

St. Dominic Parish

GENERATIONS GROWING IN FAITH.

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:

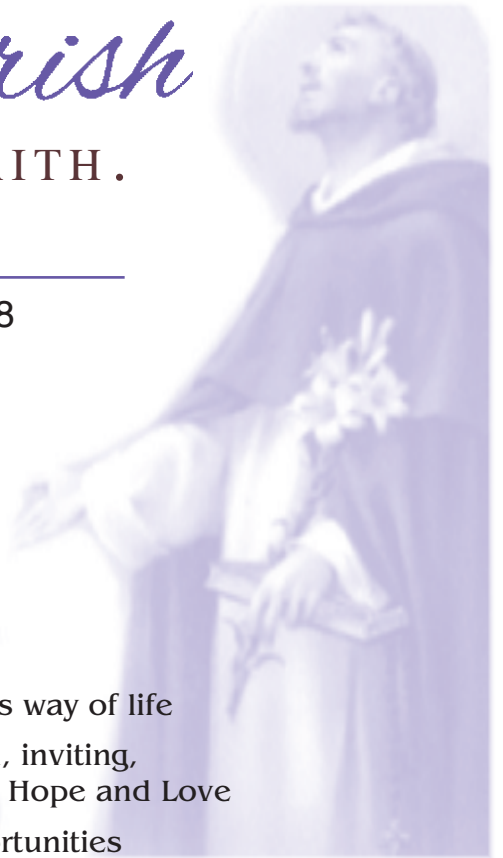
Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Saturday: 8:15 a.m. followed by Marian Devotions & Apostolate for the Dying

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 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MONDAY – DECEMBER 11 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

7:30 A.M. Janice Wetterich

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 12 – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

7:30 A.M. Cecilia Nartker

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 13 – SAINT LUCY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

7:30 A.M. Intentions of the Spohr Family

8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 14 – SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

7:30 A.M. Mary and Charles Berting

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 15 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

7:30 A.M. Phil Konerman

8:15 A.M. Hypha and Mary Groen

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 16 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service

8:15 A.M. Albert Dellbrugge (BR)

After Mass: Marian Devotions and Apostolate
for the Dying

4:30 P.M. Madie Hart

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 17 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT7:30 A.M. Deceased Members of the Backscheider
and Neumann Families

9:30 A.M. Bill Berting (BR)

11:30 A.M. Michael Pohlkamp

7:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of John Gorman and JoAnn Junker, who died this past week. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

Envelopes for requesting a Votive Light can be found on the Communion rail near the doors inside Church. On the front of the envelope you can designate an intention. The usual donation is \$2 to cover the cost of the candle. Candles are lit on Thursday for the week. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket on the weekend or brought to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call 471-7741, ext. 0.

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 DEADLINE

Due to the holiday season, we will have the following early deadlines: information for the December 24 bulletin should be submitted by noon on Wednesday, December 13; information for the December 31 bulletin, should be submitted by noon on Wednesday, December 20. THANK YOU.

GIVING TREES

Don't forget! Gifts for the Giving Tree need to be returned by Noon, this Sunday, December 10, wrapped with the tag **FIRMLY** attached (*and the pink suggestion tag removed*). Thank you to all who are working on making Christmas special for children in our community. Any questions, call Joan at 922-6993.

GOLDENAIRES

SAVE THE DATES – Tuesday, January 9, Christmas Décor Swap and Brown bag lunch. **Thursday, February 1**, Lunch and Price Hill Historical Society Building Tour. More info in future bulletins.

**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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need several people to help us put Las Vegas ticket sheets in the January *TORCH*. This would be a good opportunity for a retired person, a Boy or Girl Scout, or a confirmation student to do some community service. If we get several people, it can be done in a few hours. We will need you to be available one morning right after Christmas, depending upon when the final *TORCH* is returned to the Parish Office. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741 or Bob Murphy at 451-5047. THANKS IN ADVANCE! (Those people who have helped in the past do not have to respond. They will receive a call asking for their help as soon as we know when the *TORCH* will be ready.)

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.

**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 14, 2018, 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 14.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – RCIA
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN**

St. Dominic's RCIA process continues year-round. Because of this, adults and children can begin at any time. Most who come to the Catholic Church as adults do so because God has called them through other people. If you know someone who may be interested in the Catholic Faith, ask him or her to call us, or ask if he or she would like for you to call and make the first "contact." New Inquirers may join St. Dominic's RCIA process at any time. Now is a great time to reach out and mention becoming Catholic to someone you know who may be considering it! For more information, contact Theresa at 471-7741, ext. 418 or teagan@stdominicdelhi.org.

