



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday
October 17, 2021
Twenty-ninth
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

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.

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

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

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. 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. *For All Parishioners*
9:30 a.m. *Leocardia Berube (Birth) by her family*
Horacio & Irma DeBrum by Mr. De Brum
John Carpenter Sr. (Anni.) by his family
11:00 a.m. *David deMedeiros & Manuel Pacheco by Rose Pacheco*

Mon. October 18

8:00 a.m. *Carl Lopes (Anni.) by Eleanor & Dick Amaral*

Tues. October 19

8:00 a.m.

Wed. October 20

8:00 a.m. *Walter Laberge (Anniv.) by his wife, Gail*

Thurs. October 21

8:00 a.m. *Cecile Fontaine by Grandson, Matthew*

Sat. October 23

4:00 p.m. *John & Lydia Medeiros by Family*

Sun. October 24

7:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. *Blanche Heckmann (Birth.) by Ann Fennessey*
Edward Olsen (3rd. Anniv.) by his wife
Alfred Perry by Lorraine Medeiros
11:00 a.m.

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.

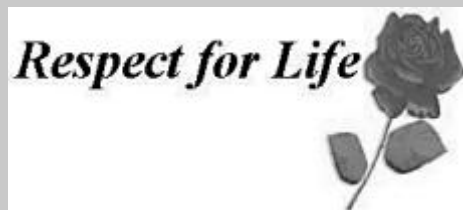
Low gluten hosts available: Please let us know before Mass if you have a need to receive this type of host.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October Respect for Life Month

Texas Bishops Praise Heartbeat Law "Unanimously the Texas Catholic Bishops celebrated the passage of this life beating bill and state, "we celebrate every life saved by this legislation". Opponents of the law argue the term "heartbeat" is misleading. Strangely they call it "embryonic cardiac activity" or worse. These attempts to dehumanize the unborn are disturbing. The bishops stress that abortion is a human life issue: the most fundamental human life is the right to life. Abortion is in no way healthcare. Abortion is not freedom. Abortion is not helping women as it is always a violent taking of innocent human life." – Texas "Heartbeat Law" Will Keep the Hearts of Thousands of Tiny Unborn Beating with Life, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.I., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo

Article taken from PriestsforLife.org



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: **John Carpenter, Sr.** by his family

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

50Week Club Weekly Winner

Congratulations to:

Angela Eddy

Winner for October 10, 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. 9th & Oct. 10th

Budget: \$2795.00
Repairs & Restorations: \$451.00
Donations: \$1444.00
Diocesan Assessment: \$719.00

Next weekend, October 24th the second collection is for *Propagation of the Faith.*

St. Dominic Collections - October 10th

Budget: \$ 2741.00
Bldg. & Main.: \$333.00
Dioc. Assessment: \$403.00

Next weekend, October 24th collection is for the *Propagation of the Faith.*

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college preparatory high school in Dartmouth, MA, welcomes parents & students of all middle school grades to attend an **Open House Event** on either **Sunday, November 7, from 12:00pm-2:00pm (In-Person)** or **Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30pm (Virtually via Zoom).** Faculty and students are excited to highlight all that makes Bishop Stang an outstanding faith-based, college preparatory program. Pre-register for either event at **bishopstang.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 covid19 times. Names can now be sent confidentially by email to 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.

The Family Mass is a special time scheduled each month for 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 at St/ Dominic's, Thanksgiving Eve night at 7PM at St. Francis, and Sunday December 12th at 9:30 & 11AM



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

What is the purpose of the Synod?

“While recent Synods have examined themes such as the new evangelization, the family, young people, and the Amazon, the present Synod focuses on the topic of synodality itself. The current Synodal Process we are undertaking is guided by a fundamental question: How does this “journeying together” take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? and what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? (PD, 2) In this light, the objective of the current Synod is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another, and especially to those at the margins, discerning the signs of the times. In fact, the whole Synodal Process aims at fostering a lived experience of discernment, participation, and co-responsibility, where a diversity of gifts is brought together for the Church’s mission in the world. In this sense, it is clear that the purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission (PD, 32). Thus, the objective of this Synodal Process is not only a series of exercises that start and stop, but rather a journey of growing authentically towards the communion and mission that God calls the Church to live out in the third millennium.” www.usccb.org/resources/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf



**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. 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)

Nov. 21-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 7)



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Confirmation 1 & 2 News

Classes are 6:00 - 7:30 pm

in St. Francis Parish Hall

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)

Nov. 21st-Sunday, No Faith Formation (Thanksgiving)

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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.

LECTORS NEEDED AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Please consider serving your parish as a Lector. We are extremely in need to increase the number of Lectors that we have at our 11:00 AM Mass here at St. Francis. Please call the rectory to give us your name, telephone number and email address. This will enable us to get your training and CORI paperwork completed. Please give some thought to joining the men and women that are now serving in this ministry. God Bless!

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED AT SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH FOR BOTH WEEKEND MASSES. PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY MONDAY THRU THURSDAY.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN!
WILL BE HELD AFTER ALL MASSES
UNTIL OCTOBER 24TH AND
ALSO AT WALMART IN SWANSEA
ON OCTOBER 30-31**



When you see Knights in yellow vests that read "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities," you should smile. When these Knights are holding their bright cans and collecting donations around town, they are helping to recognize the dignity of every person.

**BOXES OF 50 COUNT ARE \$8 PER BOX. PLEASE STOP BY
AND SUPPORT THE CAUSE.**



**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**



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BOTH CHURCHES AFTER ALL MASSES BEGINNING OCTOBER 16TH.


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