

# The Torch



*"Generations Growing in Faith for more than 75 years!"*

St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

April 2016



## St. Dominic Parish Festival

**"BASKETS & MORE" is here!!** All the baskets and items will be right out on the grounds. All Festival patrons will have the chance to win great baskets of varying value! All baskets and other items will be raffled off on Sunday night. There will also be a Silent Auction all weekend long with closing bids on Sunday night.

Donations to our "Baskets & More" would be greatly appreciated! Here are some possible donation ideas:

- Trips (Do you own a time share or a vacation home you would be willing to donate?)
- Electronic donations (Xbox, Wii, Play Station 2, iPod, iPad, Kindle)
- Flat screen TV
- Gift certificates to restaurants or stores
- Do you have a business you own and would like to advertise? Consider donating a gift certificate.
- Tickets to sporting events (Reds, Bengals, XU, UC, etc.), movies or Cincinnati attractions (zoo, aquarium, museums, Kings Island)
- Sports memorabilia
- Salon packages
- Hotel packages
- Jewelry
- A talent or service – planting flowers, landscaping services, carpentry, plumbing, baking cakes, hosting a dinner or brunch or hors d'oeuvres party, grass cutting, babysitting, sewing, tutoring, a haircut and style or coloring, DJ a party, musician for a wedding or a band for a party
- And – CASH is always welcome and will be used to create gift baskets, purchase items for the live auction, defray expenses, etc.



We will be happy to make arrangements to pick up your items or you can drop them off at the parish office. Please mark them for "Baskets & More," include your name, if you want your name acknowledged, and approximate value. If you have any questions, please call Martha or Mike Queenan at 471-5683 or Judy Tensing at 451-2028.

**Thank you for your generosity and support of "Baskets & More" and the Festival!!**

## Pastor's Desk

Jesus lives and reigns! Disregard my message in the March *Torch*! There will be a St. Dominic Festival this year! A number of parishioners have stepped up and agreed to take a leadership role for our Festival this Memorial Day weekend. On behalf of the parish, I extend a special thank-you to Julie Patrick, Joan Mattei, Matt and Kathleen Habedank, the Wandstrat family, Mike and Martha Queenan and Judy Tensing for their generous offer of time and talent to this project. When they announced in school that there would be a Festival, the kids let out with a loud cheer. That brought joy and gratitude to a pastor's heart. My hope is that the whole parish will be inspired to get behind this project and be able to volunteer some of their time on that weekend. You should be receiving Major Award tickets in the mail any day now.

Gratefully,  
Fr. Jim

## May They Rest in the Peace of the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners, as they have entered eternal life.

**Joyce Roell**, mother of Tina and Mark Mersmann, Debbie and Jim Meyer and Nancy Roell.

**Agnes T. Trissell**, mother of Lisa and Anton Zillich.

**Larry Moormann**, brother of Rosalie Ann Moormann.

**Shirley Witterstaetter**, mother of Ann and Jim Schmidt, Jean and Tom Kollmann and Dave and Dee Witterstaetter.

**Jean Fiorante**, mother of Joseph and Ruby Fiorante and Lou Ann and Gregory Fiorante-Lundy.

**Clara Roberto**, wife of Alexander Roberto and mother of Pam and Skip Boertlein, Kathy and Bob Mitts, Mark and Anne Roberto, Steve Roberto and Angie and Keith Phillips.

**Ruth Grimes**, mother of Janet and Nelson Weichold, Robert and Debbie Grimes, Ronald and Shirley Grimes and Diane Grimes.



## In Memory of Fr. Bill Jansen

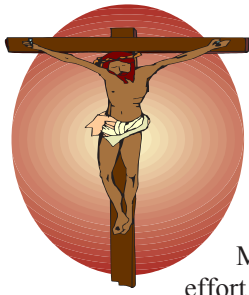
Fr. Bill Jansen was a son of St. Dominic Parish who was ordained a missionary priest on May 28, 1966.

Fr. Bill spent many years working in the mission fields until he returned to Cincinnati in 1998 to help the struggling Hispanic ministry in the Archdiocese. Fr. Bill died March 7, 2016.