ST. DOMINIC PARISHIONERS FOR LIFE

Our Pro-Life Ministry meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Sharing Room of the Parish Center. This ministry allows people of all ages and abilities to channel their time and energy to benefit Pro-Life causes. One of the Pro-Life causes we support is Pregnancy Center West on Glenway Avenue near Price Hill Chili. For more information and membership, please contact: Theresa Morris (289-7989 or theresam1953@me.com), Marty Berning (680-0046 or regis.ic@fuse.net) or Peggy and Zack Fugman (fugmanp@fuse.net). **Our next meeting is December 18.** Please join us.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our next Community Dinner is scheduled for
December 21 in O'Connor Hall,
from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
Hope to see everyone there!!!

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 12, 7:00 p.m.



ADVENT CONCERT

Mike Davis Advent Concert
with Scripture and Prayer
Tuesday, December 19
7:00 p.m. in Church

SAVE THE DATE!!



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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.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
Collection Weekend**

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 the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Collection Week of 12/03/17: **\$ 20,565**

FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

Actual Year to Date: **\$408,933**

Year-to-Date Budget: **\$399,000**

Over Budget by: **\$ 9,933**

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

ST. DOMINIC NEWS

A PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT – Christmas is coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for the person in your life who is hard to shop for. Pavers are the gift that lets your mother, father, grandparent, child, or spouse know how cherished they are. Order forms are available at the doors of church or on the parish website at www.stdominicdelhi.org. (Click on Ministries/General Parish Ministries/Gathering Place Walkway). You can also stop in the Parish Office to order a paver. The 4 x 8 bricks allow 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40. The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75. If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

PTO SUPER SPLIT-THE-POT – Wouldn't you like to win CASH right before the holidays? The St. Dominic PTO is doing a Super Split-the-Pot. Tickets are on sale now until the drawing on December 15. Tickets are \$5 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 CHICKEN FUND RAISER – IMC will hold a fund raiser at F&N Goode Chicken on Thursday, December 21, from 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. 20% of sales will benefit IMC. For more info on IMC, please check out our website at <http://www.internationalmissionforchildren.org/>.

ST. DOMINIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP – Please join us for our next young adult meeting on December 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Faith Sharing room. The Young Adult Group was formed to allow young adults to learn and grow in their faith and create a personal relationship with Jesus. All young adults ages 18-25 are invited. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT – *A Ticket to The Cincinnati Men's Conference.* Attention moms, grandmothers, wives and girlfriends! A ticket to The Cincinnati Men's Conference on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Taft Theatre makes this year's perfect Christmas gift. A Faith-filled day where men from all over will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Featured Speakers: Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN; Fr. Larry Richards, Founder of Reason for Hope Foundation; Coach Gerry Faust, former head football coach of Moeller High School and the University of Notre Dame; Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as the main celebrant; A surprise 5th speaker to be announced. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com/. The event is presented by CMG Booking (the Catholic Speakers Organization) and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

MISCELLANEOUS

BEING STILL WITH GOD is offered by the Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center on Thursday, December 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We're offering some time and sacred space, so you can pause and "be still" with God for a while. A member of our Advisory Committee will offer a short reflection and then you are on your own to seek out a prayer space. At the end of our time, we will gather for a short prayer. The program will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse (5900 Delhi Road). There is no fee for this program, but registration is requested. Please contact the Spirituality Center 347-5449 or spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org to register or for additional information.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 16 & 17

	SERVERS SCHEDULE	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains names are listed first.)
8:15 a.m. Saturday	Bridget Barron Anna Railey			
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Emma Ochs Caitlyn Thai	Redder Family	Bob Busam	Lauren Fitzsimmons, Bill Inskeep, Judy Luebbe, Maruska Marcheschi, Martha Queenan, Mike Queenan, Mary Jo Reiners
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Kaitlyn Schloemer	Brenda Fields	Theresa Eagan	Grant Honnert, Cookie Lamphier, Amy Luken, Roger Witsken, Clinton Backscheider
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Nicholas Gutzwiller Andrew Rolfes	Wellbrock Family	Carolyn Davis	Joann Smith, Rob Smith, Matthew Walter, Nancy Wellbrock, Jennifer Bizaillon, Michael Bizaillon, Janet Rosenthal
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Jackson Hollander Gabrielle White	Jennifer Dugan	Mary Lou Hausman	Ken Enginger, Betty Fraley, Jan Gilbert, Lisa Grady, Lisa Graham, Andy Harvey, Jan Harvey
7:00 p.m. Sunday			Barb Lowry	Jim Gerdes



CHRISTMAS FLORAL DONATIONS

This Christmas Season we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of decorating the church. Please consider honoring your special loved ones by helping us to prepare a fitting and very beautiful place to welcome the Lord.

Donors and their loved ones will be listed in the bulletin and *The Torch* soon after Christmas.

You may place your donations in the Sunday Collection, please mark your envelope as "Christmas Flower Donation" or bring your gift to the Parish Office. Please submit all donations by Friday, December 15.

Name: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

I wish to have my gift noted in the bulletin and *The Torch*

I prefer my donation remain anonymous