



# Mt. Hope Catholic Community

## Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday  
October 10, 2021  
Twenty-eighth  
Sunday in Ordinary



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.

BY TELEPHONE ONLY. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

St. Francis of Assisi Contact Info:

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Website: [www.stfrancisswansea.com](http://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.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-3:50pm prior to 4pm

Mass. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to request the Sacrament.

Parish Staff

Property Manager: Tony Roderigues

Office Manager/Bulletin: Colleen Fontaine

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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

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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 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  
**Maria J. Bernardo** by Daughter-in-law Laura  
**James Fennessey (Birth.)** by Ann Fennessey  
11:00 a.m. **Jerome Mendoza** by Wife, Paula  
**Eugenio I. Rebelo** by Alzira Azevedo

#### Mon. October 11

8:00 a.m. **Rose Fennessey (Birth)** by Ann Fennessey

#### Tues. October 12

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

#### Wed. October 13

8:00 a.m. **Carl Lopes (Anniv.)** by his wife, Susana

#### Thurs. October 14

8:00 a.m. **Maria J. Carvalho** by Sister-in-law

#### Sat. October 16

4:00 p.m. **Jack Comiskey** by Wife, Paula  
**Fr. Charlie Theobald** by Ada Simpson  
**Edwina Moniz Birthday Remembrance** by Family

#### Sun. October 17

7:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. **Leocardia Berube (Birth)** by her family  
**Horacio & Irma DeBrum** by Mr. De Brum  
11:00 a.m. **David deMedeiros & Manuel Pacheco** by Rose Pacheco

### 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In a culture where wealth was seen as a sign of God's favor it is no small wonder that the disciples were "exceedingly amazed" at the notion of it being essentially impossible for a rich person to enter the kingdom. It is important that the power of these words not be lost on us, especially in the United States of America, where wealth abounds. It is important that we not try to cover over these words by claiming them to be some sort of analogy; Jesus meant what he said. At the same time the Church presents us this reading in combination with the reading from Wisdom about wisdom. To hear the word of God and to bring it into our hearts; to be dependant upon God alone; this is wisdom. To be radically dependant upon God, this is a lesson learned more easily in want and a lesson more easily obscured by riches.

Christians do not believe that knowledge saves any more than they believe that riches show God's favor. Rather the gift of salvation that God gives to all who would embrace this deep dependence on God is based precisely on the ability to accept the need for help, the need for salvation; in a word the need for God.

The reading from Hebrews presents one of the most famous images of the word of God, and it is one that is appropriate to the message of the Gospel today: the two-edged sword. Surely this could be incorporated into the preaching of this or really any day. *Reflection taken from Liturgy.com, OCP*



### 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.

# 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 Family

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

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

St. Dominic Candle: **Andre Corbin**

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



## 50Week Club Weekly Winner

Congratulations to:

**David Fontaine**

Winner for October 3, 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*



### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 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.

## Parish Support

### St. Francis Collections - Oct. 2nd & Oct. 3rd

**Budget: \$1793.00**

**Repairs & Restorations: \$1077.00**

**Donations: \$806.00**

*Next weekend, October 17th the second collection is for Repairs & Restorations.*

### St. Dominic Collections - October 3rd

**Budget: \$ 2,941.00**

**Fuel & Energy: \$ 1,004.00**

*Next weekend, October 17th collection is our Monthly Building and Maintenance collection.*

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



### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

**OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF  
FAITH FORMATION-COURSE  
WILL BE**

**CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM OR IN-PERSON SESSIONS-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 Billiart 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](http://www.fallriverfaithformation.org).

**NEWS FROM FR. TOM**

**Anointing of the Sick Mass (Healing Mass):** Saturday November 13th at 11:00 AM at St. Dominic's. All parishes are welcome. We have not had a Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick since before the pandemic began. While the Pastor anoints people continuously throughout the year when it is asked for, it is also fitting to host a special Mass occasionally in which we anoint those who are prepared to receive it. We pray, that through this Mass and Anointing, the healing grace of our Risen Lord may touch you and bring comfort and healing to both body and spirit. A complimentary lunch with sandwiches, soup and dessert will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP by calling either Parish Office.

