



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary W. John



Sunday

September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth 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

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St. Dominic's Contact Info:

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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

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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 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
Mary Ann & Frank Ruggiero by Judy & Tony

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

Mon. September 27

8:00 a.m. *Licia Rodrigues*

Tues. September 28

8:00 a.m. *Private Intentions*

Wed. September 29

8:00 a.m. *Augustine Viveiros*

Thurs. September 30

8:00 a.m. *For All the Souls in Purgatory* by Alzira

Sat. October 2

4:00 p.m. *John Lima & Donald Ventura* by Family

Sun. October 3—PRO LIFE SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. *Rene Bernard*

9:30 a.m. *Manuel Faria and Family,*
Maria dos Reis and family and
Jose, Tony & Domingos Batista
by the Jacome Family

Deceased Members of the St. Dominic's Pro-Life Committee : Mary Hogan, Jean Reed, Ruth A. Murray, Isabel Papa, Annie Souza
11:00 a.m. *Robert J. Peloquin 14th Anniversary* by Family
Maria H. Andrade by Daughter

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.

Reconciliation: at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturdays from 3:30-3:50PM 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.

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's liturgy is full of strong imagery, hard words and challenging exhortation, yet it also offers comfort and encouragement. Denunciation rings most strongly in the letter of James, as the writer lambastes the rich for their ill-gotten wealth--amassed by withholding the wages of workers--while simultaneously reminding them that their riches have no lasting value. Jesus seems to demand something harsher: We should "cut off" anything that causes us to sin. Walter Burghardt reminds us in his homilies of the Semitic style of exaggeration that Jesus employs; at the same time, we can't let ourselves off the hook easily. There's much in our lives that keeps us from God.

The liturgy's prayers, on the other hand, refresh us with God's mercy. Inspired by our confidence, we pray that God will help us to become "heirs to the treasure of heaven". Today's liturgy is a mixed bag, indeed, yet it offers a marvelous balance between our own duty to seek the kingdom and the ultimate power of God to overcome our failings.

The reading from James fairly demands that we lift up to God the needs of the working poor and those who suffer the injustices of our economic systems, as well as embrace the prophetic ministry we received in baptism on their behalf, and fulfill Moses' wish: "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"

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

Parish Support

St. Francis Collections - Sept. 18th & Sept. 19th

Budget: \$2132.00
Donations: \$589.00
Religious Education: \$634.00
Haiti Fund: \$420.00

Next weekend, October 3rd the second collection is for Repairs & Restoration.

St. Dominic Collections - September 19th

Budget: \$ 3163.00
Religious Education: \$529.00

Next weekend, October 3rd collection is our yearly collection for Fuel & Energy.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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



FAMILY LIFE MEETING

Save the Date:

After our long break due to COVID, we would like to invite all past members and anyone else who would be interested in helping with fundraising for St. Francis of Assisi. Our kickoff meeting will be held on Monday, October 25th at 6:30 PM in the St. Francis parish hall. All are welcome to attend.



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.

NEWS FROM FR. TOM

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Mass:

Beginning October 1st, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8am Mass on every First Friday of the month. The Church will be open until 12 noon. We will alternate Churches every month and for October the devotion will be celebrated at St. Dominic Church. *What am I supposed to do on First Fridays?* Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of honoring Christ’s Sacred Heart. If necessary attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation. “The First Friday Devotions are a set of Catholic devotions to especially recognize the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and through it offer reparations for the sins of the world. In the visions of Christ reported by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, several promises were made to those people who practiced the First Fridays Devotions.”

First Saturday Mass & Confessions:

We will alternate churches each month beginning October 2nd with Mass at St. Dominic Church at 8am. There will also be the opportunity for confession afterwards. Catholics believe that on these first Saturdays of each month, we help our Heavenly Father, our Lord, Jesus Christ and our Lady, Christ’s mother, to console us. The Mass is offered for all of our recently deceased parishioners and friends. The devotion which, according to Sister Lúcia of Fátima, was requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition in December 1925, has been approved by the Roman Catholic Church.

Blessing of the Animals and Pets (Drive up blessings)

We invite you to come and celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis with us on Sunday, October 3rd from 5PM to 5:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church. The Catholic Tradition respects animals as God’s creatures, worthy of our care. St. Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God’s living things: “All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures.” Bring your favorite pet or animal, everything from dogs, cats, hamsters, birds, fish, ferrets, turtles, lizards and giraffes, for a special St. Francis blessing.

St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Ministry:

Five years ago, began this ministry to pray for those with cancer and their families /caregivers. The ministry continues its support, even during these covid-19 times. Names can now be sent confidentially by email to frtomcswanseae@gmail.com. St. Peregrine is one of the Patron Saints of Cancer Patients and many miracles have been attributed to his intercession. We may not always have the right words to say, but we can pray for you. Names are not made public, but please know your intentions are being prayed for every day. A prayer request can be made for free by emailing, but please mention St. Peregrine cancer ministry in your email. Once your intention is registered into this ministry of prayer, your intention will always be lifted in prayer every day confidentially. In the coming weeks there will be packets at the doors of the Church with more information.

