



# Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER – APRIL 18, 2021

## SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

*Effective Monday April 19 and throughout the current stay-at-home lockdown, there are no public Masses celebrated at St Dominic Church.*

*However, Fr. Ranjan will celebrate daily Masses without the presence of the assembly, but for their intentions and especially for the following:*

- Tuesday, April 20** + Bernice Casey
- Wednesday, April 21** + Ernest Aubut
- Thursday, April 22** + Theresa & Roy Clunies
- Friday, April 23** + Samir Rafauli
- Saturday, April 25** + Allan Whyte  
Int of the Dale family

**Sunday, April 26**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**10 a.m. online: <http://saintdominic.ca>**  
**Intentions of Parishioners**

**This week-end's St. Dominic Masses - Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. take place as scheduled following the 15% capacity rule instituted last week-end.**

Beginning on Monday, April 19, 2021 all churches in the Diocese of Hamilton are closed until further notice, with the exception of the following – all of which are limited to 10 persons including the priest:

- \* Weddings
- \* Individual Baptisms
- \* Funerals in church

## First Communion

Congratulations to **Lucia Arguelles Briones** who celebrated her First Communion with her family at morning Mass, April 8.

Children from St. Dominic and St. Nicholas Schools were scheduled to begin celebrating their First Communions at week-end Masses May 8 to June 13. These dates remain tentative pending reopening. Confirmation liturgies planned for the week of April 27 are likewise postponed.



*In your prayers, remember those who are facing health challenges...especially* Lucas Dias, Gemma Webb, Bruce Cisterna and Karl Clunies.



## Order of Holy Gardeners – 2021

Last year, volunteers joined our Order of Holy Gardeners to help maintain and improve Saint Dominic Parish lawn and gardens. With warmer weather arriving, the buds are emerging and the weeds too, so we're looking for additional volunteers to join us this year. Volunteers help to pull weeds, fertilize, mulch and plant. More details to come, but if you're interested in "getting your hands dirty this year 😊" please email Peter at [ohg@saintdominic.ca](mailto:ohg@saintdominic.ca)

Our special thanks to Helen Danko, one of last year's Holy Gardeners. Helen worked to beautify the Rebecca Street entrance and stayed on through the winter to provide striking planters at the front doors for Christmas as well as the colourful spring arrangements, *pictured at right*, that greet you at the Rebecca Street doors.





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### *Volunteer Profile – Brenda Downey*

Creatively talented, Brenda embodies an energetic East Coast cheerfulness and tireless exuberance that are blessings to our parish.

#### *“Januarys”*

Where did all this creativity originate? Years ago. Brenda and her sister Linda made Christmas tree ornaments as a fun project. Always on the hunt for new ideas, the humble Christmas Tree Ornament project grew to include Christmas home decorations.

Having researched wholesalers and discovered such a ‘winter wonderland’ of beautiful supplies, the creative juices really started to flow and in 1999 the duo established a company called “Januarys”, a nod to their joint birthday month.

Their first show found them armed with armloads of glittery supplies, glue guns and tons of enthusiasm; they worked until all hours of the day and night, preparing for what was to become an annual Christmas Craft Show spanning more than 20 years. Word quickly spread. They began receiving requests to decorate homes for the Christmas season. A call came asking them to decorate a house for a Christmas Tour in Nova Scotia. Always up for a challenge, they packed the car to the roof (*no one can pack a car like Brenda*) and took the show on the road.

Soon requests started coming in to decorate for weddings in Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, a family reunion, a 50<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion, and for an Ordination dinner centerpiece. “Januarys” branched out further than either of sister could have imagined.

Fr. Charlie Jordan (a great supporter of “Januarys” from Mary Mother of God Parish, where Linda worked, unknowingly put “Januarys” on the catering scene. He asked Brenda and Linda to prepare lunches for the Bishop and visiting priests during confirmations, missions etc. It goes without saying that the tables were always beautifully decorated and the meals delectable and elegantly presented. Naturally, word got out that “Januarys” now catered! Brenda took on the enormous task of catering her nephew’s wedding reception with great gusto and did a fabulous job. So, to add to their repertoire, “Januarys” began catering and decorating for anniversaries, birthdays, wedding breakfasts, reunions and for just about any other cause for celebration.

