

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

December 2017

Pastor's Desk

Advent is upon us! We are in preparation for the great feast of Christmas, as we remember that Jesus Christ is coming again in glory! Signs of Advent here at St. Dominic are the Advent wreath, the liturgical readings about John the Baptist and from the prophet Isaiah, the liturgical songs, the purple banners in the Gathering Place and the purple vestments at Mass. We also know it is Advent because the Giving Trees are out. Please help another family celebrate Christmas by taking one of the tags decorating the trees. We will be gathering the gifts on the weekend of December 9 and 10 this year, the Second Sunday of Advent. On that Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, we really need help loading the gifts on the truck and then unloading the gifts at St. Leo. Young people of the parish, we need your strength and energy to complete this good work that we do!

Once again, we will be having a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, December 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. Come join the rest of us sinners as we celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness.

We will again be blessed by St. Henry's High School choir performing an Advent concert on December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in church. This group is outstanding and is directed by Eileen Bird (nee Wagner) a St. Dominic graduate. You do not want to miss this!

Mike Davis will offer his Advent evening of prayer, scripture, and music on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in church. This is an excellent way to get into the genuine Christmas spirit!

Christmas falls on Monday this year. Please note our Christmas schedule. The Fourth Sunday of Advent will be observed on Saturday, December 23, at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday morning, December 24, with our morning Masses, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. We will begin our celebration of Christmas on Sunday afternoon with our Christmas Eve Masses at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. The White and Hillgrove families will again provide the music at the 3:00 p.m. Mass. At 5:00 p.m., we will have the children's Mass with the blessing of our Nativity scene and Christmas songs by our children's choir. Once again, this year, our final Christmas Eve Mass begins at 11:00 p.m. with carols by our choir beginning at 10:30 p.m. Christmas Day Masses are at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas.

Because January 1, the feast of the Mother of God, falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation, therefore we will have no 7:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday evening (New Year's Eve), and only one Mass on New Year's Day at 9:00 a.m.

The Wise Men have already left from the East! They are on their way! Can you believe it! God bless you and have a faith-filled Advent and Christmas Season!

Fr. Jim

May They Rest in The Peace of the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the following parishioner, as he has entered eternal life.

Anthony Iacobucci, father of Steven and Loretta Iacobucci, Gregory and Marty Iacobucci, Glenn and Christine Iacobucci, Tony and Annette Iacobucci and Jeanna Chiono.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will have reduced hours during the holiday season. Please note these times so you can plan your business accordingly.

Monday, December 25

Closed

Tuesday, December 26-Friday, December 29

8:00 a.m. - noon

Monday, January 1

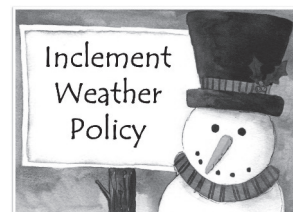
Closed

Early *TORCH* Deadline

Due to the Holidays, information for the January *Torch* needs to be received in the Parish Office by December 8.

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.*



COMMUNITY DINNER

December 21
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
In O'Connor Hall
Hope to see everyone there!



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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 7, 2017

4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 2017

7:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m. with the school children

7:00 p.m.



Requirements for Those Volunteering with Children

As a reminder, all volunteers are required to attend one VIRTUS live training session. You can attend this training at any location at a date/time that works best for you. Preregistration is required. Find training locations, registration details and steps to create your VIRTUS user account at www.VIRTUS.org.

The second requirement for volunteers is to complete an online background check request. Payment for this is by credit card or "token" at the time of your online request. Contact the organization for which you volunteer to get information on obtaining a token for payment. To initiate the online background check, sign in to your VIRTUS.org user account, click the "Toolbox" tab then click the selection.com background check link. Contact Theresa Eagan at teagan@stdominicdelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 481 with questions.

Advent 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 at 7:00 p.m.



Giving Trees

Thank you to all who have taken a tag from our Giving Trees, or donated money to help pay for gifts. **Please return your wrapped gift/gifts by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 10, with the tag FIRMLY attached.** If you are available, we would love help loading the trucks and delivering the gifts to St. Leo Church basement after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.



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.)

New Picture in the Gathering Place

On November 1, the "Saints" from St. Dominic School offered Fr. Jim a framed poster. Over 550 students and staff from the school are offering a prayer of "thanks" for the parishioners at St. Dominic Parish for supporting the school. The poster can be seen hanging in the Gathering Place. God bless all of us who make up the St. Dominic Parish Family.

Goldenaires

Calling all Seniors! While you are decorating for Christmas, consider whether you are tired of some of your decorations. Maybe you are downsizing, or just need a fresh look! Don't throw that stuff away! Hold onto it for the Goldenaires Christmas decor swap and brownbag lunch. Some of your "stuff" could have a new life in another's place.

We will gather on **January 9 at 11:30 a.m. in O'Connor Hall**. Bring your lunch and we'll provide the drinks and cookies. After the swap we'll take the remaining items to the St. Vincent de Paul store. No stuff? No worry, just join your friends in shaking off the winter doldrums. Reserve a seat with Marie Salem at 910-3938 so she knows how many cookies to buy.

Watch the Bulletin! We are also working on an outing in February to the Price Hill Historical Society building followed by lunch somewhere. More details will be available when we complete the arrangements.

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.



