



## Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin

### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – November 1, 2020

#### SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

November 2 - 8

**Monday, November 2**

7 p.m. **All Souls' Day**

**Tuesday, November 3**

8:30 a.m. + Domenic & Mary Ciaccia

**Wednesday, November 4**

8:30 a.m. + Kinnear Coffey

**Thursday, November 5**

8:30 a.m. + Gabriele Biondo

**Friday, November 6**

8:30 a.m. + Fernandes family

#### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, November 7**

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

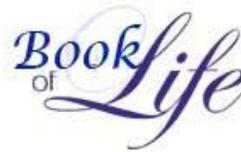
5 p.m.

+ Tony Jelenic  
+ Gerald McGraw  
+ Tonka Menart  
+ Ron O'Donnell  
+ Lori Sanelli  
+ Frank Suklje  
+ Alphonse & Elsie Whiffen

**Sunday,**

9 a.m. Intentions

11 a.m. of Parishioners



Beginning with All Souls Day and all during the month of November, the Church holds the faithful departed in special loving, prayerful remembrance.

For the past decade, Saint Dominic parishioners have written the names of deceased relatives and friends in our parish "Book of Life" All persons entered into this book are remembered in Masses said in our church each day throughout the month.

Adding names to the book is a bit different this year due to pandemic protocols which prohibit shared touchable surfaces. To add names to the book this year, here are two easy methods: 1) write the names on a slip of paper and drop it into the glass aquarium holding the book in front of the ambo, or 2) include the names in an email with "book of life" in the subject line and email it to [office@saintdominic.ca](mailto:office@saintdominic.ca) Names received will be inscribed into the book.

Please note: names added to the book in years past are still there. You *do not need* to resubmit them.

The **Book of Life** display includes a candle which commemorates those whose funerals have been celebrated at Saint Dominic during the past year. Their names are found on individual ribbons arranged around the candle that stands beside the Book of Life. These individuals will be further remembered in a special **Celebration of Life Mass** to be celebrated at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 17.



### Meetings Calendar

Wed., Nov. 4	7:30 p.m.	Zumba	Parish Auditorium
Friday Nov. 6	9 a.m.	Men's Scripture Group	Rectory MeetingRm
Friday Nov. 6	6:30 p.m.	Conquest & Challenge	Parish Auditorium
Saturday Nov. 7	9:30 a.m.	Zumba	Parish Auditorium
Saturday Nov. 7	11 a.m.	Regnum Christi	Parish Centre
Sunday Nov. 8	12 noon	R.C.I.A.	Rectory MeetingRm

#### VOCATIONS

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Have you ever considered a life of service as a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



**Andy Livingstone**, who passed away Oct. 28. Andy's funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 3.

**John Debets** whose funeral will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 7.



**Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin**  
**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – November 1, 2020**

***Our “One Heart, One Soul”  
Contributions at Work***

Exterior restorations and interior facelifts are underway at Saint Dominic. The project will be paid for from money raised by our One Heart One Soul fund campaign. The work is expected to continue through the first week of November.

Crumbling structural fences around four heat/cool (HVAC) units for the church and one over the parish centre were constructed more than 30 years ago. All five will be replaced with new fences that are expected to provide good service for another 30 years.

Inside the church – a major painting facelift is in progress. Paint is being applied to vaulted peak of the back sanctuary wall embracing the crucifix arch as well as the transept walls east (near the rectory, west by the Pentecost stained glass image and the rear wall across the back (Rebecca street). Additionally, all HVAC outlets and the first row of the church ceiling panels are being painted.

Updating church lighting will make for a brighter worship space as well as reduce electricity costs. The old fluorescent tubes all around the church’s perimeter and in the sanctuary up to the peak will be replaced with low energy LED lights. These lights should be usable for more than 20,000 hours and will reduce our monthly parish hydro bill.

<b>HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR</b>	
Monday, November 2	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, November 3	Rev. David Mowat
Wednesday, November 4	Chaplains
Thursday, November 5	Rev. Jim Valk
Friday, November 6	Rev. Raymond Reitzel
Saturday, November 7	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.



***Rachel  
McNamara  
St. Dominic  
Pastoral  
Animator***

Hello from St. Dominic School!

In addition to her role as grade 7/8 teacher at St. Dominic School, Rachel is the school’s Pastoral Animator whose role is to promote our Catholic faith within the school community and work closely with St. Dominic Parish.

This is Rachel’s sixth-year teaching at St Dominic, and she says “I have enjoyed every minute of my days with the students”.

In addition to her teaching degree, Rachel has a Master of Religious Education through St. Michael’s University and a certificate in Youth Ministry.

She said that from an incredibly young age, she felt a call to teaching. As the oldest of four children, Rachel was ‘the big sister’ who quickly took over life lessons that needed to be taught! She had three younger siblings and her mother ran a home day care, which after 25 years she continues doing. As she grew up, there was no way Rachel could get away from the desires that God put on her heart to teach young people. She kept finding herself in positions of leadership within her school and parish communities, especially positions that worked with young people.

