

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

September 2016

Pastor's Desk

All the bills are paid and I am happy to report that our Festival made a profit of \$70,000! Once again, I want to thank Julie Patrick and Joan Mattei for leading this project and for all the booth chairs and volunteer workers for making this a success. I am happy to report that Julie and Joan are willing to chair the Festival again next year.

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:

Jo Ann Reckers, mother of Tom and Judy Reckers, Kathy Huschart, Karen and Rick Keller Patricia Jasper, wife of Donald Jasper, mother of David C. and Terry Jasper, Debbie and Lynne Howard, Daniel H. and Candy Jasper, Patty Seitz, Peggy Jasper, Don R. and Missy Jasper.

Dan Young, husband of Barbara Young, father of Grant Young, Jimmy Young, Cindi and J.D. Schaeffer, Karen and Mike Sagers and Jennifer and Jason Lambers.

Patrick Barrett, husband of Dawn Barrett, father of Patrick Barrett, Jr., Brooklyn Barrett, Austin Barrett, Breanna Barrett, Elissa Barrett and Kaile Leta.

Ruth Schrand, mother of Al and Lisa Schrand, Dave and Ruth Schrand, Kathy and Dan Schenkel, Debbie and Dennis Stemler.

Carol Lammers, wife of Kenneth Lammers, mother of Kenneth, Jr., Scott, Judy and Blake Lammers.

Janice Murphy, mother of Lynn Murphy, Steven and Denise Murphy, James and Chris Murphy.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



The Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again on Sunday, September 4. Families with children ages 4-2nd grade, plan to attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday so your children can participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). CLOW is one of several ministries for the young children of the parish. During the Liturgy of the Word, the children and their catechists leave the body of the church, going to the Gathering

Space for a child-friendly learning experience that mirrors the Scripture readings, Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. The children then return to their families in church to celebrate the remainder of Mass.

No sign-up or enrollment required! Simply join us at 9:30 a.m. Mass and listen for Father to call the children and their catechists to gather in the front of church and process to the Gathering Space.

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.” While new Inquirers are able to join St. Dominic’s RCIA process at any time, because of our lingering “school year mindset,” many people begin to really consider inquiring about the faith as the new school year begins. **Now is a great time to reach out and mention becoming Catholic to someone you know who may be considering it!** Contact Theresa at 471-7741, ext. 481 or teagan@stdominicdelhi.org for more information about St. Dominic’s RCIA.

St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR)



Reminder - PSR classes will begin soon.

The first class for Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be Tuesday, September 6, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Please drop your children off at the gym foyer where they will meet their teachers.

Classes for Preschool, Kindergarten and Grades 1-5 begin on Sunday, September 11.

- Preschool and Kindergarten class is from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the school library (lower level of the church.)
- Classes for Grades 1-5 are from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Children and Parents will meet the teachers in the Gathering Space at 10:30 a.m. on the first day of class. Teachers will then take the students to their classrooms.

If you missed the online PSR registration period, please contact Theresa Eagan for late registration assistance (teagan@stdominicdelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 481).

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.*

Contact Information Update

We’ve noticed many more parishioners have begun to eliminate their landline or home phones and use only cell phones. If you fall into this category, or have any other contact information changes, please be certain the parish office has your correct information. Just fill out the slip below and return it through the mail or the collection basket at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME/S: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDITIONAL NUMBER (1): _____

ADDITIONAL NUMBER (2): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Bible Study with Fr. Jim & Fr. Chris

Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. We will study the Acts of the Apostles. The cost of the study guide and commentary is \$18. If you are interested in joining, please register with Fr. Chris (471-7741, ext. 419), so he can order materials for you.

Goldenaires

June 23, 2016 - Meeting Notes and Follow-up

Open with prayer: *Picnic*

Old business:

June 23 - Picnic in the Gazebo in Delhi Floral Gardens on Greenwell. Bob Raterman coordinated.
Potluck with \$7 for Meat and rental. 34 attended. \$58 split-the-pot. \$131 profit
\$100 Booth sponsor for the festival

New events and discussion:

September 8 - Trip to Belterra Racino. Checks in advance to Maureen Vonderahe or office.

October 15 - Mass and Prayer Breakfast with Fr. Jim, 8:15 a.m.-Noon. Fran Rappoport and Marie Salem coordinate. **Vitt Stermer Anderson to provide donuts!**

November 5 - Fall Dinner with performance by **Spirit of America Cloggers.** Joan Wichmann coordinates.

Discussion and follow through:

Mark Bardono: Reflections on Trip to Italy. Date and time to be determined.

Next spring event with grandkids and or Blackhawk singers

Memorial Masses for Judy Jump, Mary Backscheider and Betty Willenborg were scheduled; 7:30 a.m. July 25th (for Judy), July 27th (for Mary), August 19th (for Betty)

Talk with Men's Society about their interests or co-sponsoring an activity.