2017 Wedding Anniversaries

On Sunday, October 22, St. Dominic Parish honored parishioners celebrating their 65th, 60th (diamond), 50th (golden), 40th or their 25th (silver) Wedding Anniversary during 2017. Our Anniversary couples, joined by family and friends, were recognized and received a special blessing during the 9:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Reverend James Walsh. A reception followed in O'Connor Hall. Fr. Walsh presented each couple with a certificate congratulating them on their years of marital commitment. St. Dominic Parish would like to congratulate our Anniversary couples. May God Bless you and smile upon your holy union.

65th ANNIVERSARY COUPLE

Gerhard & Agnes Oevermeyer

60th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Tony & Rita Balzano

Clifford & Patricia Hesse

Robert & Joan Sanker

Robert & Patricia Hegner

Charles & Mary Jane Mayhaus

R. Tom & Mary Wainscott

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Thomas & Judith Becker

Roger & Barbara Luken

Robert & Diane Montgomery

Michael & Julie Spohr

Paul & Carole Gehring

Henry Pat & Ruth Marks

Robert & Frances Sahnd

Otto & Margie Walter

40th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Edward & Debbie Backscheider

Kenneth & Karen Enginger

Donald & Jeanette Gilbert

Kenneth & Patricia Schmidt

Richard & Pamela Utecht

Douglas & Judith Westerman

Dan & Laura Dickman

Lowell & Peggy Fugman

Ron & Donna Hensley

John & Sheila Schramm

John & Terri Weber

SILVER ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Timothy & Amy Burgasser

William & Cecilia Gruber

Craig & Karen Melvin

Troy & Sharon Ochs

David & Shelly Rizzo

John & Joann Van Benschoten

Tony & Beverly Wilson

Gregory & Frances Carroll

Daniel & Jennifer Jacobs

Jeffrey & Maria Moster

Gary & Erin O'Leary

Steve & Arlene Rosen

Jeffrey & Sandra Wessel

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

First Quarter 2017-2018 Honor Roll

First Quarter 2017-2018

1st Honors - Q Average Of 93% +

2nd Honors - Q Average Of 85-92%

8th Grade

First Honors

Jack Adams
Maddie Baker
Avery Barnes
Bridget Barron
Isabella Bass
Jason Childs
Kailee Chowning
Alexander Dorr
Kendal Hart
Grant Hater
Rebecca Hater
Katie Liderbach
Rebecca Ochs
Julia Redder
Kaitlyn Schloemer
Maggie Utley
Rebecca Veid
Ben Yorgovan

7th Grade

First Honors

Lucy Becker
Bailey Broxterman
Alicia Burke
Grace Callahan
Collin Carrithers
Teagan Charles
Megan Childs
Kaitlyn Dudley
Claire Gibbs
Nicholas Gutzwiller
Nick Ruoff
Allison Shattuck
Caleb Sunderman
Mimi Vu
Grace Wade
Emma Walter
Gabby White

6th Grade

First Honors

Emma Bechtel
Tyler Biggs
Evelyn Brower
Brandon Catanzaro
Hayley Cook
Eabha Delaney
Brody Ferencak
Kaylee Finkelstein
Nick Fitzsimmons
Thomas Hater
Ryan Kunz
Ethan Lipps
Thomas Roth
Carter Sokolis
Madison Tedesco
Isabella Tirado
Ella Vatter

5th Grade

First Honors

Antonio Augustine
Grace Awad
Zachary Barnes
Catherine Barron
Sophia Bass
Mairead Beverley
Emery Charles
Liam Eckhoff
Arielle Fahrian
Ella Gorczyca
Jonah Habedank
Johnny Hafner
Sami Hasselbeck
Eddie Jones
Alisa King
Kaitlyn Kruessel
Nick Liderbach
Elizabeth Lipps
Conner McMillian
Michael
Montgomery
Anna Murphy
Ben Railey
Adrianna Russ
Adam Schloemer
Carson Siebel
Leni Sullivan
Austin Tettenhorst
Nora Utley
Payton Watson
Lexi Wilhoit

4th Grade

First Honors

Amani Althawadi
Melania Bauer
Leah Becker
Jackson Bogner
Casey Broxterman
Colin Broxterman
Riley Bryant
Simon Burke
Carter Carrithers
Caitlin Childs
Alex Coffman
Caleb Dreiling
Mary Gibbs
Chase Goins
Zach Hartung
Eva Hater
Elizabeth Kennedy
Wyatt Krommer
Kara Lively
Shelby Luebbering
Carmen Morano
Connor
Muhlenkamp
Courtney
Muhlenkamp
Payton Rampello
Josh Sanders
Lucas Schroer
Madison Siemer
Jadyn Smith
Brady Telger
Hank Utley
Josh Walter
Kaylee Whitacre
Lizzie Williams
Isaiah Zerilla

8th Grade

Second Honors

Maddie Biggs
Andrew Corbett
Charles Habedank
Maddie Heideman
Mackenzie Helling
Cedes Lagdameo
Delaney McCarthy
Anna Railey
Courtney Schweitzer
Marissa Tedesco
Megan Thompson

7th Grade

Second Honors

Kristen Bizaillon
Lindsay Hasselbeck
Andrew Rolfes

6th Grade

Second Honors

Brooklyn Barrett
Gino Hockenberry
Itayi Tagarisa
Nick Tallen
Jayden Teal
Nick Tolbert
Nick Wade

5th Grade

Second Honors

Topher Helling
Kirra Koch
Raegan Korb
Bailey Murphy

4th Grade

Second Honors

Alex Dugan
Megan Hogel
Leanna Smith
Aubrey Weller

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HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - Children's Mass

11:00 p.m. - Final Mass on Christmas Eve
(Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

(not a Holy day of Obligation)

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00 a.m.

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