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Faith for more than 75 years!"*

**St. Dominic
Parish**

**Delhi Township,
OH**

January 2017

Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year everyone! My prayer for all of you is that this year you will live in the awareness of God's graciousness and love for you. Our life is a gift from God. It is gratuitous. We didn't earn it. It is grace. God's plan and desire for us is that we share God's own divine life for all eternity! What that will be like we can only imagine. We are beloved sons and daughters of God and heirs of eternal life. We are truly blessed. Living in that awareness leads to happy and grateful living. May that happy and grateful living be yours this year.

Ladies of the parish, please join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal on March 11 and 12. A team of women from the parish and I will be offering a Christ Renews His Parish weekend. If you have been putting this off, perhaps "now is the acceptable time, now is the time of salvation!" Call the office to reserve a spot. Fun, laughter, prayer, scripture, witness, good food, community, inspiration! Join us. Bring a friend! It will be a weekend you will not forget. Ladies already signed up for the weekend are: Stephanie Audette, Jenny Berndsen, Joan Buzek, Jo Ann Neidich, Rose Kremer, Missy Jasper, and Vi Bronner.

Finally, if any of you have drifted away from parish life over the years, please know that you are always welcome to come back and reconnect with some wonderful people. The beginning of a new year is a good time to do it.

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.

Nancy Dierkes, wife of Dick Dierkes and mother of Chris and Chloe Dierkes and Katie and Bob Meyer.

Mildred Bauer, mother of Lois Anne Latscha, Ralph and Sue Bauer, David Bauer, Greg and Mary Bauer, Ed and Linda Bauer, Jean and Rick Cooper, Tim Bauer, Ray and Pattie Bauer, Tom and Terri Bauer, Angela and Nanno van Eysinga, Mary and Lance Massie, John Bauer, Joe Bauer, and Juliana and Barry Deckert.

Rudolf Hermes, husband of Carole Hermes and father of Krista Werbil, Anne Volkmann, Tyson and Julie Hermes and Erik and Melissa Hermes.

John Streicher, father of Sandra and Dan Lankin, Nancy and Dan Braun, Jack and Debra Streicher and Rob and Vonda Streicher.

Donald Tobler, husband of Dianna Linahan Tobler and father of Don and Linda Tobler Jr., Tom and Marie Tobler, Connie and Kirk Dupont, Joe and Catherine Tobler, Mark and Amy Tobler, Matt and Liz Tobler, Kelly and Keith Nation and Kristy Brulport.

2017 Church Envelopes

The envelopes for 2017 have all been picked up, delivered by parishioners or mailed. If you have not received your envelopes, please call the parish office at 471-7741. Also, if you normally do not use envelopes, but would like to begin using them, please call to request them.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the distribution of envelopes go so smoothly. Happy New Year!

Men's Society November Lottery Winners

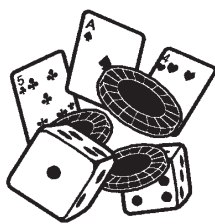
November 1	#417 - Roberta Catanzaro	November 16	#293 - Ray Blazer
November 2	#765 - Bonnie Forbeck	November 17	#554 - Rose Stertz
November 3	#245 - Bob Murphy	November 18	#633 - Caroline Clissold
November 4	#468 - Nate Seltzer	November 19	#669 - Mary Jones
November 5	#742 - Will & Nick Fettig	November 21	#530 - Jim Wohlfrom
November 7	#270 - St. Vincent de Paul	November 22	#140 - Karen Lyons
November 8	#053 - Taylor O'Leary	November 23	#691 - Mary Jones
November 9	#463 - Jim Gresham	November 24	#628 - Joe Scherer
November 10	#903 - Alice Roch	November 25	#814 - Mary Lou Hausman
November 11	#414 - Glenn Henderer	November 26	#530 - Jim Wohlfrom
November 12	#779 - Dave Witterstaetter	November 28	#147 - Nathan Delillo
November 14	#260 - Jim Forbeck	November 29	#513 - Mike Rosiello
November 15	#618 - Frances Carroll	November 30	#406 - Julie Sokolis

Giving Tree

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Giving Tree this year.

Whether you brought presents, sent a donation, wrote out gift tags, sorted gifts or helped to load and unload the trucks, we couldn't have done it without you. Because of your help, we were able to provide added joy to over 750 recipients from St. Leo Parish, Holy Family Parish and our own St. Dominic Parish this year.





Las Vegas Night!

The parish Las Vegas Night for capital improvements will be held in the gym on Saturday, February 25, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Our major award is a VERY important part of this event and your support is appreciated.

