



# Mt. Hope Catholic Community

## Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

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

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



Sunday

September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth 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

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Office hours: Monday–Wednesday 9:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

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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](mailto:saintdominicparish@comcast.net)

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

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<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:

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

Confession: 9-9:15am. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass and request the Sacrament.

Parish Staff:

Property Manager: Peter Urban

Office Manager/Bulletin: Louise Guglielmo

Music Director: Ada Simpson

Faith Formation Director Gr. 1-4: Barbara Domingue

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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 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

#### Mon. September 20

8:00 a.m. *In Memory of all who lost their lives on 9/11*

#### Tues. September 21

8:00 a.m. *Private Intentions*

#### Wed. September 22

8:00 a.m. *Dick Amaral—for health and healing*

#### Thurs. September 23

8:00 a.m.

#### Sat. September 25

4:00 p.m. *Paul & Lorraine Boulay* by Diane & Jim Daugherty  
*George LeBreux 1st Anniversary* by Family  
*Marian Bombara* by Niece, Wanda  
*Richard G. Quinlan 1st Anniversary* by Family  
*Stephen Higgins* by Wife & Daughter

#### Sun. September 26

7:00 a.m. *For All Parishioners*  
9:30 a.m. *Stephanie Lyn Knight* by Natalie Little  
*Kenneth Collins* by Fran & Mike Kelley  
*Elizabeth Fennessey (Birth)* by Ann Fennessey  
11:00 a.m. *John Crook Birthday Remembrance* by  
Kathy & Bill Sullivan  
*Andrade Azevedo* by Grandmother  
*Desiree Choquette 9th Anniversary* by Family  
*Richard G. Quinlan* 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading makes things seem very bleak indeed, with the passage from Wisdom omitting the conclusion of the section in which the rewards due the just one are described. Even the Psalm for the day, though it speaks of God's help, has the feeling of the desperate person who is clearly surrounded by enemies. So by the time we hear the Gospel about the passage through Galilee on the way to Jerusalem during which Jesus speaks of his own death, we are not too surprised.

What cuts to the heart, though, is how the disciples seem to have lost their way. Rather than being aware of the gloom in Jesus' heart that is becoming more and more intense as they approach Jerusalem, they see the march to Jerusalem as the victory parade, and they want to be sure they get as big a share of the glory as possible. And while we try to avoid reading things into the Scriptures, surely it is not too much of a stretch to imagine our Lord's reaction. His mind and heart, as always filled with love and aware that because of the depth of his love he will be called to give all is in sharp contrast to his closest friends whose primary concern is suddenly focused on what they can get for themselves. It must have been heartbreaking.

The message from James today shows how the actions of our lives are based upon the motivations in our hearts. If we do evil, it is because we nurture evil in our hearts. Where there are wisdom and goodness nurtured, there righteousness and peace flourish.

*Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP*

# 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**

## Parish Support

**St. Francis Collections - Sept. 11th & Sept. 12th**

**Budget: \$2583.00**

**Donations: \$1206.00**

**Repairs & Restorations: \$218.00**

**Diocesan Assessment: \$394.00**

*Next weekend, September 26th the second collection is for Cardinal Medeiros Residence.*

**St. Dominic Collections - September 12th**

**Budget: \$ 2291.00**

**Fuel & Energy: \$650.00**

*Next weekend, September 26th collection is our yearly collection for Cardinal Medeiros Residence*

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

## 50Week Club Weekly Winner

Congratulations to:

**Anne LeBreux**

Winner for September 12, 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*



**Congratulations to Ames John Messier son of Richard V. Messier, Jr. and Melissa Amaral Messier**

**Ames was Baptized at St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**May God Bless Ames and his family!**



**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.



Monetary donations will be collected by members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society the weekend of Saturday, September 18th at the 4PM Mass and Sunday, September 19th at the 11AM Mass.

The walk takes place at Bishop Connolly on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Rain date is Saturday, October 2, 2021.

If you would like to participate in the walk, registration forms can be obtained in the sacristy at St. Francis or from:

SVDP Thrift Store at 1799 Pleasant St., 508-672-9129

SVDP Help Line, 508-642-3440 or

Bishop Connolly High School on September 25, 2021

No amount is too small. Thank you for your generosity.

