



# Mt. Hope Catholic Community

## Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

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

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



Sunday  
October 3, 2021  
Twenty-seventh  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Pro Life Sunday



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  
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Music Director: Ada Simpson

Faith Formation Director Gr. 5-7: Deb Fontaine

Tel: 508-674-0024  
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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  
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<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.

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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. October 2

8:00 a.m. *For all recently deceased parishioners and friends*

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*

#### Mon. October 4

8:00 a.m. *Roberto Jose Arana Rodriguez by  
Marin Jose Arana*

#### Tues. October 5

8:00 a.m. *Horace & Joanne Campos by Kevin Campos*

#### Wed. October 6

8:00 a.m. *Juliette Corbin by Louise Guglielmo*

#### Thurs. October 7

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

#### Sat. October 9

4:00 p.m. *Leo, Jacqueline & Richard Bernier by Paula  
Comiskey*

*Herman W. LaPointe, Jr. by Marita & Wayne  
Gray*

#### Sun. October 10

7:00 a.m. *For the Sanctity of Life*

9:30 a.m. *Pauline Swedis by Alice Bernard*

*James Fennessey(Birth.) by Ann Fennessey*

11:00 a.m. *Jerome Mendoza by Wife, Paula*

*Eugenio I. Rebelo by Alzira Azevedo*



#### Communion for the Homebound

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.

**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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In the Christian dispensation, when a man and woman take each other as husband and wife, it is to be a relationship that is like that of a child and a parent. There is to be total trust, total self-giving and complete confidence between a married couple, just like there is for a child in relationship with a parent. This is why marriage is not something we undertake as a whim - it requires of us a great deal. This is the same kind of union is what God offers to each of us, except a million times more intense and true.

An examination of the first reading and psalm make this clear. Woman and man are not just other ways of being that might complement each other, they are united at a level so deep that it is written in our chromosomes.

The letter to the Hebrews gives an additional dimension to this: the brotherhood of all of us with Jesus. We know that human love can communicate something of God's love for us: especially the love of husband and wife, of parent and child. What Hebrews tells us is that the sibling relationship is also a demonstration of the love of God. We cannot cease to be someone's brother or sister, no matter what. The wonder of God is the Jesus has chosen to take on this relationship and to be our brother always.

*Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP*

# In Loving Memory

**St. Francis of Assisi memorial candles burn in October in remembrance of:**

Sanctuary Lamp:  
**Bryan Kelley** by Parents



Altar Candles:  
**Herman Costa** by Granddaughter  
**Mary Anne**

Tabernacle Candles:  
**Robert Peloquin** by Family

Crucifix Candles:  
**Lois Thompson** by Parents

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

Church Vigil Candle: **For a Personal Intention**  
by **Alda Furtado**

St. Dominic Candle: **Juliette Corbin**

Church Center Vigil Candle :  
**Lenny Souza** by husband **Donald Souza**

## 50Week Club Weekly Winner



Congratulations to:

**Joseph Ripanti**

Winner for September 26, 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

"I believe that life is valuable, even when it is unwanted, even when it is physically imperfect. I believe our society has a responsibility to defend the vulnerable and the weak. And I believe our nation should set a goal that unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law."

*President George W. Bush, at the signing ceremony for Texas' Parental Notification Law (June 7, 1999)*

## Parish Support

### St. Francis Collections - Sept. 25th & Sept. 26th

**Budget: \$2596.00**

**Repairs & Restorations: \$1404.00**

**Cardinal Medeiros Residence: \$658.00**

*Next weekend, October 10th the second collection is for Diocesan Assessment.*

### St. Dominic Collections - September 26th

**Budget: \$ 2702.00**

**Cardinal Medeiros Residence: \$591.00**

*Next weekend, October 10th collection is our yearly collection for Diocesan Assessment.*

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

**NEWS FROM FR. TOM**

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Pray the rosary with us before the 8AM Mass. October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart. In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

**CELEBRATE RESPECT LIFE MONTH!** You are invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October. We are chosen, and sent by God to love one another as He loves us. In doing so, we help build a culture that cherishes all human life. Building a culture of life is simply part of who we are as Christians, as followers of Christ. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife). The roses placed near the tabernacles during this month are a reminder of the life that we have been called to protect.

**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.” Drive up and 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 times. Prayer requests can be sent confidentially by email to [ftomcswansea@gmail.com](mailto:ftomcswansea@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.

**Altar Servers:** During the pandemic, the ministry was suspended for safety concerns, but it is now time to revive this important ministry. As we start to think about preparing for Advent and Christmas in a few months, we invite former Altar Servers to return to the ministry. It would be nice to have Altar servers return for the Advent Season. New Servers will be offered a training in November, with a date to be decided. Please have your parent/guardian contact the parish office, with name, mass you prefer to serve and basic contact information.