MAJOR AWARD PRIZES

1st Prize, \$1,000.00

2nd Prize, \$500.00

3rd Prize, \$300.00

4th & 5th Prize, \$100.00

We are asking each family to buy or sell some of the major award tickets. Ticket prices are: \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00, and 10 for \$20.00 (whole sheet).

Additional tickets will be available in the Parish Office or at the doors of church in February. Returns can be made to the Parish Office (by mail if necessary), deposited in the collection basket, or at the doors of the church in February.

If you wish to volunteer the night of this event, contact Mark Caskey at 305-8022 or the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. If you would like to deal, you can contact Russ Lipps at 921-3270 or Dan Doll at 227-0033. If you would like to sponsor a horse for \$25.00, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

Parish Office Hours and Inclement Weather

Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will modify its hours of operation as follows: open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time of 4:00 p.m. We felt the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, in order to ensure the safety of all of our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience. *St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.*



The CRHP women's team is preparing to offer to parishioners the gift of a renewal weekend on March 11-12. It is a blessing to see the effects of the renewal that Jesus Christ brings about in His people. We don't have to go somewhere else for our spiritual renewal. Ongoing spiritual renewal is the reason we organized parishes in the first place. Come join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal. Experience the Good News of Jesus Christ. This process is at the core of what we are about as a parish community. Take a risk and call and make a reservation to join us. Call Fr. Jim or Carole at 471-7741.

Goldenaires

Planning Meeting – We will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1 to lock down activities for the first half of 2017. Bring your calendars and activities. We are hoping to have a brown bag lunch in January to warm us up! Please watch the bulletin for those details.

Lenten Lecture Series

This Lent, at St. Dominic, you will have an opportunity like never before, to renew your discipleship and make this Easter your most joyous and profoundly spiritual yet! Prepare your heart to truly receive Jesus' resurrection blessings by attending the Lenten Lecture Series that will be presented here starting Wednesday, March 8 (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday). Presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be no longer than one hour, followed by discussion, reflection and light refreshment. The series continues for five consecutive Wednesday evenings. You will not want to miss these evenings of renewal and encouragement, enlightenment and fellowship!

The first presentation will be by Deacon Amado Lim of All Saints Parish, who is also an instructor for the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program through the Athenaeum of Ohio. He has done extensive study on the Eucharist and if you believe you already know, love, and appreciate our Eucharistic Lord, you are in for an amazing discovery of a deeper, richer, truer awakening of the Gift we receive at each Mass.

The following Wednesdays we will hear an inspiring message from Fr. Ray Kellerman, Fr. Jim Schutte, Bishop Joe Binzer and Fr. Bob Hater, each with an important aspect of renewing our discipleship. Mark your calendars now for these Wednesdays during Lent. If you are unable to make all five, each one will be beneficial and meaningful on its own. You will be more in love with our Lord by Easter and ready to live your life for Him more fully.

Lectures will be held in Church or in O'Connor Hall, watch for details prior to each week's presentation. No need to preregister, all you need to do is join us for the wonderful opportunity.

St. Dominic's New Adult Education Program

Learn More About Your Faith through Adult Education! St. Dominic Parish announces the creation of its new Adult Education Program starting on Sunday, January 8. This is an informal, discussion-oriented program that is designed to offer answers to questions you always wanted to ask. Classes will meet in the Parish Center on Sunday mornings following the 9:30 a.m. Mass and will last approximately one hour. The program will run for ten weeks and you are free to attend as many of the meetings as you wish. Classes will be led by Joe Zalot. Joe earned his Ph.D. in systematic theology/ethics and is a St. Dominic parishioner. There is no charge for the Adult Education Program and all are welcome. Here's the schedule of the topics we will cover:

- Week 1: "Defining" the Catholic Church – it's more than just a building. The Church as one, holy (the Church is holy?), catholic, and apostolic
- Week 2: Structure of the Catholic Church – "What is the laity and what role does it play?" "What is a deacon, priest, bishop, archbishop, cardinal, and pope ... and what do they do?"
- Week 3: What happens when we die? – "Will I go to heaven, hell, or purgatory?"
- Week 4: "What do I believe?" (part 1) – The foundational beliefs of the Apostles Creed (we say this in church)
- Week 5: "What do I believe?" (part 2) – Heresy and how it influenced the Nicene/Constantinople Creed (what does consubstantial mean?)
- Week 6: Sacraments – "What is a sacrament and how are sacraments efficacious (what ??)?"
- Week 7: Sacrament of Baptism – "It's more than just the water ... and a party"
- Week 8: Sacrament of the Eucharist – "The bread and wine are really Jesus' body and blood?!?"
- Week 9: Sacrament of Marriage (part 1) – "What's marriage for, and why is it a lifetime commitment?"
- Week 10: Sacrament of Marriage (part 2) – "Why can't we just live together ... why is it one man and one woman?"