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



**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.**

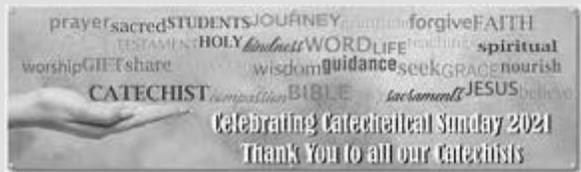
**NEWS FROM FR. TOM**

**First Friday Adoration/ First Saturday Mass:**

Beginning October 1st we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8am Mass on every first Friday of the month. We will alternate churches each month. October will be at St. Dominic's and November at St. Francis of Assisi. First Saturday mass will also be at 8am with the opportunity for confession afterwards.

**Blessing of the Animals and Pets ( Drive-up blessings)**

Sunday, October 3rd from 5PM to 5:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi.



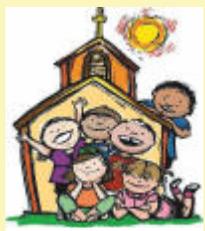
**The Name of Jesus: Spreading the Good News**

For many years my friend Kathy was the director of religious education of a large and sprawling diocese here in the northeast. It wasn't the path that she set out on when she graduated from college. But like so many, she received that call from a "higher authority", and she answered. In her work she went from parish to parish to instruct those entrusted with the task of parish faith formation. When it came time for her young grandson to attend his first religious education class, she was filled with exuberance. She insisted on dropping him off and waited eagerly outside in her car for his class to be dismissed. Her grandson was the first out the door. He jumped in the car, slammed the door behind him, and pounced on the seat. "How was your class?" she asked enthusiastically. With a pout, the precocious and disenchanted lad replied, "All they talked about was Jesus!" Kathy laughs when she tells that story now; she didn't find it very humorous initially. The teacher was doing what Kathy had trained her to do: tell the good news by spreading the name and message of Jesus.

The church has designated this Sunday as Catechetical Sunday. As our religious education program begins for another year, we recognize the ministry so faithfully carried out by our catechists, and we are keenly aware of the many challenges religious educators face today. So important is the role of religious educators, that in an apostolic letter this past May, Pope Francis established the lay ministry of catechist. Citing an urgent need for evangelization in the modern world, our Holy Father said, it is necessary to recognize "those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis". We most certainly owe our dedicated catechists our support and gratitude for the ministry they faithfully perform, and we offer our prayers for them in the coming academic year.

Kathy's grandson is in college now. He got over his initial disappointment in religious education. He is an active member of a faith community and shares in the mission of the church. Those early lessons of Jesus formed a faithful disciple who has accepted the responsibilities of a baptized Christian. In truth, we are all religious educators, whether we realize it or not. We are all called to spread the good news of the gospel message. Through baptism, we are incorporated into the mystical body of Christ, and by virtue of our baptism we share in the priesthood of Jesus and the mission of the church. At baptism we began a commitment to a life of service to our Lord and Savior, and we go forth with the name of Jesus not only on our lips but in our hearts, in our minds, and in our lives.

Ada L. Simpson, Director of Music Ministry



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

**Faith Formation Program**

**Grades 5-7**

**Important Information**

*This Photo by*  
**Class for Grades 5th and 6th will begin on September 26, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** These classes will be held every other Sunday (subject to school vacation or holidays).

**Class for Grade 7th will begin on October 3, 2021.** These classes will be held on the opposite Sunday of the grades 5th and 6th (subject to school vacation or holidays).

Sept. 26-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 5 & 6)

Oct. 3-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR.7)

Oct. 10-Sunday, NO CLASSES

Oct. 17-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 5 & 6)

Oct. 24-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 7)

Oct. 31-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 5 & 6)

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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**Mt. Hope Catholic Community**

**Confirmation 1 & 2 News**

**Classes are 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

**in St. Francis Parish Hall**

Sept. 26th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 1 Class (GR.8)

Oct. 3rd-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 2 Class (GR.9)

Oct. 10th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 1 Class (GR.8)

Oct. 17th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 2 Class (GR.9)

Oct. 24th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 1 Class (GR.8)

Oct. 31st-Sunday, NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES (Halloween)



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**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.stdominicswanssea.org](http://www.stdominicswanssea.org)

Any new students (1st grade or new transfers) are to pick up the Registration packed 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHAPTER #3669

WILL BE HOLDING THEIR INSTALLATION  
OF OFFICERS AT THEIR NEXT CHAPER MEETING  
ON WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 13TH  
AT ST. DOMINIC CHURCH

FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION THEY WILL BE  
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