

St. Dominic Parish

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for Over 80 Years

4551 Delhi Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

OUR MISSION

We, the family of St. Dominic Parish, come together as a Roman Catholic community by celebrating the Eucharist as the center of our faith.

- We welcome Jesus Christ into our lives and give witness to His way of life
- Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a warm, inviting, welcoming, and caring community of people, filled with Faith, Hope and Love
- In that Spirit, we provide a meaningful environment and opportunities for worship, education and service to our community

Rev. Jim Walsh, Pastor
Rev. Chris Lack, Associate Pastor
Deacon Mark Bardonaro, Parish Administrator
Mr. Bill Cavanaugh, Principal
Mrs. Theresa Eagan, Pastoral Associate
Mr. Jim Dickman, Music Director
Mr. Charlie DeZarn, Business Manager

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Parish Membership

New parishioners are invited to contact the Parish Office to register. We ask current members to notify us of any change of address, telephone numbers or other important, relevant information.

Masses for Sunday

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Masses for Holy Days:

See inside for Mass Schedule.

Weekday Masses:

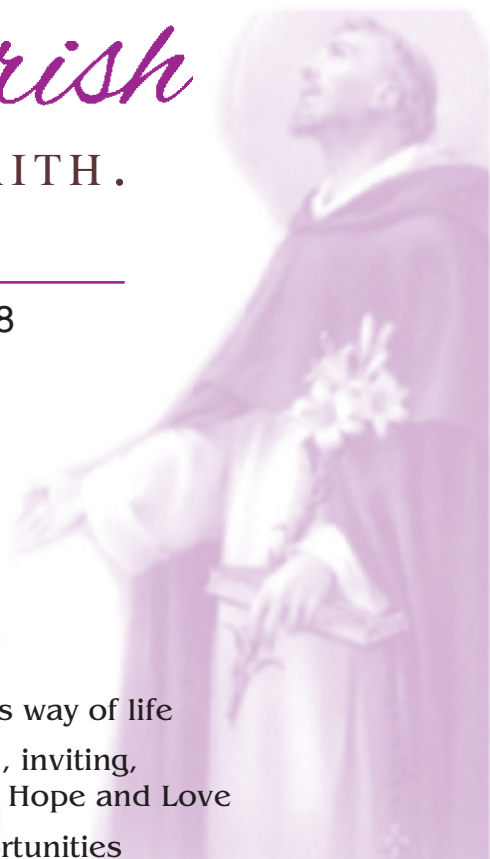
Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Saturday: 8:15 a.m. followed by Marian Devotions & Apostolate for the Dying

Holy Communion Service:

Monday-Saturday: 6:10 a.m.

Publication Deadlines:

Bulletin: Due by Noon on Monday.
Monthly Report: Due by the 12th of each month.



**DECEMBER 4, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MONDAY – DECEMBER 5 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Milton Binder (BR)

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 6 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Cindy Durkin (BR)

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 7 – SAINT AMBROSE

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Intentions of the Fugman Family
8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration
4:30 P.M. Patricia Jasper

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 8 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Mary Backscheider
8:15 A.M. Robert Bien
7:00 P.M. Carol Lammers

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 9 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Rita Bradley
8:15 A.M. NO MASS

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 10 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
8:15 A.M. Charles Elbe
After Mass: Marian Devotions and
Apostolate for the Dying
4:30 P.M. Jake Wittich (BR)

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 11 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 A.M. Patricia Sweeney
9:30 A.M. Bernie Lonnemann (ANN)
11:30 A.M. Paul Grosjean (BR)
7:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the souls of Rudolf Hermes, Bob Queenan and Jack Streicher, who died this past week. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR 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, 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.**

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church. Anyone who is sick or elderly and in need of physical or emotional healing can come to this sacrament which will be communally celebrated annually. Those who would like to receive the sacrament before a hospital stay or surgery are invited to call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also available to those who may be near death. Please call the parish emergency line. Someone will respond to your call. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

Considering Entering the Catholic Church?

RCIA is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. The process provides for different levels of entry. To obtain more information, call Deacon Mark Bardonaro at 471-7741.

EARLY BULLETIN AND TORCH DEADLINES

Due to the holiday season, we will have the following early deadlines: information for the December 25 bulletin should be submitted by noon on Wednesday, December 14; information for the January 1 bulletin, should be submitted by noon on Wednesday, December 21. Please submit information for the January *Torch* by noon Thursday, December 8. THANK YOU.


PARENTAL PREPARATION FOR THEIR INFANT'S BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own Baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. **Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2017, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church.** Contact Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481 with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on January 15.

ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Each Advent John the Baptist calls us to repentance as we prepare the way of the Lord. We have a merciful and forgiving God! Come celebrate that gracious mystery with us!

Tuesday, December 13
7:00 p.m.



ADVENT CONCERT
Mike Davis Advent Concert
with Scripture and Prayer
Wednesday, December 14
7:00 p.m. in Church
SAVE THE DATE!!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. By 2026, it is projected that religious past age 70 will outnumber those under age 70 by nearly four to one. Your gift helps provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our next Community Dinner is scheduled for
December 15 in O'Connor Hall from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
Hope to see everyone there!!!

