



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Costa, Jr.

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Gary M. John



Sunday

January 30, 2022

**The Fourth 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

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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

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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 29

4:00 p.m. *Lucille Plante by Daughter, Pauline
Maurice "Buddy" Durette 5th Anniv. by
Wife, Martha*

Sun. January 30

7:00 a.m. *Jose & Maria Pimentel and
Jose & Maria Bernardo by Laura Bernardo*
9:30 a.m. *Horacio, Irma & Fernando DeBrum by
Mr. Horacio DeBrum*
11:00 a.m. *William Sullivan Anniversary by Kathy &
Bill Sullivan*

Mon. January 31

8:00 a.m. *Rita Fennessey by Ann Fennessey*

Tues. February 1

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

Wed. February 2

8:00 a.m. *Ronnie Bernier by Carpenter family*

Thurs. February 3

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

Sat. February 5

4:00 p.m. *Edward & Collette Bryda by Niece*

Sun. February 6

7:00 a.m. *Paul Medeiros by his wife, Lorraine*
9:30 a.m. *Jose, Tony & Domingas Batista, and
Manuel Faria & family, Maria dos Reis
And Family, by Jacome family*
James P. Fox (35th Anniv.) by Pat Fox
11:00 a.m. *Louise Pollard & Son Birthday by Mother
& Grandmother*

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading is one of the most tender and personal moments in all of Scripture: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." Our Lord is deeply personal, and this tender attention moves directly into the second reading.

The section of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians sums up most of our faith. It does so in a poetic way, and it's no surprise that this reading is often chosen by couples for a wedding liturgy. Paul states over and over, in a myriad of beautiful images, that you can be the most successful person alive, but it means nothing if it isn't done with love.

We get a nice list today of the things that love is not. "It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth." Sit with this list awhile and think over your day.

Reflection taken from Living Liturgy 2022 www.litpress.org



**FIRST FRIDAY AND
FIRST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH MASSES
AT SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH AT 8:00AM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH AT 8:00AM



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:

Dorvalino Carreiro

Winner for January 23, 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*



St. Francis Collections - January 22nd and 23rd

Budget: \$2296.00

Electric & Energy: \$934.00

Repairs & Restorations: \$624.00

St. Dominic Collections - January 23rd

Budget: \$2119.00

Electric & Energy: \$812.00

Next weekend, February 6th the second collection AT BOTH St. Dominic's and St. Francis is for Fuel Offering.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

St. Blaise-Thursday, February 3, 2022

Blessing of throats will be at the end of 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis of Assisi.



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.

ORDINARY AND “not-so-ordinary” TIME IN THE CHURCH

by
Sister Marianne Postiglione, RSM
(Coordinator of Lectors at St. Dominic Parish)

As I sit at my desk in the Swansea complex where I live surrounded by the “ordinary” and the “not-so-ordinary,” I wonder what was in the minds of liturgists who decided to call that gap between the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time. I’ve discussed this with a few parishioners who also had been wondering about Ordinary Time. Is it a time to just “cool our heels” while waiting for the next big celebration or days of fasting and penance? Not exactly! Here is what the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), under the guidance of the Holy Spirit have written:

“[while] Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the Incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a **time for growth and maturation**, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.”

“...a time for growth and maturation,” OK, how do we do that? By starting with very ordinary things for example, babysitting your grandchildren, removing snow from an elderly neighbor’s car, cooking a meal, sharing the home-baked cookies with shut-ins, washing the dishes, or, if you are fortunate, loading the dishwasher, doing the laundry. Oh, my, what ordinary tasks they are! We do many of them every day; they are quite ordinary. But don’t be fooled because underlying many of those ordinary tasks you could name better than I, are gems of the “not-so-ordinary” or extraordinary. Opportunities for growth and maturation surely are evident here, drawing us to reflect on the “ordinary.”

But getting back to the Ordinary Season – can the common or ordinary things and events in our lives numb us to the underlying reality? For instance, under the appearance of common or ordinary bread and wine dwells the mystery of the Eucharist, the body and blood of Christ. C.S. Lewis, --“the most reluctant convert in all of England” states it well in his book, *A Grief Observed*: “Tomorrow morning a priest will give me a little round, thin, cold, tasteless wafer. Is it a disadvantage – Is it not in some way an advantage---that it can’t pretend the least resemblance to that with which it unites me?”

And so, a blessed Ordinary Time (with Lent soon to follow). May it reveal to you all the glories and treasures it holds within.

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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 are 2 packet pick-ups.

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

First pick-up was on January 23rd IF YOU MISSED THIS - 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. 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**
- Feb. 27-Sunday, Faith Formation Classes (GR. 7)**
- Mar. 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. 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 Brk)**
- Feb. 27th-Sunday, Faith Formation Conf. 2 (GR. 9)**
- Mar. 6th-No Faith Formation Classes/Conf. 1 Retreat Day (Grade 8) from 12:30-5:00p.m. at St. Francis (Mandatory)**

REGISTRATIONS FOR GRADES 8 & 9 (CONF. 1 & 2) WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY SUNDAY EVENING DURING CLASS TIME FROM FEBRUARY 6 TO APRIL 10.



Retreat time

Fr. Tom Costa will be away February 7th to the 11th. During this time there will be no weekday morning

Mass and parishioners are asked to attend morning Mass at one of the local Catholic Churches in our area. Funerals will be covered by visiting Priests and the office will remain open. The weekend Mass schedule will not change.

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

3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

FROM 1/18/22—1/24/22

| | | | |
|------|------|-------------------|----------|
| 1/25 | #108 | Charles J. Cabral | \$25.00 |
| 1/26 | #47 | Tony Pavao | \$25.00 |
| 1/27 | #20 | Grace Roepcke | \$25.00 |
| 1/28 | #161 | Peter Urban | \$25.00 |
| 1/29 | #2 | Larry Machado | \$50.00 |
| 1/30 | #75 | Jim Westgate | \$50.00 |
| 1/31 | #63 | Jordan Cabral | \$250.00 |

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHAPTER #3669
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.**

There are four—\$500 scholarships that will be awarded to students attending Catholic Schools in our area. There will be two scholarships awarded for grades K-8 and two scholarships for High School Students. You must be affiliated with St. Dominic Church or the Knights of Columbus to qualify. Applications must be received by July 31, 2022. You may pick up applications from the Knights of Columbus.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus Chapter #3669 would like to extend their thanks to everyone who supported The COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN! Over 250 coats were distributed to 11 different facilities, 6-8 schools, churches and shelters. When you warm a child you warm their heart and yours! Many blessings to all of you!



Catholic Schools Week 2022

January 30-February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw

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**St. Francis of Assisi
Family Life Ministry**

Calendar of Events

Save the Date

Saturday, March 12th—Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner-Take Out

Saturday, April 23rd—50 Week Club Banquet

Sunday, May 1st—May Breakfast

Saturday, June 18th—Barbeque Dinner

St. Francis of Assisi

Family Life Ministry

**Next meeting, Tuesday, February 1, 2022,
6:30pm in the Church Hall**



50 Week Club Valentine Fundraiser

Starting last 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, as well can be obtained at church in April. Flyers are available in church with all the 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.


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