduated from nearby Seekonk High School. After a career in business, he entered priestly formation and completed his Theological studies at Pope John 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. As he settles into his new role as Pastor, we pray that the Holy Spirit guides his arrival so that this community continues to grow in the faith, hope and love of Jesus Christ.

HAITI RELIEF FUND

Within the space of only a few days, Haiti has been struck by a major earthquake and battered by Tropical Storm Grace. News outlets are reporting loss of life, the destruction of homes and buildings, and damage to the island's infrastructure. Over 1,900 are known dead at this point with many still missing and thousands injured. Food and adequate shelter are scarce in many areas. To respond as a unified Church, USCCB President Archbishop Jose H. Gomez has suggested dioceses have a voluntary special appeal for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant Church needs arising from these recent disasters. You can donate by placing an envelope marked Haiti Relief in the collection basket in the coming weeks and The Diocese will send the proceeds of this collection to the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. This fund will support pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in Haiti as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding efforts there. Thank You for your generosity.

Prayers for the people of Haiti, Afghanistan, the Virus Hotspots, Victims of Hurricane Ida, and the Wildfires – Please keep those prayers going. We will pray for all groups of people at all Masses. Perhaps each of us could think of some small act of self-denial to offer up for each of the needy groups of people and their communities.



**Message to Parish Ministry Leaders
from Fr. Tom Costa:**

Confessions: We are planning a renovated confessional area at both Churches, but for the time being please come to the Sacristy before Mass and request the Sacrament. Fr. Tom is available for confessions at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturdays from 3:30-350PM and at St. Dominic's on Sunday from 9:00AM to 9:15AM. You can also call the office and make an appointment or see the Priest after morning Mass.

Parish Ministry Leaders from Fr. Tom: Ministry leaders can reach me by email at ftomcswansea@gmail.com, please include a few possible days and times we could meet. I look forward to meeting all of you 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 about the vision for the parish community.

Parish Councils and Finance Council Members: I 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 the previous councils 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 new councils, but I would like to do something sooner, if possible. Thanks for your help.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: We missed your involvement during the pandemic, but it is now time to bring this necessary ministry back. The plan is to begin the weekend of October 16th and 17th for weekends Masses and daily masses. A schedule will be provided. Face coverings and hand sanitizing is required. Welcome Back! We will also be bringing back the procession of offertory gifts that weekend.



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

DONATIONS ARE \$15.00

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

DINNER INCLUDES - 1/2 CHICKEN

MASHED POTATOES AND ROLLS

VEGETABLES AND DESSERT

**SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH MONTHLY
ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL will meet on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM. All members are asked to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3669 will be meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 PM. All member should be in attendance.

SAINT DOMINIC WOMEN'S GUILD will be holding their monthly meeting on Wednesday September 15th. Members are asked to attend to discuss final preparations for the Dinner.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30PM in the Church Hall. All members are asked to attend.

**Mt. Hope Catholic Community
of St. Francis and St. Dominic**

Faith Formation Program

Grades 5-7

Important Information



This Photo by

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

Mount Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

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JOIN the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for an ATLANTIC CITY GETAWAY at Caesars! 3 Days/2 nights, Oct. 26-28th.

Package is \$275 (double), \$365 single. Round trip motor coach, accommodations at Caesar's, \$50 SLOTS bonus, \$50 meal vouchers and 2 fantastic shows!!!!

Package includes cancellation protection, occupancy tax, hotel baggage handling and gratuities. For more info contact Joan Leonardo at 508-678-8943.

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
AMEN

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