Infant Baptisms

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday, 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active parishioner for six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Scheduling must take place at least six months in advance of the wedding. Weddings are not scheduled during Advent or Lenten Seasons. A marriage preparation program is required.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to request this service.

**SIGN OF PEACE AND COMMUNION FROM THE CUP
DURING FLU SEASON**

With the flu season upon us, it would be helpful for each of us to take precautions in order to reduce the risk of passing on the flu. If you are sick, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. If you are not feeling well, but choose to participate in the Sunday liturgy, please refrain from drinking from the cup to protect others from illness. Additionally, offering the Sign of Peace may be done in the form of a nod of the head and simply saying, "Peace be with you." Washing hands thoroughly before attending Mass is another very helpful precaution. It is important that children also take these same precautions.

MEN'S SOCIETY LOTTERY

The tickets have been sold, and now is the time when the winners are drawn!!! The winning ticket numbers for the lottery (November 28-30) are:

- Monday, November 28 #147 – Nathan Delillo
- Tuesday, November 29 #513 – Mike Rosiello
- Wednesday, November 30 #406 – Julie Sokolis

GIVING TREES

RETURN GIFTS: DECEMBER 10/11

Wrapped gifts with the "shaped tag" firmly attached are due back on December 11 by Noon. The bright orange "suggestions" or "requests" need to be removed. If you cannot return your gift by December 11, please call Joan at 922-6993. If you are available after 11:30 a.m. Mass, we would appreciate your help loading the trucks AND are looking for helpers at St. Leo's to unload also. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. DOMINIC'S BLOOD DRIVE

SIGN-UPS THIS WEEKEND

St. Dominic will be hosting a Blood Drive in O'Connor Hall on Sunday, January 8, 2017. Donating blood is safe and easy. Donors must be at least 17 years old and be in general good health. In order to donate blood on January 8, you must first make an appointment. Sign-ups for the Blood Drive will be in the Gathering Place this weekend after all Masses except the 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. If you wish, you may call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 to make an appointment. **DONATING BLOOD – WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR!**

ST. DOMINIC BOY SCOUT TROOP 483 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

My name is Michael Rosen and I am a member of St. Dominic's Boy Scout Troop 483. I have been diligently working on my Eagle Scout Project for the past six months. In November, a group of volunteers and I constructed an awning over the steps to the outside entrance of St. Dominic Hall (Pedretti side of Church). I have also restored and painted the handrail and the railing surrounding the steps, and will soon add lighting for the finishing touches. I believe that my project enhances the look of the entrance as well as safety for all those who use that entrance to St. Dominic Hall. At this time, I am asking for donations to help fund this expensive yet much needed project. If you would like to contribute to the funding of this project, you can write a check to St. Dominic Church and note on it "Eagle Scout Project." Please put the check in a separate envelope marked "Eagle Scout Project" and send it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. *Any excess funds raised will be donated to St. Dominic's general fund. Thank you for your support!*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Collection Week of 11/20/16: \$ 17,412
 Offertory Collection Week of 11/27/16: \$ 14,156

FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016-JUNE 30, 2017

Actual Year to Date: \$ 390,249
 Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 396,700
 Under Budget by: -\$ 6,451
 Campaign for Human Development: \$ 2,754

**Thank you for your support of our Parish.
 May the Lord continue to bless you in your generosity!**



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Our future depends on you.
 Please remember St. Dominic in your will and estate planning.
 Our legal title is St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church.

ST. DOMINIC NEWS

CHURCH ENVELOPES – The 2017 church envelopes are here and available to be picked up from the tables in the Gathering Place.

PTO SUPER SPLIT-THE-POT – Wouldn't you like to win CASH right before the holidays? The St. Dominic PTO is having a Super Split-the-Pot. Tickets are on sale now until the drawing on December 9. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the winner gets half of the pot! Questions? Please contact Sarah Dorr at 257-7272 or Jennica Bass at 283-3505.

F&N GOODE CHICK'N FUND RAISER – Mark your calendars and save the date, Wednesday, December 14, for the St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program's **ALL DAY** fund raiser at F&N Goode Chick'n on Crookshank Road. Restaurant hours are 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. 20% of all dine-in and carry-out sales (with a flyer) will be donated back to the Tuition Reduction Program. Pre-orders are accepted! Order online at www.fngoodechicken.com or call 451-3000 to place an order. Mention that you are ordering for our school fund raiser and 20% of your total bill will be donated back to the St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program. Please come out and join us for a fun **ALL DAY** fund raiser, with friends and family, that supports a GREAT cause! We hope to see you there!! Flyers will be available in the December 11 bulletin as well as in the Parish Office, on the Parish website www.stdominicdelhi.org or by emailing Amy Walter at awalter@fuse.net or calling or texting Pam Kent at 382-2693.

