



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday
October 24, 2021
Thirtieth
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

FACEBOOK ONLINE: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Swansea-106809807662959>

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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Website: www.stdominicswansea.org

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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.

Parish Staff:

Property Manager: Peter Urban
Office Manager/Bulletin: Louise Guglielmo
Music Director: Ada Simpson

Faith Formation Director Gr. 1-4: Barbara Domingue

Tel: 508-675-7206
Email: stdominic1277@gmail.com

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 23

4:00 p.m. *John & Lydia Medeiros by Family*
Diane Roussel Birthday Remembrance by Mom

Sun. October 24

7:00 a.m. *For all Deceased members of the Parish*
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. *Theresa Oliveira by Family*
Robert Buchanan by Family

Mon. October 25

8:00 a.m. *John Zaegel*

Tues. October 26

8:00 a.m. *Cecile Fontaine Birthday Remembrance by Son, Ron*

Wed. October 27

8:00 a.m. *Patricia Fadden (2nd Anniv.)*

Thurs. October 28

8:00 a.m.

Sat. October 30

4:00 p.m. *Normand & Lauretta Michaud by Niece, Colleen*

Sun. October 31

7:00 a.m. *For all Parishioners*
9:30 a.m. **FAMILY LITURGY MASS:**
Walter Laberge (6th Anniv.)

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

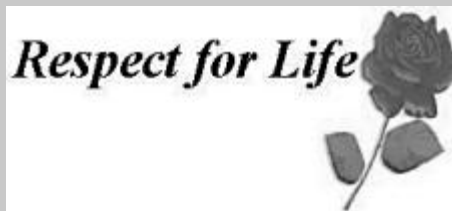
October Respect for Life Month

Where we begin...

"In protecting human life, we must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. We urge Catholics and others to promote laws and social policies that protect human life and promote human dignity to the maximum degree possible. Laws that legitimize abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia are profoundly unjust and immoral. We support constitutional protection for unborn human life, as well as legislative efforts to end abortion and euthanasia" (Faithful Citizenship, US Bishops, 2003).



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:

Chuck Doyle

Winner for October 17, 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.

*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. 16th & Oct. 17th

Budget: \$1887.00

Repairs & Restorations: \$800.00

Donations: \$550.00

Next weekend, October 31st the second collection is for Repairs & Restorations.

St. Dominic Collections - October 17th

Budget: \$ 2,159.00

Building & Maintenance \$ 681.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Diocese of Fall River

Office of Safe Environment

Mt. Hope Catholic Community

St. Francis of Assisi & St. Dominic



Our Parishes are committed to providing a safe place for all the faithful. Therefore, we follow a strict policy of The Essential Three for all who minister, work or volunteer in our parish. We ask for your cooperation and support. The safety of our community depends on all of us doing our part. Please visit the Diocesan Safe Environment page for more information:

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/office-of-safe-environment/>

Victim Assistance

Anyone who has suffered abuse by a priest, or someone affiliated with the Diocese of Fall River, is urged to call Carolyn Shipp, Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 508-985-6508 or visit the Safe Environment page of our website (web information listed above). Be assured that your voice will be heard.

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED AT SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH FOR BOTH WEEKEND MASSES.

PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY MONDAY THRU THURSDAY at 508-675-7206



NEWS FROM FR. TOM

Family Mass: Sunday October 31st at 9:30AM at St. Dominic's. This 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.

All Saints Day: Monday November 1st, Mass will be celebrated at 8AM at St. Dominic's and 7PM at St. Francis.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday November 5th at St. Francis beginning with Mass at 8am followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12noon

First Saturday Mass: November 6th at 8AM at St. Francis followed by Confessions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: We are open for forgiveness, please come to the Sacristy before Mass and ask the Priest for the Sacrament. We are planning a confessional area for the future.

Youth Ministry: Plans are being made for a gathering in November. More details will be in the bulletin next week.

Anointing of the Sick Mass (Healing Mass): Saturday November 13th at 11:00 AM at St. Dominic's. All parishes are welcome, but please RSVP. 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.

Thanksgiving Masses: Thanksgiving Eve night at 7PM at St. Francis and 8AM Thanksgiving morning at St. Dominic's.