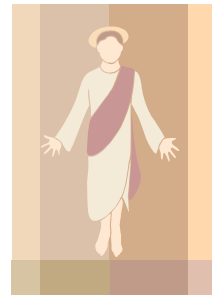


## Community Dinner

Our next Community Dinner is scheduled for  
April 21 in O'Connor Hall, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.  
Hope to see everyone there!!!



## **STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSIONS**



“Stewardship starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts. It is a vocation to discipleship. “(*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response-A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*). We have so much to consider as we progress through this Easter Season and spring. During our Parish Mission, in past years, we have learned that we must make a special effort, if need be, to forgive ourselves, all others and the Lord. Throughout the month, let us strive to further develop our personal relationship with the Risen Christ and give witness to our discipleship through our stewardship expressions of daily living, as we journey with Him and all our neighbors through this life, so we may be happy with Him in heaven.

***After all, isn’t “To be happy with Him in heaven” the ultimate purpose in living?!***

Consider what you have learned in Lent and Easter. Have you realized new appreciation for Christ’s life, death, and resurrection in direct relationship to your life and eternal future? How will you continue to appreciate and develop this special bond of love that Christ extends to each person?

***A steward is grateful for God’s love and returns love abundantly.***

The first quarter of the New Year recently ended. It’s a great time to review goals and check progress. Look at your budget plan for the year. Have you allowed enough time and treasure to accomplish your goals and to reflect stewardship in each? Consider the talents you have shared and will share.

***A steward is responsible in using and nurturing God’s gifts throughout life.***

A steward lifts vision heavenward, raises efforts to greater standards, and develops loving outreach in serving God and others. As spring bursts forth, consider what you are doing to reflect stewardship in daily living to make a meaningful difference.

***Using God’s gifts - grow and blossom where you are planted.***

Let your inner “sunshine” glow for others to see. Your hopefulness, peace, contentment, and comfort in relationship with God, and in stewardship expressions, shine as testimonies to the life you choose to live as one of Christ’s disciples.

***Attitude, word and deeds are visible “rays” of stewardship.***

Many people will receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation in April and May. Celebrate their progression in faith formation. Pray for their continued development throughout life. Serve as a good role model and mentor to encourage further personal and spiritual growth.

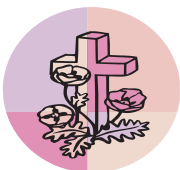
***Stewards mentor others toward a closer relationship with God.***

Enjoy spending time this month observing the changes of flowers and trees...following the movements of butterflies, bees and birds...watching children play...looking for rainbows after Spring and Summer showers...listening to music play...gifting others with time spent together...treating yourself to something as delightful as a good book or ice cream cone...taking a walk and sharing conversations with family and friends – just like Jesus on the road to Emmaus.



***Stewardship is enriched through many and varied experiences.***

Grateful for your surrounding gifts, say “THANKS” to God. Let God and others know of your care for them – don’t wait, delay, disregard or deny offering your attention. Observe, affirm and nurture good stewardship in individuals. Send messages of thanks to others for their kindnesses, service and special relationships to you.



***A STEWARD IS GRATEFUL!***



### REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH FAMILY...

**Have you considered remembering St. Dominic Parish in your will through a planned gift?** Just as you remember loved ones in your will, you can make provisions to leave a charitable bequest to your parish family. As you write or review your will, please consider leaving a special gift to your parish family. In this way, you will help to ensure that our parish can continue to carry out our mission and remain financially viable for generations to come, as many of our Parishioners have done in the past – God Bless Them in Their Generosity!!

A suggested form for your bequest that you may give to your attorney, which can easily be added to your current will or written into a new one, may read as follows:

*"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Archbishop of Cincinnati, his successors in office, title, and trust, as such Archbishop, as Trustee for St. Dominic Church, 4551 Delhi Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238, \_\_\_\_ % (or \_\_\_\_ dollars) of my estate for the sole general purpose benefit of St. Dominic Parish."*

*May God Bless You for remembering your parish in this very special way!*

### FOR DONORS AGE 70 ½ OR OLDER FINANCIAL INCENTIVE EXTENDED

Under the extended, and permanent, charitable IRA legislation, if you are 70 ½ years of age, or older, with individual retirement accounts (IRAs), the permanent Act provides a simple, tax-friendly option to contribute to the Parish and other charities.