Rachel is very involved at her own parish community of Most Blessed Sacrament, Hamilton. She remembers



*World Youth Day 2016, Poland with our Host Family*

that at the age of 16, her pastor at the time, Monsignor Roach, entrusted her to look after the Altar Servers of the parish. “He chose me, because I was the oldest Altar Server, and he needed assistance.” When he left, Father Ted

Slaman became pastor and saw Rachel’s energy and charism as a blessing for the parish community. For 12 years, Rachel worked endlessly with Father Slaman to create a youth ministry focus within the parish.

**Continued on page 3**



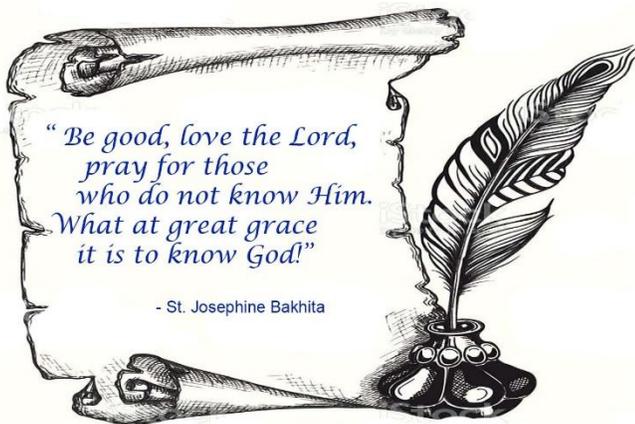
## Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin

### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – November 1, 2020

During his tenure, Rachel became the parish “volunteer” Youth Minister. Although this done on a volunteer basis, she said it requires full-time energy to advocate for the youth. She says she is still blessed after all of these years to be the parish Youth Minister under the direction of Father Charlie Jordan. In addition to parish-based ministry, Rachel has also sat on diocesan committees and teams to promote youth ministry within the diocese.

Rachel states that her role as a youth minister has definitely assisted with her teaching career. “Working with young people is not just about teaching them but growing in a relationship with them. Young people today have so much to offer the world, but in my experience will only share their gifts with the world when they are inspired by adults in their life.”

She continues: “My faith background with my strong conviction of my faith, provides a witness for young people. They see me as someone who is confident about God, the Catholic teachings and how it applies to my life. Students often know me as ‘the Church teacher’, because they see me actively involved around the school carrying out the Catholic faith. I have also been so blessed to be welcome into your parish community of St. Dominic. I have come to know some of you very well. Father Ranjan is a great support for young people in our community, he has been a blessing our school community.”



### FOOD DONATIONS BOX

The Oakville Food Bank continues to need food donations to assist those effected by the pandemic. Items most needed are posted on Food Share’s website at <https://oakvillefoodbank.com/needed-items/> Donations of non-perishable foods may be left in the Food Box in the Parish Centre. These items are delivered weekly to the Food Bank by Danny McBride.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the Catholic Christian Faith, it’s not too late to join this year’s R.C.I.A. journey at Saint Dominic Parish. Classes began on Sunday October 18 and all are welcome. Through talks, instructions, prayer and guidance committed adults are led through a journey of understanding and accepting the Catholic Christian Faith. For more information contact Father Ranjan D’Sa or Brian Thornton at the Parish Office. The group meets in the Rectory Meeting Room at 12 noon after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

## Cell Phone vs. Bible

*... something to think about*

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

*What if ...*

- we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- we flipped through it several times a day?
- we used it to receive messages?
- we treated it like we couldn’t live without it?
- we gave it to kids as a gift?
- we used it in case of an emergency?
- we upgraded to include 24/7 tech service from the Holy Spirit?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, we don’t have to worry about our bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

The newsletter is posted weekly on our website. Please email submissions, requests and/or suggestions to: [office@saintdominic.ca](mailto:office@saintdominic.ca)

#### SAINT DOMINIC PARISH

2415 Rebecca Street, Oakville, ON L6L 2B1

Telephone: 905 827 2373 Fax: 905 827 6055

Website [www.saintdominic.ca](http://www.saintdominic.ca)

Pastor: Reverend Ranjan D’Sa [rdsa@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:rdsa@hamiltondiocese.com)

Pastoral Associate/Youth Minister: Michael Aguiar  
[michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Terry Murphy

Parish Accountant: Mr. Brian Thornton

Secretary: Mrs. Donna O’Donnell

Custodian: Mr. Peter Coffey

Sacristan: Mrs. Judi Kingry

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4 p.m.

Mass schedule: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 4-4:30 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism** The sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated once monthly after the 11 a.m. Mass. Preparation is provided. Kindly contact the Parish Office at least two months before the desired date.