St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Ministry: Names can now be sent confidentially by email to ftomcswanseas@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.



Parish Ambassadors: All pastors have been asked to submit the names of individuals from their parish community to serve as "parish ambassadors." in response to our Bishop's Pastoral Letter "Journeying Together". The Mt. Hope Catholic Community will be represented by Bob Medeiros, Fernando Jacome, Ada Simpson, and Deacon Gary John. Congratulations and Thank You!

Journeying in Faith: pilgrims' progress



For years I called Plymouth, Massachusetts, my home. Many people refer to Plymouth as America's hometown, and year after year tourists flock to see where a group of English pilgrims in search of religious freedom landed. More than half who made the Transatlantic voyage did not survive. But with the help of the native people, they learned to plant crops and produce a bountiful harvest, allowing their community to thrive and flourish. They were upheld and sustained in their quest for religious freedom by their faith and belief in a merciful and loving God.

As a child, I thought pilgrims lived in the past, but a pilgrim is a traveler on his or her way to a holy place. As adults, I suspect that we realize we are all pilgrims in our faith journey. This year however, the word pilgrim takes on an even greater significance for us Catholic Christians. Why? Because we have been called to embark on a very special journey by our holy father, Pope Francis.

There has been much talk of late about the synod the Pope has called us to participate in – but what exactly is a synod? The answer is really rather simple. The word synod comes from an ancient Greek term that means walking or traveling together. Early Christians developed a custom of local leaders coming together to pray and make decisions about matters affecting all the Christian communities in a region. Like them, we have been called to gather in faith, to walk together, so that our prayers and discussions might reveal God's will for us and the Church and reveal the ways in which we might realize God's will. The synod is meant to be a time of prayer and listening. A time in which all – bishops, priests, deacons, men, and women religious, and laity – will try to answer two fundamental questions: How are we living this "walking together" and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow.

Putting faith into action is not only about our personal but also our collective salvation. The most important thing asked of us during the synod will not be answering a questionnaire or attending meetings. It will be living synodality, that is, experiencing and recognizing ourselves as Church, walking with others. Each of us, as fellow pilgrims, has received a call and has received gifts given by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church. Through this blessed time, we believe the Holy Spirit will enrich us as part of the magnificent mosaic, which is the People of God, making us gifts for the life of the world.

We are being called to a holy place – a place where we, as a community of believers, may follow the example of those pilgrims who have gone before us. We pray that by following their example, we, too, may find ourselves worthy of the extraordinary gift of God's amazing Grace given to us at baptism. And when our earthly pilgrimage has ended, may we rejoice forever at the Lord's table in the heavenly kingdom!

Ada L. Simpson, Director of Music Ministry

Mt. Hope Catholic Community

of St. Dominic and St. Francis

Grades 1-4

Class times - 10:30 until noon

October 24—Sunday, Grades 3 & 4

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

November 7-Sunday, Grades 1 & 2 Family Class



**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. 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)

Nov. 28-Sunday, No Classes



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

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)

Nov. 28th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 2 (GR. 9)

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!

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
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TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES**

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



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 – St. Vincent de Paul
Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive**

From October 31 to November 14 we will be accepting gift card and/or money donations to enable us to provide Thanksgiving dinners for our clients. Special envelopes will be provided at the Church entrance starting Sunday, October 31. \$25, \$20 and \$10 gift cards from Walmart or Stop and Shop as well as cash donations placed in an envelope can be returned in the collection basket or the container at the back of the hall. We very much appreciate the generosity you have shown in the past and look forward to your assistance in helping us make this happy and blessed Thanksgiving for those in need.

A CHILD BORN ALIVE

On October 31st we will have a petition at the entrance to St. Dominic Hall which we ask you to consider signing. This petition would place a proposed law on the ballot in November 2022 so that all reasonable measures, in keeping with good medical practice, would be taken to preserve the life of a child born alive. Under the present Roe act passed last year by Massachusetts legislation, a child born alive has no legal rights to life sustaining medical care regardless of the circumstances of birth.

We need 85,000 qualified signatures to get this law on the ballot. PLEASE HELP AND PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN.


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