My name is David “Dave” Gaspar and I look forward to answering “yes” to the invitation of the Lord to serve His Church and people as part of our diocese’s 10<sup>th</sup> permanent diaconate class. I have been married for 21 years to my wife, Alison. We are blessed with three children, Tyler, age 18, and twin daughters, Grace & Ava, age 12. We reside in Swansea and have been parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi for the past 16 years.

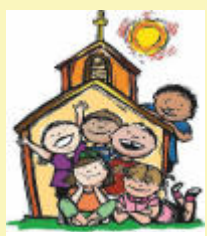
As I reflect upon my spiritual journey towards the permanent diaconate, my life has primarily been centered and dedicated to service for others. Service to my parish community is something that has remained constant throughout my life even as I transitioned from altar server to lector and Eucharistic minister, including Confirmation catechist at Holy Ghost Church and CYO Basketball Coach at Holy Ghost and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes. I was a recipient of the Service to Youth Award for dedicated service to the youth in our community while at Holy Ghost Church. I was also privileged to serve the communities of Swansea and Somerset as league president of the Swansea-Somerset Youth Soccer League from 2015 to 2019.

I believe it was the active presence of permanent deacons at Holy Ghost Church while I was a parishioner that inspired me from a very young age to discern this exceptional vocation. My wife, Alison, also helped bring me closer to God and my relationship with Jesus. Her selfless love for our family helped me better understand the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ and to live the gospel not only in my personal and family life but within our community. Deacons are truly blessed to serve God and his people in various ministries while still experiencing the love and joy of the sanctity of family life.

I am very thankful and blessed to have Deacon Gary John as my deacon mentor as well as fortunate to have received numerous prayers and words of encouragement from my family, parish, and diaconate community. Paul the Apostle tells us in Ephesians 1:17-18 that it is the work of the Holy Spirit who enlightens the eyes of our heart and mind to understand the truth and wisdom which comes from God. As I continue on my journey towards the permanent diaconate, I pray to our Lord that I may be strengthened by the Sacrament of Holy Orders in 2023 to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters and the world through sharing my faith, gifts, and talents through service.

Sacred Scripture reminds us that Christ doesn’t ask for excuses; He asks for workers, generosity, and goodwill. “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). Our Lord will take care of the rest since he doesn’t call the prepared; He prepares the called. It doesn’t matter when, but what does matter is to respond the moment we are called.





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

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**Class Time for Grades 5th –7th - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

- 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)
- Nov. 7-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 7)



**Mt. Hope Catholic Community**  
**Confirmation 1 & 2 News**  
**Classes are 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
**in St. Francis Parish Hall**

- 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)
- Nov. 7th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 2 Class (GR. 9)/ Parent Meeting for Conf. 2 (Grade 9) Retreat information at 6:15PM in Church (Mandatory).

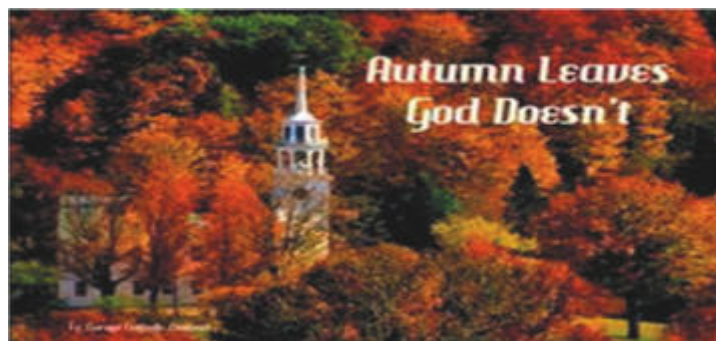
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**Grades 1-4**  
**Class times - 10:30 until noon**



- October 3—Sunday, Grades 3 & 4
- October 10—NO CLASSES
- October 17—Sunday, Grades 1 & 2
- October 24—Sunday, Grades 3 & 4
- October 31— Sunday, 9:30 Mass —FAMILY LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
GABRIELLA LYNN CORDEIRO  
daughter of MR. & MRS. PAUL CORDEIRO  
Gabriella was baptized at St. Dominic Church on  
September 26, 2021  
May God Bless Gabriella and her family.  
BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHAPTER #3669**  
**WILL BE HOLDING THEIR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**  
**AT THEIR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**  
**ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**  
**AT ST. DOMINIC CHURCH**  
**FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION, THEY WILL BE**  
**ATTENDING A DINNER AT THE CROSSROADS IN WARREN**



**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:**  
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**Pro-Life Sunday**



**Being Pro-life is**  
**motivated by Love**  
**and Love alone**



  
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