



**Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin**  
**FIRST SUNDAY of LENT – February 21, 2021**



**SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES**

**February 22 – 28, 2021**

**Tuesday, February 23**

8:30 a.m. + Joyce Shear

**Wednesday, February 24**

8:30 a.m. + Georgina Bourke

**Thursday, February 25**

8:30 a.m. + Leo Costello

**Friday, February 26**

8:30 a.m. + Guido Bardaro  
 9-10 a.m. **Adoration Hour**  
 7 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

**SECOND SUNDAY in LENT**

**Saturday,**

**4 – 4:30 p.m.** Reconciliation

**5 p.m.** + Monica Byum  
 + Maria Im  
 + Anna Kim  
 + Joseph Kim  
 + Kisoo Kim  
 + Tom Myoung  
 Int Bryan Flynn

**Sunday, February 28**

**9 a.m.** Intentions  
**11 a.m.** of Parishioners

*A Time of  
Preparation*

Lent is a time of preparation for the great Feast of Easter.

In the beginning, the church celebrated its only feast – Easter. Every Sunday, the early Christians gathered in some place to celebrate their “Weekly Easter”. Around 200 years after Christ, this celebration was extended for three more days known as the “Easter Triduum”. Gradually, people thought it fitting to celebrate the Feast for 50 more days until Pentecost. It was only toward the end of the fourth century that people recognized that the celebration of such a great Feast needs an appropriate amount of preparation. And thus, 40 days of Lent came into being.



Why 40 days of preparation? In the bible the number 40 is the time of preparation for a great event. Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights on the mountain without touching any food or water (Ex.34:38). Jesus prepared for His public ministry for 40 days and 40 nights (Mt 4:2).

The Israelites spent 40 years in the desert preparing themselves to enter the Promised Land. This time allotment means preparing oneself until one gets ready for a task or mission. We should seriously ponder are 40 days of lent enough for us to prepare ourselves for Easter.

Lent is also a time for the Lord to prepare us for His mission for our salvation. Our response to His mission for us depends on how well we prepare. This year, Easter may be the special time we recognize our calling. Why not give it a good try? Find out what God’s choice is for you and prepare well for it.

– Fr. Ranjan D’Sa OCD

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**

Monday, February 22	Rev. Marjan Gil
Tuesday, February 23	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Wednesday, February 24	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thursday, February 25	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Friday, February 26	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Saturday, February 27	Rev. Grayson Hope

*“Your paths, Lord, are love and  
Faithfulness for those  
who keep your covenant”*



***Thanks online Masses Appreciated!***

On behalf of all Saint Dominic parishioners, we wish to extend a special “**Thank You**” to Fr, Ranjan and Deacon Terry and all those who made possible the past many weeks of live, online Saint Dominic Masses. Special thanks to Peter Coffey and Vicky Ramla our video production and camera coordinators, as well as Pat Hood, music coordinator and cantor, Mary Evans, cantor, Bill Szeferenti, organ; plus the 10 Lectors who gave their time to practice and expertly delivered each week’s readings,



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### *Lenten Devotions – Many Options*

The pandemic has altered so many daily activities and plans. Few things can be taken for granted these days, but then again, it's not all bad.

Lent is all about reflection and penance, so traditional church expectations offered in new formats provide each of us new opportunities to explore our relationship with God.

On the traditional side, daily **Masses** in the St. Dominic Church resumed Ash Wednesday. **Stations of the Cross** will be also be celebrated at **7 p.m. Friday evenings** during Lent

In addition, there is a wide range of new Lenten experiences offered online, many of which can be done in your own home at a time of your convenience. Consider enrolling in any of the following:

A safe way to reflect during your Lenten journey this year – the CCCB Pastoral Offices have prepared a video series called **Journey through Lent: Video Series for Lent 2021**. Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines, and Archbishop Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, will offer reflections on the Sunday readings. The readings are available on Mondays prior to each of the Sundays of Lent. English and in French links for the series are available on the CCCB website. <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

