



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of The
Lord



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:

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 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

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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

Office Hours: 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:

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

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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.
Weekday, 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.

Fri. December 31-Mary, Mother of God
4:00 p.m. At St. Dominic

Sat. January 1, 2022-Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m. At St. Francis of Assisi

Sat. January 1, 2022-The Epiphany of the Lord
4:00 p.m. At St. Francis of Assisi

Sun. January 2, 2022

7:00 a.m. At St. Dominic

9:30 a.m. At St. Dominic—Lazaro & Pedro Sousa

11:00 a.m. At St. Francis of Assisi

Mon. January 3

8:00 a.m. *Deacon Gene Orosz by his wife Marina*

Tues. January 4

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

Wed. January 5

8:00 a.m. *Jiggs (Damase) Giguere*

Thurs. January 6

8:00 a.m. *Stella & Dominic Troy, Her 30th
Anniversary by Family*

Fri. January 7—First Friday-St. Francis of Assisi
8:00 a.m.

Sat. January 8—First Saturday-St. Francis of Assisi
8:00 a.m.

Sat. January 8

4:00 p.m. *Paul Flanigan 1st Anniversary by Family
Brian Phillips by Philip Lima, Jr.*

Sun. January 9

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

9:30 a.m. *Manuel & Maria Sousa and
Sons Lazaro & Pedro*

11:00 a.m. *Rita Crook Anniversary Remembrance
by Kathy & Bill Sullivan*

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.

The Epiphany of The Lord

This week’s readings are all about people from different cultures and tribes coming together to celebrate the Lord. In the first reading, Isaiah describes a caravan of nations gathering in the light of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul makes the case for salvation outside of the Jewish faith when he tells the Ephesians that “Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

This is a relatively pedestrian concept for modern Catholics, but for Christians in the years after Christ’s resurrection, this notion is radical. The special covenant between God and Abraham now extends to all nations, including those outside of the Hebrew faith. This isn’t something Paul proposes for the first time in his letter to the Ephesians. It begins the week Jesus is born, when the leaders of nations with no ethnic relation to Israel come and pay a tiny Hebrew boy homage.

We are often caught up in how our faith affects (and is affected by) the culture and politics of the country where we live. This week’s readings give us an opportunity to reflect on the international aspect of salvation. Catholics have a tendency to “get into the weeds” when it comes to living the gospel. This week, we have an opportunity to take in a much wider view of our church and celebrate the universality of Christ’s message.

Reflection taken from Living Liturgy 2022

Pro-Life Quote

“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.” *Thomas Jefferson*





In Loving Memory

St. Francis of Assisi memorial candles burn in January in remembrance of:

Sanctuary Lamp:



Altar Candles:

Dave Tuttle by Wife, Mary Anne

Tabernacle Candles:

Crucifix Candles:

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

Church Vigil Candle:

St. Dominic Candle: **John & Lillian Carpenter**

Center Vigil Candle : **Manuel & Maria Sousa**

50 Week Club Weekly Winner

Congratulations to:

Julie Mello

Winner for December 26, 2021

ATTENTION ALL 50 WEEK CLUB MEMBERS

As our club is now in the final stages, and we are at the conclusion of our 2021/2022 club. Now is the time to take the opportunity to not only **catch up on payments or make additional payment**, to ensure that your club is current. **Payments should be made payable to: St. Francis of Assisi.** Some members have not paid anything, if you are not going to join, please let me know ASAP.

Also, as in the past we are asking for your continued generosity with donations of gift certificates of any denominations. Any business giving a gift certificate will be sent a special thank you along with a copy of our booklet to show how we advertised their business.

All gift certificate donations can be placed in an envelope with 50 Week Club noted and placed in the collection basket.

Without all the support we receive from you, for our major fundraiser we would not be as successful as we are.

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 Collections - December 18th & 19th

Budget: \$2295.00

Christmas Flowers: \$1297.00

Donations: \$3124.00

Next weekend, January 9th the second collection is for Snow Removal.

St. Dominic Collections - December 19th

Budget: \$ 2614.00

Fuel and Energy: 825.00

Next weekend, January 9th the second collection is for Snow Removal.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Remembering Your Loved Ones

Mt. Hope Catholic Community of

St. Francis of Assisi & St. Dominic

2022 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 2022 Mass Book. Candles are also available at both St. Francis of Assisi (January 2022 candles at St. Francis still available) and St. Dominic's.** 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.

The Epiphany of The Lord

First Friday Adoration & First Saturday Mass:

We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8am Mass on every first Friday of the month. Saturday mass will also be at 8am with the opportunity for confession afterwards.