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.

Even though they may look alike and share many responsibilities, deacons are not priests. By Deacon Gary M. John

Sometimes going to Mass can be confusing for a Catholic unfamiliar with deacons. Both clergy members wear vestments at Mass and in the Fall River diocese, both even wear Roman collars. To clear much of the confusion priests, wear black colored clerical shirts and deacons gray-colored clerical shirts.

However, while deacons and priests may sometimes appear to be the same, their roles in the Church are very different.

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) provides a succinct definition of a deacon and his particular role in the Church.

“A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or ‘orders,’ of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters, and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came ‘to serve and not to be served.’ The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.”

Deacons have been around the Church since the very beginning, frequently being referenced in the New Testament. The most well-known reference to deacons in the New Testament is from the Acts of the Apostles. It reads, “And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty’” (Acts 6:2-3).

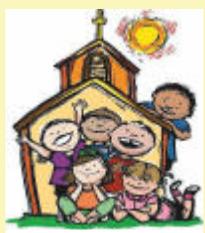
Practically speaking deacons can do many activities that priests are also ordained to perform. Deacons can baptize, deliver Homilies during Mass, officiate/witness at a Catholic wedding, and even run a parish (with the permission of the local bishop). Deacons can also lead communion services that look and feel like a Catholic Mass.

Deacons, however, can NOT consecrate the Eucharist or hear confessions. They can NOT administer the sacraments of Confirmation or Anointing of the Sick.

Simply put, deacons are meant to be servants, assisting the pastor (and Church) in whatever way he can.

All priests and bishops are also deacons because the diaconate is the first of the three stages of Holy Orders. Deacons who go on to be ordained priests are known as transitional deacons. They are vowed to celibacy. Men who serve in the permanent diaconate — meaning they will not, as a rule, proceed to priestly ordination — may be married at the time of their ordination, but may not remarry if their spouse passes away.

The permanent diaconate is a specific vocation in the Church, one that depends on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. God is the one who calls deacons to service in the Church through the sacrament of Holy Orders. It is important to remember that it is not something that is gained by going through the ranks of the Church, but something that is given (and received) through the grace of God. In a future writing I will address my road to Diaconate Ordination.



**Mt. Hope Catholic Community
of St. Francis and St. Dominic
Faith Formation Program
Grades 5-7
Important Information**

This Photo by
Class Time for Grades 5th -7th - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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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CONGRATULATIONS TO NINA NICOLE DOS REIS
daughter of MR. & MRS. ROBERT DOS REIS

Nina Dos Reis was baptized at St. Dominic Church on
September 19, 2021

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to extend a gracious thank you to all who plan on joining us for our ATLANTIC CITY GETAWAY on Oct. 26-28th. All our seating is booked! Get ready for a fabulous mini vacation!



**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

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.



**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)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHAPTER #3669**

WILL BE HOLDING THEIR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT THEIR NEXT CHAPER MEETING ON THURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH AT ST. DOMINIC CHURCH

FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION THEY WILL BE ATTENDING A DINNER AT THE CROSSROADS IN WARREN , RI

ALL KNIGHTS WHO PLAN ON ATTENDING THE DINNER, PLEASE CONTACT GIL TRAVERS.



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AND
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3669**

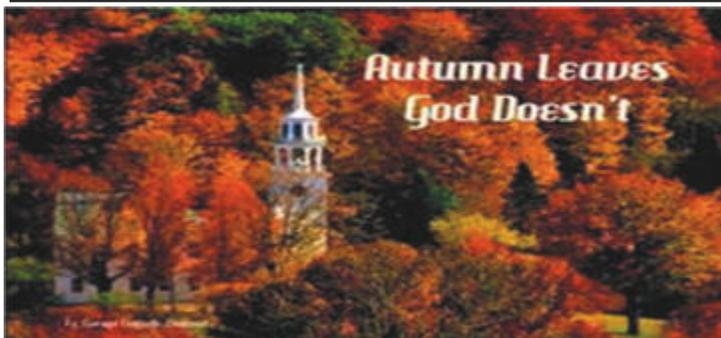
**COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN
OCTOBER 1—NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

COATS, HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES NEEDED

CHILDREN SIZES 4T-SIZE 18

**DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS ONLY NEW ITEMS
ACCEPTED.**

**MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
c/o St. Dominic Church**



Pro-Life Quote

"I know without a doubt, that abortion is a violent act of murder and exploitation. And I know that our responsibility is to work and pray without ceasing for its end."

Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013


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