



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday
January 9, 2022
The Baptism
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

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
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9am-2pm
Parish fax: 508-672-4716
Email: saintdominicparish@comcast.net
Website: www.stdominicswansea.org

FACEBOOK ONLINE:

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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
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.
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. 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. *Jose, Tony & Domingos Batista,*
Manuel Faria & Family, and
Maria dos Reis & family by Jacome family
Manuel & Maria Sousa with sons Lazaro
and Pedro

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

Mon. January 10
8:00 a.m. *Mary Viveiros (Anniv.)*

Tues. January 11
8:00 a.m. *For All Parishioners*

Wed. January 12
8:00 a.m. *Thomas Sardinha (Anniv.)*

Thurs. January 13
8:00 a.m. *Joseph Azevedo by Wife, Alzira*

Sat. January 15
4:00 p.m. *Diane Roussel 10th Anniversary by Mom,*
Elizabeth

Sun. January 16
7:00 a.m. *Alzira "Ziggy" DeMattos*
9:30 a.m. *Helen Bragantin*
John & Lillian Carpenter by Nancy
11:00 a.m. *Manuel Pacheco & Domingos Soares by*
Rose Pacheco

IN RECOGNITION

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO KENDRICK AND BEN BOUFFARD FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND HARD WORK IN REPAIRING AND PAINTING the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SIGN, OUR LADY'S CHAPEL AND THE GAZEBO ON SAINT DOMINIC'S CHURCH PROPERTY.

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 Baptism of The Lord

The first reading from Isaiah is full of contradicting imagery. Comfort for the people is followed by the scene of mountains falling down and valleys being raised—not necessarily a comforting natural event. Zion goes to the top of a mountain to cry out, loudly, and yet the Lord being heralded is a shepherd, gathering his flock into his arms. This imagery creates a dichotomy of physical stress (mountains falling, crying out) with comfort and safety (being brought into a hug). This reading accompanies the baptism of Jesus, which is also an ironic event.

Why does God need to be baptized by God? Because it is within this seeming contradiction that our own salvation lies. Because God is fully human and fully divine, it is through this act of living as one of us, alongside other humans, that our own lives are sanctified. Paul tells us in the second reading, "he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life."

Reflection taken from Living Liturgy 2022 www.litpress.org

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. Thank you for a Blessed Christmas Season.

From: Fr. Tom

St. Francis of Assisi December Christmas Calendar Winners

Fifth week:

- Margaret O'Donough Remy Wages
Susan Turzanski Craig Sherwin
Vivian Talbot

Congratulations to our winners.

St. Francis and St. Dominic Parishioners

In an effort to continue our support of CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we have extra masks that are being provided at the entrances of our churches, in case you forget your mask. You are welcome to take one as you enter the churches. We are encouraged to wear a mask as an act of charity and kindness to keep others safe. We also, have hand sanitizer stations at the four corners of both our churches for your use. Thank you and stay safe.

Catholic Social Services

Diocese of Fall River

On behalf of all of us at Catholic Social Services and the families that will benefit from your generosity-thank you!

The efforts of the St. Francis of Assisi parishioners will help to brighten the holidays for many of the families in our deanery who are experiencing a difficult time.

Through your service and willingness to make a difference, you raised \$675.00 in gift cards. Thank you again and God Bless!

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

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

- 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 6-Sunday, Grades 3 & 4
February 13-Sunday, Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 Retreat Day-Retreat Times 9:30am-12:30pm

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Faith Formation Program

Grades 5-7 Class Schedule

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

- 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)
Feb. 13-Sunday, Faith Formation Classes (GR. 7)

Mt. Hope Catholic Community Confirmation 1 & 2 News

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

- 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)
Feb. 13th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 1 (GR. 8)

REGISTRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY SUNDAY DURING CLASS TIME DURING FEBRUARY-APRIL 10TH LAST CLASS

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Faith formation classes will continue as scheduled. We will inform parents if there are any changes. As long as public schools remain open, the schedule will continue as planned.

THANK YOU

Pictures of St. Dominic's and St. Francis
At Christmas



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. Tentative date of April 2, 2022**

SAINT DOMINIC MONTHLY MEETINGS

January 12 6:30 St. Vincent de Paul

January 13 6:30 Knights of Columbus

Chapter #3669

January 19 6:30 Women's Guild

January 20 6:30 4th Degree K of C

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL NOW BE A
DRIVE THROUGH**

MEAT PIE SUPPER



**The St. Dominic Women's Guild
DRIVE THROUGH meat pie supper
SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 12, 2022
TIME - 5:30PM**

DONATION: \$10.00

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

From Guild Members and St. Dominic Rectory



SAINT DOMINIC

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH**

AT 6:30pm

ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE

HANDICAPPED PARKING



**IN ORDER TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE
THOSE IN NEED, WE HAVE NOW DESIG-
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