



# Mt. Hope Catholic Community

## Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Address:

Church: 530 Gardners Neck Road, Swansea, MA 02777

Office/Rector: 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:

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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 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

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St. Dominic's Contact Info:

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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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Music Director: Ada Simpson

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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. November 20

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

#### Sun. November 21

7:00 a.m. *Barbara Fonseca and in Honor of St. Lucy*

9:30 a.m. *James P. Fox (Birth. Rem.) by Pat Fox  
For all the Deceased Members of the Knights  
Of Columbus Chapter #3669*

11:00 a.m. *Jerome Mendoza by Wife, Paula  
Susan McClure Birthday Remembrance by  
Mother  
Joey Gonsalves III by Parents*

#### Mon. November 22

8:00 a.m. *Joao & Isabel & family by Maria Oliveira*

#### Tues. November 23

8:00 a.m.

#### Wed. November 24

8:00 a.m. *Carl Lopes, Licia & Adelino Rodrigues by  
Sue Lopes*

#### Wed. November 24- Thanksgiving Vigil-St. Francis 7PM

7:00 p.m. *For All Parishioners*

#### Thurs. November 25-Thanksgiving - Saint Dominic's

8:00 a.m. *For All Parishioners*

#### Sat. November 27

4:00 p.m. *Eduardo Avila by Ed & Nancy Avila  
Charles J. Bardizian by Fran & Mike Kelley*

#### Sun. November 28

7:00 a.m. *For All Parishioners*

9:30 a.m. *Ms. Nowak and Anita Sundelin by Anita  
Harrell*

11:00 a.m. *Louis Furtado Birthday Remembrance by  
Wife & Family*

### 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.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**—Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

### 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.



**Mt. Hope Catholic Community of**

**St. Francis of Assisi & St. Dominic**

**Thanksgiving Mass Schedule**

**Wednesday, November 24-7PM, St. Francis of Assisi**

**Thursday, November 25-8AM, St. Dominic's**

**As we have done in the past we would like to collect a canned food or non-perishable item to help people in our community. We were also made aware of a need for baby disposable diapers. In this season of Thanksgiving, please consider bring one of these items with you to Thanksgiving Mass. Receptacles will be placed in the altar area.**



***A simple fiat: serving those we meet***

I wonder how many remember Pope Francis' visit to the United States a few years ago. I recall being glued to the TV as the Holy Father landed at Joint Base Andrews in Washington, D.C. He was given a spectacular welcome. As he descended the stairs of his plane, the crowd cheered. Children presented him with flowers. President Obama was there with his family. The Vice-President, at the time Joe Biden, was in attendance too. It was the type of reception reserved only for the most important of visitors. Pope Francis did not speak formally to the crowd. He was escorted to his car and whisked off to the Vatican Embassy for some much needed and well-deserved rest. As the pope's motorcade drove away, the newscaster made special note of the car the pope had requested for his visit. Was it a Mercedes, Cadillac, or Lincoln? Not for this pope! No, his car was a modest, small, black Fiat 500. As the holy father traveled the streets of Washington, New York, and Philadelphia, reporters made much of the pontiff's choice of automobile: a simple Fiat.

I am quite sure that I was not the only person who caught the irony and smiled each time a commentator used the phrase "a simple Fiat." To me it was like an inside joke — a phrase that had more than one meaning to a certain group. The word *fiat* originates from Latin; the literal translation is "let it be done." In English it means a decree, an order, a mandate, a command. So as the masses followed the pathway of Pope Francis in his simple Fiat, many of us were reminded to follow the way of Christ as well.

As Christ broke bread with his disciples for the last time, he gave them a simple fiat, a simple command: love one another as I have loved you. (Jn 13.34) Each time we pray the Our Father, we say, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth ...." That is our mission here on this earth: to bring about God's kingdom. God's kingdom is not one of hatred, or violence, or prejudice. It is one of peace, justice, and love.

When we gather at the table of the Lord, we share the body and blood of Christ and we become what we receive: the body of Christ, his presence in the world. We are then sent forth to share the gospel and build up the kingdom. We are sent to become instruments of peace. We are sent to follow Christ's command to love God and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. A simple fiat? Perhaps not. But it is the greatest commandment that we have been given and the heart of our faith and our beliefs. Christ's love impels us to walk in his way, follow his path, and share his message with all.

*"When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Mt 22:34-40 NABRE)*

Ada L. Simpson – Director of Music Ministry

***St. Francis of Assisi***

***St. Vincent de Paul***

***Thanksgiving Dinner Basket***



St. Vincent de Paul Society will also be providing food baskets for a Thanksgiving dinner again this year. If you, or anyone you know, could use a little extra help with food security during the holiday season please call 508-673-2808. All requests are confidential. We wish everyone a happy and faith filled holiday.

***Pro-Life Quote***

"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral."

*Cardinal John O'Connor*



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

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

November 21-Sunday, Grades 1 & 2

November 28-No Classes-Thanksgiving Liturgy-9:30am

December 5-Sunday, Grades 3 & 4

December 12-Sunday, Grades 1 & 2

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

Faith Formation Program  
Grades 5-7 Class Schedule

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

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

Nov. 28-Sunday, No Class

Dec. 5-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 7)

Dec. 12-Sunday, Faith Formation (GR. 5 & 6) Family Mass  
11:00 am

Mt. Hope Catholic Community  
Confirmation 1 & 2 News

Classes are 6:00 - 7:30 pm in St. Francis Parish Hall

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

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

Dec. 5th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf.1 (GR. 8)

Dec. 12th-Sunday, No Faith Formation Classes/Conf. 2 (GR. 9)  
Retreat Day at Parish Center from 12:30-5:00 P.M.,  
(Mandatory)



*St. Dominic and  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Marian Medal Recipients for 2021*

*St. Dominic—Alfred Arruda  
St. Francis of Assisi—Kathy Sullivan*

*Congratulations to Alfred and Kathy. Thank  
you for all the wonderful things you do in  
showing your faith in your daily lives.  
God Bless!*

*The Marian Medal Award Ceremony will be  
held on Sunday, December 5th at 3:00PM at  
St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River.*

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

We are accepting gift card and/or money donations to enable us to provide Thanksgiving dinners for our clients. We prefer

\$25, \$20 and \$10 gift cards from Walmart or Stop and Shop as well as cash donations. Thank you for your generosity and assistance.



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OF LA SALETTE SHRINE**



A Bus Trip to LaSalette Shrine will be departing on Monday, November 29th at 3PM from the Park-and-Ride on Rte. 103 in Somerset. Mass will be celebrated at 4PM in the Chapel. The lighting ceremony begins at 5PM and you will have time to visit the Gift shop and Cafeteria before leaving at 6:30PM.

**MASK MUST BE WORN AT LASALETTE**

Cost is \$20 p.p.

**Call Joan for reservations at 508-678-8943.**

Benefiting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life

**SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH**

is seeking new members for a new committee called "Parish Life" The purpose of the committee is to oversee events and fundraising for the good of the parish community. Contact Bob Medeiros at (617) 997-6075.

Saint Dominic YOUTH COUNCIL will hold their meeting on Sunday, November 28th, following the Family Liturgy Mass in the Parish Hall.



**SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN  
AND TO SAINT DOMINIC'S CHURCH  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH FROM 10-12pm  
SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH COUNCIL AND THE  
GENEROSITY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO FROM THE NORTH POLE!!!**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus Chapter #3669 are holding their annual COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN! Now thru November 30th you may bring donations of NEW COATS, HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES TO SAINT DOMINIC and ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES COLLECTION BINS.



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