January 7 & 8, 2022—First Friday & First Saturday will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi.



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.

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.



ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Spring. These online virtual programs are being offered through Catholic Social Services on Tuesdays. The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follow: 4:30 PM - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4> or 7 PM - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7>. Please note: there will be no online sessions on December 21st and 28th, 2021, but will resume on January 4th, 2022. In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone. For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 Ext. 1111 or 774-253-4097, or by email at rsaraiva@cssdioc.org.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi December Christmas Calendar Winners

Fourth week:

Naiomi Case Kelly Naumenko
Melissa Crow Christopher Kadlec
Maria Silva Leonard Silvia
Meg Sullivan

Congratulations to our winners.



To: The parishioners of St. Francis and St. Dominic's

I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank all of you" for the warm greetings and gifts that I received. I am truly blessed to be with you at St. Francis and St. Dominic's. My Blessings to all of you and your families and warm wishes for a Healthy New Year.

From: Fr. Tom



St. Francis of Assisi Parking Protocol



Once again it is time to review the parking protocol at St. Francis of Assisi. Reminder that we have a one way road in, and a one way road out. We are instructed by the Town of Swansea, to ensure that these two roadways in and out are free of any parked vehicles. The purpose for this I'm sure that you are aware of, we must always have the room available for emergency vehicles. **So, please DO NOT PARK in those roadways or on the side of the roadways.** Thank you

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

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

- January 2-Sunday, No Classes (Christmas Break)
- January 9-Sunday, Grades 1 & 2
- January 16- Sunday, Grades 3 & 4
- January 23-Sunday, Grades 1 & 2
- January 30-Sunday, No Class—Family Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- February 2-Sunday, Grades 3 & 4

REMINDER: FIRST PENANCE WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 10:00 AM

Thank you for your continued support and have a Blessed New Year!



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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

- Jan. 2-Sunday, No Classes (Christmas Break)
- Jan. 9-Sunday, Faith Formation Classes (GR. 5 & 6)
- Jan. 16-Sunday, No Classes
- Jan. 23-Sunday, Faith Formation Classes (GR. 5 & 6)
- Jan. 30-Sunday, Faith Formation Classes (GR. 7)
- Feb. 6-Sunday, Faith Formation Classes (GR. 5 & 6)



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Confirmation 1 & 2 News

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

- Jan. 2nd-Sunday, No Faith Formation Classes (Christmas Recess)
- Jan. 9th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 2 (GR. 9)
- Jan. 16th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 1 (GR. 8)
- Jan. 23rd-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 2 (GR. 9)
- Jan. 30th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 1 (GR.8)
- Feb. 6th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 2 (GR. 9)



POSTPONED

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3669
PORTUGUESE DINNER AND RAFFLE

DUE TO RECENT UPTAKE OF COVID AND TO AID IN THE PREVENTION OF SPREADING, THE DINNER HAS BEEN POSTPONED. No reschedule date is available yet

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE – Are you looking for a way to fulfill a yearning to help others?

Catholic Social Service has many VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES... Bilingual speakers to translate and interpret for clients. Food Pantry Volunteers. Volunteers to sort and organize donations at various sites. Volunteers to serve our shelter guests and help with laundry. Food preparers, cooks, servers, greeters, and clean-up crew for the Soup Kitchen. For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva, Volunteer Coordinator at 508-674-4681 Ext. 1111 or via email at rsaraiva@cssdioc.org

MEAT PIE SUPPER



The St. Dominic Women's Guild will be holding a meat pie supper and raffle on Saturday, February 12th at 5:30PM in the Church Hall. Tickets are available from guild members and at the Rectory.

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of



***Ronald Archambault,
Agnes Perreira,
Louise Fortin, Paul E. Skileikis,
and Edgar Fontaine***

The Catholic Guild for the Blind is hosting a Rosary and Social Hour via Conference Call. The rosary and social hour will be offered twice monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM and on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. To join either of the calls dial 1-774-462-3143 and enter the Pin Number 8916. (Please Note: You may wish to save this number and pin, as it will remain the same for all future calls and programs offered by the Guild.) If you have any questions or need information about the Catholic Guild for the Blind, call Cynthia Stead at 508-771-6771 or Martha Reed at 508-674-4681.

**CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
IN A SPECIAL MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL**

**FOR COUPLES OBSERVING SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES(INCLUDING FIRST YEAR)
THIS CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 3pm
AT THE CATHEDRAL IN FALL RIVER.
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