**St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Ministry:** 5 years ago, began this ministry to pray daily for those with cancer and their families /caregivers. **Do you or someone you love need physical or spiritual healing?** Because illnesses, and especially cancer, are among the most common prayer requests, I invite you to ask for the miraculous intercession of three powerful saints who can intercede on your behalf. St. Peregrine is the patron of the sick, especially those suffering from cancer and other incurable diseases. St. Jude is the saint of hopeless causes. St. Agatha is the patron of those who suffer from breast cancer. These saints offer hope and healing for many who are sick or suffering.

The ministry continues its support, even during these covid-19 times. Names can now be sent confidentially by email to [frtomcswansea@gmail.com](mailto:frtomcswansea@gmail.com) , but please mention St. Peregrine cancer ministry in your email. You can also submit an intention by taking a prayer packet found at the doors of the Church. Enclosed in the prayer packet is a special prayer card and Miraculous Medal. May God strengthen you, comfort you and fill you with His unsurpassed peace. We may not always have the right words, or know exactly what you need, but one thing WE KNOW we can do: pray for you.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Pray the rosary with us before the 8AM Mass. October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. 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.

**Respect Life Roses:** 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. The roses placed near the tabernacles during this month are a reminder of the life that we have been called to protect.

**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 weekend Masses. A schedule will be provided. Face coverings and hand sanitizing is needed. Welcome Back! We will also be bringing back the procession of offertory gifts next weekend.

**Altar Servers:** During the pandemic, the ministry was suspended for safety concerns, but 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.

**The Family Mass** is a comfortable and welcoming environment for families with children of all ages to come together to celebrate the Eucharist. The Word of the Lord is presented such that all age groups may more easily understand it, thus making their experience of Mass more meaningful. During Family Mass parish youth participate, thus providing a sense of belonging. The following is the family mass schedule: Sunday October 31st at 9:30AM, Thanksgiving Eve night at 7PM at St. Francis, and Sunday December 12th at 9:30 & 11AM.





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

**Important Information**

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

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)

Nov 14-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 5 & 6)



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

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).

Nov. 14th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 1 (GR. 8)

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

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

October 17—Sunday, Grades 1 & 2

October 24—Sunday, Grades 3 & 4

October 31– Sunday, NO CLASSES. ALL ARE ASKED TO ATTEND FAMILY LITURGY at 9:30 AM MASS.



**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**Walk for the Poor**

All the members of the St. Francis of Assisi - St. Vincent de Paul Society want to offer their “THANKS” for the support of monetary donations for the “Walk for the Poor”. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
**MARLIE ROSE DIAS**

daughter of DYLAN DIAS and ELIZABETH SOUSA  
Gabriella was baptized at St. Dominic Church on October 3, 2021

**ST. DOMINIC- SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**



**SOCIETY** will be hosting their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30PM..

**ALL MEMBERS MUST ATTEND.**

With the holiday seasons closely approaching, there are many discussions to be tabled.

Our Pastor, Father Tom Costa will be in attendance.

WE would like to thank our WOMEN’S GUILD for the delicious and enjoyable Chicken Dinner they served last weekend and also for the time and preparation they expended in organizing this event!

THANK YOU also to everyone who supported and attended this dinner and raffle evening!!! These functions are a wonderful way for our Parish Family to gather and share!



**WOMEN’S GUILD MEETING**  
**WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20th AT**  
**6:30 pm ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO**  
**BE IN ATTENDANCE.**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus Chapter #3669 are holding their annual COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN! Now thru November 15th you may bring donations of NEW COATS, HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES TO SAINT DOMINIC and ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

CHILDREN SIZES 4T-SIZE 18 are needed.

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, ONLY NEW ITEMS CAN BE ACCEPTED. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND CAN BE SENT TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS c/o St. Dominic Church., 1277 GAR HIGHWAY, Swansea MA.

**ST. DOMINIC’S PARISH COUNCIL—MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 @ 6:30pm. ALL COMMITTEES ARE WELCOME AND ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE**

**CLAMCAKE AND CHOWDER DINNER—DRIVE THRU**



**BENEFIT THE RELAY FOR LIFE**  
**WHERE - ST. DOMINIC CHURCH**  
**WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**  
**TIME: 5PM—6:30PM**  
**CHOICE OF RED OR WHITE CHOWDER**

**DONATION: \$15**  
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