Under the law, you may be able to make a gift using IRA funds without tax complications. So, if you are considering a tax-free gift from your IRA to St. Dominic Parish, you may find the information below helpful.

***You may contribute funds this way if:***

- ❖ *You are 70 ½ or older at the time of the gift*
- ❖ *Your gift(s) is \$100,000 or less for the year to all qualified charities, including St. Dominic Parish*
- ❖ *You make the gift(s) by December 31, 2016 for tax year 2016*
- ❖ *You transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA by transferring the gift outright to one or more 501(C)(3) public charities – like St. Dominic Parish*
- ❖ *The above rules, unless changed, will also be for future years to come!*

**You can easily make a gift while you are living and able to witness the benefits of your generosity. While you will not pay income tax on the amount, you also do not incur a charitable deduction.**

Quite a few of our generous Parishioners have already taken advantage of the opportunity to give in this way.

Also, be sure to contact your tax professionals and your IRA custodian if you are considering a gift under this law. Please feel free to contact Skip Roos, Parish Business & Development Director, at 471-7741, ext. 417, if you would like more details about this opportunity.



## Goldenaires

**Brown Bag Lunch** – Thursday, April 14 in O'Connor Hall. We will begin with an Open Planning meeting at 11:00 a.m. and eat lunch at noon. Please bring your favorite homemade cookies (and the recipe) to share. We'll have a blind taste test with a prize for the winner! Then we'll play table games for an hour with a winner at each table. Call Bob Raterman at 251-2693 or Marie Salem at 910-3938 by April 10 with suggestions and to reserve a seat.



## Vacation Bible School Details!

We are looking forward to our 4th annual VBS, to be held on July 11-15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening! The Vacation Bible School programs we have implemented are 100% Catholic! For the past 3 years, we have focused on helping the youth in our parish build their faith. We have learned about the seven sacraments, the Mass, awesome saints, and the Vatican all while having a fun time. This year, we will be using the "Birthday Blast, a Celebration of Life" program from the <http://catchat.ca/vacation-bible-school>. We will make crafts, learn some new songs, play games, and eat snacks all while learning more about our Catholic faith! Registration forms will be sent home in April and will also be available online and at the Parish Office. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more information!

VBS also needs many **VIRTUS**-trained adults to lead groups from station to station, and to supervise the various stations! If you have completed Virtus, and are available July 11-15 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. each evening, your help is needed. I promise it is easy and FUN!

If you would like to volunteer your time and talent, contact Linda Gardner at 451-3079 or [lmcgardner2@gmail.com](mailto:lmcgardner2@gmail.com) or contact the St. Dominic Parish Office at 471-7741. We have some wonderful parents who have already stepped up to help. If your child is in need of service hours, we will have spots for them to fill also.





## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... TIME TO RE-ENROLL YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD

April is upon us, which means that it is once again time to re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card. **Even if your card is already linked to St. Dominic School, you will need to re-enroll your card this April in order to keep giving to St. Dominic.** Kroger has a program called Kroger Community Rewards. This program gives CASH back to St. Dominic and works by linking your Kroger Plus Card to St. Dominic School. Kroger Community Rewards is the largest donor to the Tuition Reduction Program and accounts for over 75% of the Program's earnings. Enrolling your Kroger Plus card does **NOT** affect your Fuel Rewards or other individual rewards. It is easy and only takes a minute.