Another good Lenten exercise! **Father Scott Lewis, S.J.**, renowned Jesuit scripture scholar, will present a series on **New Interpretations of the Holy Week Stories**, in light of recent theological trends and issues. Topics such as How to Read the Bible, difficult passages, violence, and the meaning of the Resurrection will be explored. When: **Tuesday nights** at 7 p.m., **February 23, March 2, and March 9**. Register here.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6216116257051/WN\\_am6a08yoRnqXhDsNXbaDgQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6216116257051/WN_am6a08yoRnqXhDsNXbaDgQ)

**Adult Faith Formation** – Our diocesan partnership with Dayton University Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) has seen an increase in enrollment over the months of lockdown. Currently we have two cohorts of Diocesan Youth Ministry Leaders engaged in a two-year certificate program, as well as Priests, Deacons, Parish Catechists, and lay volunteers all exploring adult faith formation courses for personal interest. The next cycle of courses is set to begin **Sunday, February 21, 2021**. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to learn more

about Dayton and course availability, please contact Christina Mines, [cmines@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:cmines@hamiltondiocese.com) in the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

Sign up for **Daily Lenten Reflections** with Dr. Tim Gray, well known Catholic speaker and author from the Augustine. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life. This free service comes from the Augustine Institute. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Technical difficulties prevented receipt of earlier enrollments for this service.* **Please visit:** <https://formed.org/daily> to resubmit your email address to receive these daily Lenten reflections.

### *Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration*



Are you celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage in? Due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19, the annual diocesan Anniversary Mass originally scheduled for June has been cancelled. However, you are still invited to register your special anniversary on the Diocesan website at

[www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Registration will allow the diocese to mail you a certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.



### *Special K of C Membership Offer*

Due to the pandemic, the local Knights of Columbus Council has not been able to recruit new members in the normal manner.

Thus the Council is making a special offer to the men of Saint Dominic Parish. They are invited to join the Knights of Columbus “free” via the online application. The offer is good now through June 30. Online registrations provide 12 months of FREE online membership when you use the promo code **MARODRIGUEZ**. (Annual dues of \$30 will apply next year on your membership anniversary.) To access the offer go to <https://www.knights.net/en/index.html>



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### IN MEMORY



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

A small, private funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Dominic last Thursday for

### Jeannine Marie Marguerite Sweeney

(nee Galipeau). Jeannine was a teacher with the Halton Catholic School Board and later a tutor.

She moved to Ontario with her husband Milton in 1968 when they became St. Dominic parishioners. She died February 11; Milton passed away in December 2010. She is survived by a son Michael, two daughters Sharon and Lorraine and two grandchildren.



Renowned for her passion for bridge, Jennine was a member of many formal (St. Dominic Bridge Marathon) and informal clubs over the years. Her funeral liturgy was recorded and is available for viewing at [www.koprivataylor.com](http://www.koprivataylor.com)

On Friday, a funeral Mass celebrated the life of 84-year-old **Edward Falgar**.

Three years ago, Mr. Falgar became a St. Dominic parishioner when he immigrated from Poland to Canada to live with the family of his son Maciej Falgar, his wife Ella



and grandchildren Adrian and Olivia. During his life in Poland, he had been employed in logistics.. In addition to his son Waciej and family here, Edward is survived by a daughter Joanna and her husband Wieslaw of Chicago, as well as a son who remains in Poland.



### Meetings This Week

**R.C.I.A. returns to in person Sunday meetings.**

**Friday, 9 a.m. Men's Scripture Group**, rectory meeting room

### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts are in the mail. The receipts cover donations received between January 2, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

### VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations:** God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.

Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same.

Amen. Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### FOOD BANK

**There is always a need!**

**Please drop donations off at the rectory.**

You are invited to bring non-perishable food for the needy. Items required, baby foods, baby formula, canned fish, canned meats, pasta, sauces, soups cereal. Thank you on behalf of those who will benefit.

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

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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.