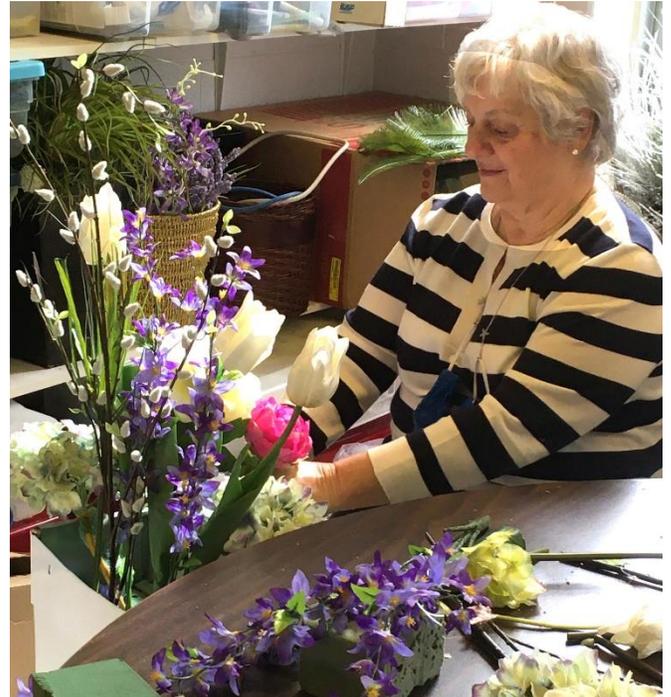
After moving to Oakville, Brenda volunteered to lend her skills to the decorating committee at St. Dominic Parish, a role she took on with much love and enthusiasm. Her ideas and design talents are second to none as is evident in all the stunning Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving decorating in our church over the years. She has put her



heart and soul into this job and takes much pride and dedication in what she does.

#### **Volunteer Screening Liaison**

In addition to lending her decorating and culinary skills, Brenda also is St. Dominic’s Screening Liaison. i.e. she manages diocesan mandated forms, police checks and documents required of volunteers who apply for certain ministries.



A native of Halifax, NS, **Brenda Downey** is the eldest of five girls. She grew up in a close-knit family, a tie that continues to this day with sisters Linda, Ann Louise, Catherine and Terri..

During her teen years in Dartmouth, she worked part-time at Zellers and was involved with a parish teen social club. Even then Brenda’s creative genes prompted her to begin decorating for the dances. She participated in school plays, church choir and the annual St. Patrick’s Variety Show.

While working at the Royal Bank in Dartmouth, Brenda met the love of her life, Earl Downey, another RBC employee. With all of her sisters in her bridal party, Brenda and Earl married September 3, 1966, at St. Paul’s Church, Dartmouth. They began their married life in Amherst, NS but were transferred to Newfoundland in 1969. While there, they had two daughters, Jill and Danette, and lived in Kelligrews, Stephenville and Placentia. In 1975, it was back to Dartmouth until they moved to Oakville in 1977. Brenda and Earl were both avid gardeners. On Sundays, they loved nothing better than to jump in the car, drive down country roads undaunted at the prospect of getting lost. They saw their outings as an adventure and a day of discovery.



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### Catholic Mom's Group Survey

Since 2019, the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry Office has considered initiating **Mom's Groups** within the diocese's parishes. To this end the office director, Teresa Harnett is seeking your input.

Initially the Office would provide a training session offering information on suggested formats and providing outlines and tips to ensure that those interested will be able to start up such a ministry. The exact details of each Mom's Group will be defined by individual parishes, but the proposed training would provide the foundation for implementation.

Before moving forward on this initiative, the Diocese wishes to gauge parish interest and is thus asking for your input. **Please register your thoughts regarding a St Dominic Mom's Group, by emailing Teresa Harnett at [tharnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:tharnett@hamiltondiocese.com) with answers to these five questions :**

1. I am interested in having a Catholic Mom's Group at St. Dominic?
2. I would like to learn more – by participating a brief session by ZOOM to explore the purpose of a mom's group and what would be involved in a start up?
3. I would be willing to engage in the training program without the afore-mentioned preliminary zoon session?
4. I think Mom's Group training would be helpful to the \_(insert name of group)\_ group, currently operating at St. Dominic?
5. I would be interested in a similar training/information regarding a "Dad's group/ministry"?

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, April 19	Rev. Christopher Tracey
Tuesday, April 20	Rev. Mark Morley
Wednesday, April 21	Jesuit Fathers
Thursday, April 22	Rev. George Nowak
Friday, April 23	Rev. Ireneusz Koziak
Saturday, April 24	Rev. Charles Galea

### FOOD BANK

**There is always a need!**

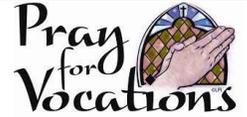
**Please drop donations off at the rectory.**

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.



### 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 Very Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, 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.*

Please remember **Joseph Topolniski**, brother of Leo Topolniski.

**NO  
MEETINGS  
THIS  
WEEK**



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: Office is closed except for emergencies.

When possible, telephone messages will be answered.

Please consult our website for additional details.

**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.

**Sacrament of Marriage** Please contact the parish office **one year** before the desired date.