

The Torch



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

**St. Dominic
Parish**

**Delhi Township,
OH**

January 2018

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 10 and 11. A team of women from the parish and Fr. Chris 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: Denise Allgeyer, Kelly Bogner, Judy Griffin, Mary Lou Hausman, Kristen Koch, Stephanie Lanter, Beth Weaver, Jessica Williams and Sue Williams.

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.

Marie Dewald, mother of Thomas and Jackie Wiesman.

Jean McCarthy, mother of Kathleen and Christopher Plavcan, Karen Best, Maureen and Paul Huschart, Alice and William Hunt, Kenneth and Lisa McCarthy and Kevin and Deborah McCarthy.

JoAnn Junker, wife of Michael G. Junker and mother of Gregory G. Junker, Jeffrey M. and Emily Junker and Jennifer A. Junker.

2018 Church Envelopes

The envelopes for 2018 have all been picked up 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. Happy New Year!

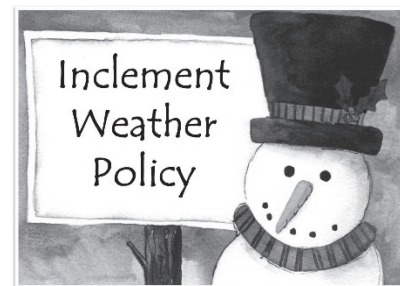


CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate all our 8th Graders who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, December 6. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of Faith!

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. We will 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, to ensure the safety 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 10-11. 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. Chris or Carole at 471-7741.

Goldenaires

Lunch and Tour of the Price Hill Historical Society – Thursday, February 1. The bus will pick us up at 11:15 a.m. in the Waffle House parking lot to take us to lunch at Price Hill Chili, then on to the Price Hill Historical Society for a tour of their building and a short talk about their history. The museum offers a history of Price Hill, but they also have exhibits featuring Cincinnati baseball, area churches, and other historical items. The bus will pick us up to return around 2:00 p.m. There is an elevator available for use. The cost is \$6.00, plus lunch on your own. *Please send your check to Judy Tensing, 625 Covedale, #2, 45238.* Make checks payable to the St. Dominic Goldenaires. **Reservations are due by Sunday, January 28.**

Giving Tree

Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Tree project this season. Especially to those who: cut out tags; decorated tags; wrote the suggestions or requests on the tags; strung tags; put the tags on the trees; took tags; bought, wrapped and returned gifts; sent in money to help purchase gifts; provided trucks for the gifts; helped load the trucks; unloaded the trucks; sorted and made certain every child had a gift; and to those who couldn't afford to help this year, but prayed for our success. As you can see this is NOT a one-person operation. Thanks to ALL for your help.



Business Manager's Report 2016-17 PARISH OPERATING REPORT

DESCRIPTION	FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 Ending 6/30/2017			2016-17 ANNUAL BUDGET	VARIANCE
	GENERAL PARISH	PARISH SCHOOL	TOTAL PARISH		
INCOME:					
Tuition & Fees		1,685,398	1,685,398	1,639,900	45,498
Sunday Offerings	990,676		990,676	1,005,000	-14,324
Admin Cost Reimb		163,223	163,223	163,200	23
Parish Activities (Festival, Picnic)	81,711		81,711	75,300	6,411
Student Services		15,653	15,653	34,600	-18,947
Bequests & Donations	174,261	20,461	194,722	182,400	12,322
Other (Interest, Programs, Hall Usage)	50,015		50,015	58,500	-8,485
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,296,663	\$1,884,735	\$3,181,398	\$3,158,900	\$22,498
EXPENSES:					
Salaries & Benefits	485,474	2,084,901	2,570,375	2,493,100	77,275
Facilities & Utilities	66,573	179,849	246,421	212,900	33,521
Admin. & Assessments	251,407	58,918	310,324	276,600	33,724
Student Services		9,770	9,770	8,500	1,270
Books, Teaching Aids, etc.		25,807	25,807	32,500	-6,693
Liturgical & Programs	38,444		38,444	58,050	-19,606
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$841,897	\$2,359,245	\$3,201,141	\$3,081,650	\$119,491
INCOME less EXPENSES:	\$454,766	-\$474,510	-\$19,744	\$77,250	-\$96,994

Men's Society November Lottery Winners

November 1	#938 – Lisa Grady	November 16	#136 – Unsold
November 2	#496 – Kay Link	November 17	#109 – Joe Kaeser
November 3	#744 – Mary Espel	November 18	#025 – Wilson
November 4	#762 – George Gibbs	November 20	#638 – John Klopp
November 6	#464 – Leroy Robben	November 21	#468 – Sherry Steinwert
November 7	#604 – Terry Doherty	November 22	#131 – Amy Stevens
November 8	#100 – Lisa Grady	November 23	#561 – Gary Ott
November 9	#075 – Sam Witterstaetter	November 24	#318 – Carol Niehaus
November 10	#818 – Ron Fraley	November 25	#733 – Bert Brothers
November 11	#064 – Chuck Wichmann	November 27	#874 – Terry Doherty
November 13	#373 – H. Fishburn	November 28	#066 – Bert Grote
November 14	#306 – Mark Helmers	November 29	#609 – Patti Fellingner
November 15	#840 – Sherry Steinwert	November 30	#411 – Dan Cassedy

Las Vegas Night

The parish Las Vegas Night for capital improvements will be held in the gym on Saturday, February 24, 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 each, 2 for \$5, and 10 for \$20 (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, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

A Prayer for the New Year

*Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.*

*Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen*



Open House at St. Dominic

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 28, 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 & 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, January 31, 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 Credit Program Updates

Hi! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Rachel Lahni. I am married to Patrick Lahni and we have two amazing kids – Raegan (1st grade) and Alex (pre-k). I will be taking over the Tuition Credit Program. This program has been a great success in the past, thanks to Amy Walter! I hope to continue that success.

Back in October we had a fund raiser at Panera Bread which brought in \$183. Thank you to all who made it out to help support our school! We plan on doing more events in 2018. If you have ideas or contacts you'd like to share, I can easily be reached at rachel@lahni.com.

You can also help support our school by having your Kroger Rewards card linked to St. Dominic School. Kroger is the largest source for this program, so please spread the word. You don't need to be directly associated with the school for us to benefit. Just sign in or create an account with Kroger; once signed in you can enroll or update your Community Rewards under your Account Settings. Use your Reward card as normal and that's it!

Another great way to earn money for our school is through Shoparoo. Shoparoo is a very simple app that allows you to take pictures of your receipts. St. Dominic earns points from that which translates into dollars for the school's Tuition Credit Program. It's very simple to use. You can find more information at www.shoparoo.com.

St. Dominic PTO Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Fall Scholastic Book Fair! The Book Fair was a HUGE success and we sold over \$5,900 worth of books. We earned over \$2,500 worth of books for our classrooms and school library. This would not have been possible without the support of our school and parish families! Thank you and we hope to see you in the SPRING for our BOGO Book Fair, where everything is buy one, get one FREE!

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COMMUNITY DINNER

January 18, 2018

4:30 p.m. to

6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

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