OPEN HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As part of this year's celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Dominic School is inviting all parents, grandparents, friends, relatives, and the Delhi community to an Open House on **Sunday, January 29, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

Current Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st-8th Grade students and their families can meet the staff, view the students' work, enjoy refreshments hosted by the PTO and take a self-guided tour of the building between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. A drawing for tuition credits will also take place. Please come and share in our pride of St. Dominic School as we celebrate this year's theme, **"Catholic Schools, Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."**

Prospective Kindergarten families can meet the teachers and view the Kindergarten (Rooms 100 and 101) starting at 1:30 p.m. Members of the Education Commission will be available outside the Kindergarten rooms for tours of the building.

Prospective families of students in grades 1-8 will receive a guided tour of the school with a member of the Education Commission starting at 12:30 p.m. in the school office. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and see the classrooms of interest to them as part of their tour.

Prospective Preschool parents are invited to a very special evening on Wednesday, February 1, starting at 7:00 p.m. Meet the teachers, see the preschool rooms, and hear about our preschool program and what St. Dominic Preschool can do for your young child. We look forward to meeting you!

Tuition Reduction Program Updates

Panera Fund Raiser Thank You - Thank you to everyone who attended the Panera Bread fund raiser on November 15. It was a HUGE success! Because of the wonderful support from our school and parish friends and family members, we earned \$845 for the Tuition Reduction Program!!! That is AMAZING!! Thank you to those who bought gift cards to support the cause as well. It would not have been a success without the support of everyone. Thank you!

Chipotle Fund Raiser Dinner - Mark your Calendars and please join us at the Delhi Chipotle on Monday, January 23, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for dinner. **50% of the amount brought in by St. Dominic supporters** will be donated back to the Tuition Reduction Program. Gift card purchases DO NOT count towards the amount donated back to St. Dominic. This program helps to reduce the cost of tuition for every student at St. Dominic School. Just bring in the flyer (available in the January 22 bulletin), show it on your smart phone, or tell the cashier that you are there to support St. Dominic and **50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Dominic.** If you need a flyer or have questions, please contact Amy Walter at awalter@fuse.net or Pam Kent at tkent12089@aol.com. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!!!

St. Dominic Honor Roll

First Quarter 2016 - 2017

1st Honors – Quarter Average 93% +

2nd Honors – Quarter Average 85 – 92%

8th Grade

FIRST HONORS

Maddie Baker
Heather Cook
Riley Ellis
Lauren Fitzsimmons
Allison Gilkey
Caley Hignite
Nicholas Homan
Adam Kent
Gabe McDonald
Chris Mueller
Emily Redder
Christie Rolfes
Jenna Sullivan
Matthew Walter

7th Grade

FIRST HONORS

Maddie Baker
Avery Barnes
Bridget Barron
Isabella Bass
Maddie Biggs
Jason Childs
Kailee Chowning
Charles Habedank
Grant Hater
Rebecca Hater
Maddie Heideman
Cedes Lagdameo
Katie Liderbach
Rebecca Ochs
Julia Redder
Kaitlyn Schloemer
Courtney Schweitzer
Maggie Utley
Rebecca Veid
Ben Yorgovan

6th Grade

FIRST HONORS

Lucy Becker
Kristen Bizaillon
Bailey Broxterman
Alicia Burke
Collin Carrithers
Teagan Charles
Megan Childs
Kaitlyn Dudley
Grace Ellis
Claire Gibbs
Makayla Grahm
Nicholas Gutzwiller
Caroline Hafner
Madison Jones
Owen Krommer
Andrew Rolfes
Nick Ruoff
Allison Shattuck
Caleb Sunderman
Murphy Tilk
Grace Wade
Emma Walter
Gabby White

5th Grade

FIRST HONORS

Charlie Baker
Emma Bechtel
Tyler Biggs
Evelyn Brower
Brandon Catanzaro
Hayley Cook
Andy Dang
Brody Ferencak
Kaylee Finkelstein
Nick Fitzsimmons
Thomas Hater
Ryan Kunz
Ethan Lipps
Kendylle Lively
D.J. Philpot
Thomas Roth
Carter Sokolis
Nick Tallen
Madi Tedesco
Carson Telger
Connor Tilk
Nick Tolbert
Ella Vatter