If you would like to link your Kroger Plus card to St. Dominic, here is what you need to do:

1. Go to **www.krogercommunityrewards.com**
2. In the middle of the page is a button to either "**Sign In**" or "**Create an Account**". If you have already linked your Kroger Plus card in the past or use your Kroger Plus card for digital coupons, click "**Sign In**". If you have never registered your Kroger Plus card click "**Create an Account**" and follow the steps in the following section (a-g below).
3. If you already have an active Kroger Plus account, sign in using your registered email address and the password you created. If you do not remember your password, you can click "forgot password" to receive an email to reset your password.
4. Signing in will bring up a new screen titled **Kroger Community Rewards**. Click the orange "**ENROLL NOW**" button in the middle of the page.
5. Now you will see a screen titled **Account Summary**. Enter our organization's number – **80206** - and click search.
6. You should see St. Dominic R.C. Parish School as your choice. Click on the circle to the left of the organization name (placing a dot in it), to mark the selection. Then click the orange "**ENROLL**" button to complete the enrollment process.
7. This will now take you back to your **Account Summary** page and you should see a green message that says, "*Your enrollment in the Community Rewards Program has been updated. Thank you for participating!*"
8. You may now sign out of your account. You can check at any time to make sure that your Kroger Plus card is linked to St. Dominic by logging into your account from the **www.krogercommunityrewards.com** website. You can also check the bottom of your Kroger receipt. At the very bottom of your receipt it should read, "*2016-2017 Kroger Community Rewards. You requested Kroger to donate to St. Dominic R.C. Parish School*".

**\*\* Note: If you have never registered your Kroger Plus Card, you can create an account by:**

- a) Going to **www.krogercommunityrewards.com**
- b) Select "**Create an Account**" in the middle of the page
- c) This opens up a new page where you can enter your email address and create a password
- d) Next you select your Kroger location and click "**Create Account**". Your account has now been created and this brings up a screen to **Add a Kroger Plus Card to your Account**.
  - o Here you can either enter in your Kroger Plus Card number or your 10 digit alternate ID.
  - o You will now have to enter the last name that is registered to this Kroger Plus Card.
- e) This brings you to your **Account Summary**
- f) Now just follow steps 4-8 above to enroll your Kroger Plus Card and to designate St. Dominic as your organization.
- g) If you do not know your Kroger Plus Cards number or the phone number used for your account, you can call 1-800-576-4377, option 3, to get your Kroger Plus Card number.

**\*\*\*** If you have **ANY** problems, or do not have an email address and would like to set one up to link your Kroger Plus Card to St. Dominic, please contact Amy Walter (347-0139) or Pam Kent (451-0416). We are more than happy to help you set this up! **\*\*\***

## St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program Robben Florist Fund Raiser

Just in time for spring, First Communion and Mother's Day, Robben Florist is hosting not one, but two **ALL-DAY** fund raisers for the St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program! Please join us Wednesday, April 20 **AND** Tuesday, April 26, at Robben Florist to raise money for the St. Dominic School Tuition Reduction Program. 10% of ALL in-store purchases will be donated back to St. Dominic. Gift card purchases are excluded. A flyer must be presented for a donation to be made to St. Dominic. If you have any questions, or need additional flyers, please contact Amy Walter (347-0139) or Pam Kent (451-0416). Grab your family and friends and join us to help support St. Dominic School!

Please Join us for a  
St. Dominic School Fund Raiser at:

### ROBBEN FLORIST



ALL DAY Wednesday, April 20, 2016

AND

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8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  
352 Pedretti Road

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### Aluminum Can Recycling

Please remember to recycle your aluminum cans through the Parish and continue to make our "Recycling Challenge" a success. This program provides funds to Our Parish' Boy and Cub Scouts, School and the Parish at large. In fact, since this program's 2007 inception, our Scouts have received over \$8,700. The recycling container is located in front of the gymnasium toward the main parking lot. Please place only aluminum cans IN the dumpster – No Glass, Plastic or Paper (other than the bag in which you bring the cans).

So, bring your aluminum cans for recycling to St. Dominic – before Mass, after School, before Parish Ministry Gatherings or just anytime. Please help us to continue to make this a HUGE SUCCESS and provide support for our Scouts!! Thank you for your continued and increased participation.

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## **2016 ST. DOMINIC PARISH FESTIVAL**



The tradition continues...

### **THE FESTIVAL IS ON!**

Our Festival will take place Memorial Day weekend: May 27, 28 & 29

*The March TORCH has a message from Fr. Jim that the Festival has been canceled, but thanks to some very capable people who are stepping up and taking the reins, we will be able to have the Festival this year.*

Check back for updates on the website or look for information about the Festival and how you can help in the bulletin or *TORCH*.