



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

January 16, 2022

The Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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/Finance: 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.
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.

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*

Mon. January 17

8:00 a.m. *Adelino Rodrigues (Anniv.) by Suzana*

Tues. January 18

8:00 a.m. *Joseph A. Azevedo Birthday by Mother*

Wed. January 19

8:00 a.m. *Doris E. Thibault by Ann Fennessey*

Thurs. January 20

8:00 a.m. *Maria Helena Antao by Sister-in-law*

Sat. January 22

4:00 p.m. *Helen Janson by Marita & Wayne Gray
Lorraine Fernandes by Family*

Sun. January 23

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

9:30 a.m. *William P. Little, by wife Natalie*

11:00 a.m. *Domingos Soares by Wife & Sons*

HANDICAPPED PARKING



IN ORDER TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE THOSE
IN NEED, WE HAVE NOW DESIGNATED EXTRA
PARKING SPACES AT BOTH CHURCHES FOR
HANDICAPPED PARKING.



IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND AND
WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST, PLEASE
HAVE THEM CONTACT EITHER ONE OF OUR PARISH REC-
TORIES, SO THAT WE MAY ARRANGE FOR A EUCHARISTIC
MINISTER TO BRING THEM COMMUNION.

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading, Isaiah sings a litany of praise to the nation of Israel, foretelling its future glory, fulfilled in the person of Jesus. God makes Israel's land "his spouse," signifying a relationship come to fruition. The church ultimately becomes Christ's bride, an image that describes the depth and dependence of our relationship to Jesus Christ. It is fitting, then, to pair this vivid imagery with Jesus's first miracle, his public debut, which took place at a wedding.

A marriage is one of the strongest bonds humans have. We are born to parents and have no choice in siblings, but a marriage is a choice, one that is made between two separate hearts, to join together before the Lord and create a domestic church. If you are married, imagine reading the first reading to your spouse as a love poem. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he speaks of the many gifts given by the Spirit. How do your gifts, and the gifts of your spouse, balance each other?

Reflection taken from Living Liturgy 2022 www.litpress.org

In Loving Memory

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

Sanctuary Lamp:
Rose & Dina Ripanti by Joe Ripanti



Altar Candles:
Dave Tuttle by Wife, Mary Anne

Tabernacle Candles:
Henry & Jimmy Ripanti by Joe Ripanti

Crucifix Candles:
Desiree Choquette by Priscilla & John Gonsalves

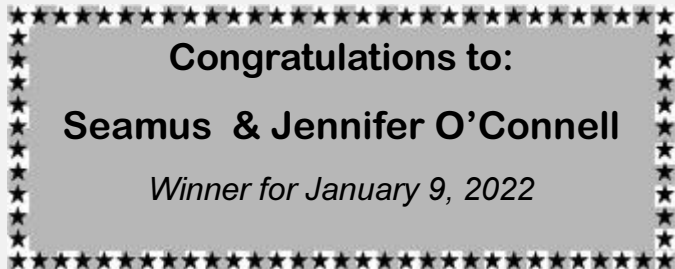
St. Dominic's memorial candles burn in January in remembrance of:

Church Vigil Candle: **John and Lillian Carpenter**

St. Dominic Candle: **All Deceased Parishioners**

Center Vigil Candle : **Manuel and Maria Souza**

50 Week Club Weekly Winner



Congratulations to:

Seamus & Jennifer O'Connell

Winner for January 9, 2022

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*

Parish Support

St. Francis Collections - January 8th and 9th

Budget: \$2614.00

Snow Removal: \$465.00

Repairs & Restorations: \$1538.00

Donations: \$2400.00

St. Dominic Collections - January 9th

Budget: \$ 2,288.00

Snow Removal: \$596.00

Initial Offering: \$191.00

Next weekend, January 23rd the second collection AT BOTH St. Dominic's and St. Francis is for Electric and Energy.



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 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.



In observance of Martin Luther King Day, the Mt. Hope Catholic Community parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022

Making the sign of the cross

A number of years ago, I would watch a mother and daughter enter church every Sunday to attend Mass. The daughter appeared to be in her late fifties or early sixties; her mother was perhaps in her mid-eighties. Despite her advanced age, the mother was quite able and agile, and she walked surely without assistance. Nonetheless, the daughter held her mother close as they made their way into the church. It appeared that the mother struggled with some form of dementia. They'd pause at the door of the church. The daughter would gently take her mother's hand, dip it into the holy water font, and assist her mother in making the sign of the cross as a mother would do with a young child. They sat near me. I would watch as the daughter struggled to enter into the sacred mystery while attending to her mother's needs. This mother, who had presented her child for baptism and traced the sign of the cross on her daughter's forehead so many years before, became the object of her daughter's blessing and care. The irony was not lost.