4th Grade

FIRST HONORS

Austin Audette
Antonio Augustine
Grace Awad
Catherine Barron
Sophia Bass
Emery Charles
Liam Eckhoff
Arielle Fahrian
Ella Gorczyca
Jonah Habedank
Eddie Jones
Alisa King
Kaitlyn Kruessel
Nick Liderbach
Elizabeth Lipps
Caleb Logsdon
Eva Montgomery
Michael Montgomery
Anna Murphy
Ben Railey
Adrianna Russ
Adam Schloemer
Carson Siebel
Leni Sullivan
Bella Sweeney
Austin Tettenhorst
Nora Utley
Payton Watson
Lexi Wilhoit

8th Grade

SECOND HONORS

Nawaf Althawadi
Keegan Brown
Jackson Gutzwiller
Erin Olakanmi

7th Grade

SECOND HONORS

Jack Adams
Jonah Brauer
Andrew Corbett
Alexander Dorr
Mackenzie Helling
Anna Railey
Marissa Tedesco

6th Grade

SECOND HONORS

Gabby Flores
Shelby Logsdon
Mimi Vu

5th Grade

SECOND HONORS

Brook Barrett
Brayden Bass
William Callahan
Andreas Carrion
Chloe Ehling
Gino Hockenberry
Piper Janson
Logan Latscha
Jackson Ruthven
Nick Wade

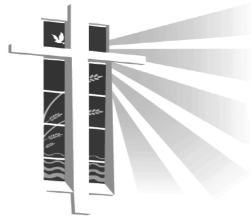
4th Grade

SECOND HONORS

Raegan Korb
Bailey Murphy

Tuition Assistance for the 2017-2018 School Year

The following letter was sent home in the Parent Press in December and applies to both new and returning students.



St. Dominic Parish

GENERATIONS GROWING IN FAITH.

4551 Delhi Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

December 9, 2016

Dear Parents,


The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has announced, as part of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign, the opportunity to apply for tuition assistance grants. These grants are unrelated to our St. Dominic Parish Adopt-A-Student Program. The tuition assistance grants will provide as much as \$1,000 to qualifying students. The grants will be awarded to each student, rather than per family, based on need. The tuition assistance awards will begin with the 2017-18 school year. Parishioners and non-parishioners are eligible to receive this tuition assistance. Applications are being accepted now, and the deadline to apply is January 31, 2017. Apply online at the St. Dominic FACTS website (<https://online.factsmtg.com>) and use St. Dominic's code 1263. Families will be notified in the Spring 2017 if they've qualified for an award from the Archdiocese and the amount awarded.

Additionally, St. Dominic will again be awarding tuition aid, but only after the Archdiocese distributes their awards. Families who would like to apply for tuition aid for next school year MUST apply by January 31, 2017. Families will not need to apply in the spring for tuition aid as you have done in the past. If you have already applied this fall for tuition aid for a high school student, you do not need to apply again. St. Dominic will notify families in May of awards from the St. Dominic Adopt-A-Student Program. As a reminder, in order to be considered for the St. Dominic Parish Adopt a Student Program, you must qualify as defined by our active parishioner policy.

Once again, you must apply by January 31, 2017 through FACTS to first be eligible for the Archdiocese's One Faith One Hope One Love financial assistance and the St. Dominic Parish Adopt-A-Student Program. You will NOT have to apply for St. Dominic tuition assistance separate from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign. We will use the data you have submitted. To reiterate, the deadline to apply for all financial assistance aid is January 31, 2017. We encourage everyone to apply for tuition assistance. Please note, when completing the application, you will be required to provide 2015 financial documents.

For the 2017-18 school year, we will be awarding an Active Parishioner Grant. This grant will be awarded to all active parishioners that apply for the grant. The grant, simply stated, is similar to the parish subsidy provided to active families in previous years. We will provide more information on the Active Parishioner Grant application as we get closer to school registration for the 2017-18 school year. As a reminder, active parishioner status is first defined by actively participating at St. Dominic Parish by attending Sunday Mass and utilizing the offertory envelopes. For the purpose of this policy, the offertory envelope need not contain a monetary contribution. We will be explaining this in more detail in the coming weeks.

For more information about the Archdiocese's new tuition aid program we encourage you to visit this website, www.catholicbgestchoice.org for more details and information. You can also call the parish office with questions.


Fr. Jim Walsh

Pastor



Deacon Mark Bardonaro

Parish Administrator

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