MISCELLANEOUS

"MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT" – Presented by the Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra on Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Seton Performance Hall (3901 Glenway Avenue). This free holiday concert, under the direction of Mr. Dave Allen, features classical, traditional and modern selections, the Metropolitan Singers, and a special appearance by Santa himself! Many styles of Christmas music will be performed including "Christmas at the Movies," "A German Carol Festival," an "Irving Berlin Holiday Medley," "Christmas on Broadway," and a show stopping version of "Oh Holy Night". Get in the spirit of the season and enjoy an afternoon filled with beautiful music. For more information, visit us on Facebook or at www.GoCMO.org or call 941-8956, and as always donations are welcome.

DELHI SENIOR CENTER (647 Neeb Road) has a dance on the first Sunday of each month, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. There is live music by Nelson. The cost is \$6.00 per person and includes beer, soft drinks, potato chips, pretzels and popcorn. Everyone is welcome. **The next dance is scheduled for Sunday, December 4.**

1991 ELDER FOOTBALL REUNION – Join us to reminisce and celebrate that memorable season 25 years ago! December 10, 7:00 p.m. at Jim and Jack's on the River (3456 River Road). Spouses/significant others welcome. Free admission. Appetizers provided. Cash bar. Contact Matt Deters at mdeters@gandwinc.com.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS – Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary's Seminary (6616 Beechmont Avenue). This inspiring annual service, on the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, includes the reading of seven scripture Lessons with Advent Carols and Marian hymns sung by the Athenaeum Chorale and the Mount St. Mary's Seminary Schola. All are welcome and admission is free. Standing-room-only audiences are anticipated so guests are encouraged to arrive early. Doors to the chapel open at 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLICS UNITED FOR THE POOR (CUP) COLORING CONTEST – In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season it can be easy to overlook the true celebration of Christmas. Catholics United for the Poor (CUP) is excited to offer students in grades one through five the opportunity to illustrate what Christmas means to them through CUP's annual *The True Meaning of Christmas* coloring contest. An overall winner and a winner at each grade level will be chosen with each winner receiving ten Christmas cards featuring their drawing. In addition, the overall winner will receive four tickets to the Festival of Lights at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens. Entries must be postmarked by December 9 and winners will be notified by December 16. We hope you will encourage the blossoming artists in your life to participate in this fun, thought provoking program. Full contest guidelines and permission slips are available at www.cupcincy.org.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF LESSONS IN CAROLS – Open your heart to the coming of Christ by attending Lessons in Carols on Monday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Antoninus Church. The special evening of music and prayer provides an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Music will be offered by the Giving Glory Contemporary Music Group, directed by Peg Delaney.

DELHI TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK – GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT! Don't miss out on this cookbook that contains over 500 recipes submitted by Delhi residents and friends. All proceeds go to a Delhi Bicentennial project to benefit the Delhi community. Price is \$15 plus tax (\$16.05). Order online at www.delhihistoricalsociety.org or by mail (Delhi Historical Society, 468 Anderson Ferry Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45238). Make checks payable to: Bicentennial Committee – Delhi Historical Society. If you would like the book/books shipped to you, add \$5 shipping/handling for up to 4 books or \$10 shipping/handling for 5 or more books. If you would like the books delivered to you for free or you have questions, please call Rose at 708-0160.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a
 2nd Reading: James 5:7-10
 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

SERVER AND LECTOR SCHEDULE

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – DECEMBER 7 & 8

	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains' names are listed first.)
4:30 p.m. Wednesday	Jackson Gutzwiller Kyle Gutzwiller		Mike & Martha Queenan	
7:00 p.m. Thursday	Bella Bass Kailee Chowning		Jennie Jacobs	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 10 & 11

	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains' names are listed first.)
8:15 a.m. Saturday	Anisten Carmack Rebecca Ochs			
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Andrew Corbett George Callahan	Sharon Ochs	Bob Busam	Matt Shields, Amy Stevens, Pat Cusick, Bill Inskeep, Mary Rose Kremer, Judy Luebbe, Louise Shields
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Carly Caskey Becky Veid	Charles Family	Adele Corbin	Bob Buhrlage, John Burns, Heidi Cook, Bobbie Honnert, Evan Honnert
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Madisyn Heideman Anna Railey	Frank and Sue Hinkel	Carolyn Davis	Terry Doherty, Peggy Flannery, Paula Gaub, Nancy Gibbs, Maureen Heverin, Jerry Krumpelbeck, Joan Lonneman
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Jason Childs Luke Schwartz	Renee Wheatley	Paul Brinker	Kathleen Meltebrink, Meg Morris, Patrick Morris, Carol Niehaus, Margie Roedersheimer, Jack Sunderman, Dave Tensing
7:00 p.m. Sunday			Mike Fitzpatrick	John Klopp

COAT DRIVE

The 4th Grade students collected new and gently used coats November 9-11 for St. Vincent de Paul Societies' Coat Distribution that was held at Seton High School on November 12. The students collected coats in the morning as students were dropped off at school.