No matter how many times I observed the ritual between this mother and daughter, my eyes would well with tears, and I'd blink hard, hoping that no one would notice my emotional display. I could not help but think of my own parents, my grandparents, my daughter — of how in my own family, faith was nurtured and cherished and passed on. I knew that the elderly woman's earthly journey would soon be complete, and she would be brought to the waters of new life for the last time. The faith that was constantly renewed by the water and the Holy Spirit had been passed on to her daughter, who would continue living and answering the Christian call. As I witnessed that one family live out their witness to Christ and answer the call of discipleship, I was reminded of families throughout the ages who have passed their faith from one generation to another.

Many of us may not remember our baptisms, having been brought to church as infants by our parents; others may have come to the waters of baptism as adults. Regardless of when we were baptized, we were signed and claimed for Christ — and from that day on, we were changed. We were, we are, and we continue to be called to live as Christians and to pass on our faith. The cross is a central sign of that faith. When we make the sign of the cross, we recall our baptismal promises — those made in our name and those we ourselves have professed. Each time we hear the Gospel proclaimed, we make the sign of the cross on our foreheads, our lips, and our hearts as a reminder of how we embrace the mission, ministry, and message of Christ. It is a hollow gesture, however, if it is not reinforced by our actions, our words, and our lives.

"... Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me' [Matthew 16:24]

Ada L. Simpson, Director of Music Ministry

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

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES 1-4

With the variant spreading so rapidly & so many children & adults being affected, we will be canceling in-person classes for January & February for Grades 1-4.

So that our students can stay connected to us & not lose too many classes, we have created a packet pick-up schedule.

There will be 2 packet pick-ups.

Each packet will contain 2 lessons...these are the lessons they would have had in class.

First pick-up will be January 23rd from 10:30am - noon.

The second pick-up will be February 13th from 10:30am - noon.

Hopefully, we will return to in-person classes on March 6th. This will allow for 3 additional classes for each grade. Grades 1&2: March 6th, 20th & April 3rd (last class)

Grades 3&4: March 13th & 27th & May 1st (last class).

Parents will be mailed this information and will continue to update them via email of any changes as time goes by.

While we hate having to return to packets during this time, the safety of our students & teachers is our primary concern and returning to in-person classes in March will be a real celebration!

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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. 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)

Feb. 20-Sunday, No Classes-Winter Break

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Confirmation 1 & 2 News

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

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)

Feb. 20th-Sunday, No Faith Formation Classes (Winter Break)

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



Synod Reflections

Parishes and other communities within the Diocese will be holding special listening sessions as part of the global preparations for the 2023 Synod: “For a Synodal Church: Communion + Participation + and Mission.” To help everyone to prepare to take part in a listening session or to take the online survey, the Synod Committee is happy to share with you weekly reflection questions for consideration.

---How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community? How do they inspire the most important decisions? How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?

---- What are the places and means of dialogue within our local Church? What methods and processes do we use in decision-making? How can they be improved? Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the whole People of God?

Fr. Tom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SAINT DOMINIC’S CHURCH

January 19 6:30 Women’s Guild

January 20 6:30 4th Degree K of C

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A DRIVE THROUGH DINNER.



**ST. DOMINIC WOMEN’S GUILD
MEAT PIE SUPPER**

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 12, 2022

TIME - 5:30PM

DONATION: \$10.00

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM GUILD MEMBERS OR AT ST. DOMINIC RECTORY

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

FROM 1/1/22—1/10/22

1/1	#38	Dave Silva	\$50.00
1/2	#114	Sherrie Sardonis	\$50.00
1/3	#108	Charles Cabral	\$25.00
1/4	#135	Paul Strollo	\$25.00
1/5	#11	Pat Machado	\$25.00
1/6	#137	Gil Travers	\$25.00
1/7	#135	Paul Strollo	\$25.00
1/8	#32	Antonio Gois	\$50.00
1/9	#50	Robert Medeiros	\$50.00
1/10	\$82	Louise Guglielmo	\$25.00



50 Week Club Valentine Fundraiser

Starting next week, you will see in church a Valentine board with smaller hearts on it, indicating a Gift Card that you can obtain for our 50 Week Club raffle. On the heart you can donate that gift card in memory of a loved one. All those names will be listed in the program that you will receive at the banquet. Flyers will be available soon with more information. Thank you for your generous support of the 50 Week Club, our biggest fundraiser would not be as successful as it is without you.

Parish Weather Events Cancellation Policy

St. Francis of Assisi – Mass and Faith Formation

We just experienced our first taste of winter weather. Let’s review our cancellation policy.

When Swansea Public Schools cancel school due to a weather related event, Mass is also cancelled for that day.

Faith formation class cancellations for weather related events on the weekend, will always be on WSAR.com and announced on WSAR radio 1480 AM.

On the weekend, please use your best judgement when deciding to attend Mass. Safety first.



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. Coming together with faith and enthusiasm to enliven our Catholic Community. Contact Bob Medeiros at (617) 997-6075.



**PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR
OF REPARATION AND HEALING
FOR ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE
AT SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH
MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH
8:30—9:30am**


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