



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

September 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth 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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PARISH BULLETIN ONLINE:

<https://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-dominic-/bulletin>

St. Dominic's Liturgical Celebration:

AT THE PRESENT TME, all Masses are being 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

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. September 11

4:00 p.m. *Richard Boutin* by Tony & Judy
Michael Donald by Wife & Son

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
Jose & Maria Pimentel
All Grandparents Living and Deceased

11:00 a.m. *John Crook 7th Anniversary* by Kathy & Bill
Jerome Mendoza by Wife, Paula
Joseph S. Azevedo by Wife, Alzira

Mon. September 13

8:00 a.m. *Frances Migliori* by Gail Migliori

Tues. September 14

8:00 a.m. *Helen & Son, Michael Birthday Remembrance*
by Mother & Grandmother

Wed. September 15

8:00 a.m. *Brandi & Lenny Kasper* from St. Mary's Mission

Thurs. September 16

8:00 a.m. *Eugenio I. Rebelo* by Alzira

Sat. September 18

4:00 p.m. *George Oliveira* by Linda LePage
Donna J. Pacheco by Husband, Mike
John & Lydia Medeiros by Family

Sun. September 19

7:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. *Mary Oliveira* by Lisa de Sousa
Horacio, Irma and Fernando de Brum
by Mr. Horacio de Brum
Lillian Carpenter (5th Anniv.) by Family

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

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Legions of pages have been printed and homilies preached on the single line from today's Gospel, "Who do you say that I am?" In truth, that's entirely reasonable for this is the core question for everyone who is or would be Jesus' disciple. And it must be asked again and again as time and circumstances shift in our lives. A recent popular version of the question inquires, "Who is Jesus for you?" Homilists taking on that query stand to do a substantial service for those to whom they preach. It's a bogus question. We don't have the luxury of making up a Jesus to suit ourselves or picking those Gospel aspects of his words and deeds we like best, back-burnering or ignoring altogether those that make us uncomfortable or are too challenging. The question is, "Who is Jesus really, and what does that mean in my life?" When Jesus phrased the original, "Who do you say that I am?", he knew perfectly well who he was, and that wasn't up for change. The only thing in doubt was whether Peter and others were 'getting' him.

Perhaps that's why the Church's liturgists paired this Gospel with one of Isaiah's Suffering Servant passages normally associated with the opening of Passion Week. Who the prophet had in mind in composing these poignant passages remains a mystery, but it isn't difficult to see Jesus' suffering and death prefigured in them. It may be that this imagery is being held up to us today in an attempt to help us see that the road Jesus walked led ultimately to degradation and agony, and if we consider ourselves his followers, our road will not always be smoothly paved either. Of course, the road didn't end for Jesus at Golgotha but rather at the empty tomb, as will ours, but for today we are asked to consider how much we are willing to endure without running off down the nearest side road. That's the kind of cold water Jesus throws in the faces of the apostles when he lays it out very clearly, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Reflection taken from 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 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 & Alice Michaud by Granddaughter, Colleen

Tabernacle Candles:
Paul & Marion Flanigan by Daughter, Martha

Crucifix Candles:
Rita Marois & 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:

Elaine Farwell

Winner for September 5, 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.

Parish Support

St. Francis Collections - Sept. 4th & Sept. 5th

Budget: \$2384.00
Donations: \$1076.00
Repairs & Restorations: \$1138.00
Haiti Relief: \$1504.00

Next weekend, September 19th the second collection is for Religious Education.

St. Dominic Collections - September 5th

Budget: \$2153.00
Building and Maintenance: \$583.00

Next weekend, September 19th collection is our yearly collection for Religious Education.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.





Mt. Hope Catholic Community Confirmation 1 & 2 News

*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

Faith Formation Program

Grades 5-7

Important Information



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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
Personal email fontfam005@comcast.net
Home Phone: 508-676-7942



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

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-4

If you didn't receive our registration form, please go to our website at: www.stdominicswansea.org

Any new students (1st grade or new transfers) are to pick up the Registration packet at the back of St Dominic Parish Hall. Please fill them out and drop them into the Registration Box there. The registration fee is \$35 per student, two children or more in one family will have a maximum fee of \$65.

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.

You can stop after Mass and introduce yourself to Fr. Tom at all Masses at St. Dominic's and St. Francis.



OUR PARISHES will be celebrating the commissioning of our teachers on Sunday, September 19th. Please plan to be with us at the 9:30 Mass at St. Dominic's to recognize and bless our catechists.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Our parishes offer many catechetical opportunities throughout the year. Come and hear more about these vital programs and help us celebrate all those who serve in this ministry. All Religious Education Teachers (Grades 1- Confirmation Program) are invited to be commissioned at this 9:30am liturgy.

Our liturgy will be prepared by the members of our Youth Council. Refreshments will be served following the liturgy.

The Pope on Life Every child who is born brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care, always and at every moment. God entrusts every child who is born to his parents: so how important is the family founded on marriage, the cradle of life and love! The House of Nazareth where the Holy Family lived is the model and school of simplicity, patience and harmony for all Christian families. I pray the Lord that your families too may be welcoming places where these little ones can not only grow in good health but also in faith and love for God. -- Pope Benedict XVI, January 7, 2007

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 ftomcswanseae@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.

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.



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

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH MONTHLY ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

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

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.

Catholic Social Services of Fall River, Inc. "Give Back"- Friday

At Catholic Social Services, our mission is to serve, to change lives, and to make a difference. Over the years, particularly during the pandemic we have received many generous donations to help families in need, now we want to give back!

September 10th 9-12 noon St. Mary, 14 Park St., N. Attleboro

September 17th 9-12 noon St. Anthony, 126 School St., Taunton

September 24th 9-12 noon St. Lawrence, 565 County St. New Bedford

October 1st 12:30-3:30 pm Good Shepherd, 1598 S. Main St., Fall River

October 8th 9-11:30am St. Francis Xavier, 347 South St., Hyannis

No COST!

Each location will have a free raffle to give away 3 bikes!

-Toys
-Clothes
-Coats

On each designated day, location, and time, we will have brand new toys and games for children of all ages, as well as new clothing and coats for infants and children.

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