Bus to Smale Park with lunch at Moerlein???? Not sure about walking.

Hospitalized Parishioners

The local hospitals want to support you spiritually when you are admitted into the hospital. Below are some reminders to help make this process easier.

1. Upon admission, let them know you are Catholic.
2. **Notify your parish you are in the hospital. (Hospitals no longer make the call.)**
3. If you are scheduled for surgery, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, **BEFORE** you go to the hospital.
4. Ask your nurse to call a hospital chaplain to offer spiritual care, help answer questions, provide communion and help contact your parish.

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.

St. Dominic Education Fund July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

The St. Dominic Education Fund received \$22,161.00 in memory of the following:

Ruth Murray	Eugene W. Johnson	Al Maher	Mary Berting
Dorothy Koch	Kimberlee Wilbur	Hillary Herbert	Irene Gerth
Paul Bauer	Harry Leurck	Bill Berting	Audrey Jansing
George Klapper	Danny Klapper	Mary Lou Klapper	Jennifer Klapper
Jerome Larsen	Lillian Rosiello	Mary Englert	Shirley Witterstaetter
Clara Roberto	Agnes Trissell	Mary Backscheider	William Remke
Larry Moormann	Paul Mechley	David Henninger	Larry Ihle
John Ratterman			

Included in this donation are monthly special donations, a donation in honor of Richard and Diana Veid (25th Wedding Anniversary), a donation in honor of Mike and Martha Queenan (50th Wedding Anniversary), a matching gift from the Sisters of Charity and a donation in honor of Sr. Patrick Ann from the Sisters of Charity. A total of \$3,415.00 was donated by parishioners in the special envelopes in May and October. The St. Dominic Certificate Program also contributed \$5,525.19 in 2015-2016.

The Adopt-A-Student Program had eleven benefactors plus funds from the St. Dominic Men's Society, Marie Davis Memorial, Emily Vonder Meulen Memorial, Edna Mae Cappel Memorial Fund and the Elementary School Assistance Program (ESAP), for a total of \$56,620 for 2015-2016.

Currently, 38 students from 28 families will receive \$59,220.00 in Tuition Aid for 2016-2017 school year. We and those families receiving tuition assistance sincerely appreciate all the benefactors of our St. Dominic Parish Sr. Patrick Ann Education Fund and the Adopt-A-Student Program. Your support is truly appreciated.

Ethics and End-of-Life Care

St. Dominic Parish is hosting a two-night adult education program focusing on Catholic teaching and end-of-life care. The program offers (a) a general overview of Church teaching related to end-of-life medical issues, and (b) tools to help participants make appropriate health care decisions for themselves or a loved one at the end of life. The program will take place on two Wednesdays, October 12 and 19, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall, and will be led by Joe Zalot, Regional Director of Ethics and Spiritual Care for Mercy Health. The October 12 session will focus on the ethics of withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining care. We will distinguish between withdrawing care and assisted suicide, and will explore the Church's teaching on ordinary and extraordinary means of care. The October 19 session will focus on Advance Directives, particularly the Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPOA). We will discuss what a Living Will and DPOA are, why they are important to have, how one completes them, and how they are consistent with Catholic teaching.

Parental Preparation for their Infant's Baptism

Parents requesting Baptism for their first child are asked to attend a preparation session.

At this time, we will:

- Look at the history and theology of the sacrament
- Reflect on our own Baptism
- Look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children

Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next Preparation Session is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, in the church.

Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Contact Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481 with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on October 16.

Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of my children.

Please watch over them as they go back to school, and protect them from negative influences.

Help them be a light to others, and help them show love, care and respect to their friends and teachers.

Please protect them from bullies, but if they face one, give them courage to stand up for themselves and others.

Help them to remember when they are scared or afraid, You are there with them. As much as I love my children, You love them even more, and I know You will be watching out for them. Amen



St. Vincent de Paul Dedication

The St. Vincent de Paul members work personally with **ANY** person in need who lives in our territory regardless of religion. St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Society is able to provide this help **ONLY** because of the generosity of the members of St. Dominic Parish who fund the organization, and thereby give the St. Vincent de Paul members the resources to give food and clothing, as well as pay rent and utilities for the many needy people who live in St. Dominic Parish.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul organization thank the entire parish for all your generous help. We also acknowledge the special help we receive from the Parish staff, the Men's Society, the Teachers and School administration and, especially, the schoolchildren. In response to all your generous help, the St. Vincent de Paul Society has requested that a special Thanksgiving Mass be said for all our benefactors.

Today, we ask all of you to join in praying for the members of St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bob Sanker, President; Jerry Luebbering, Vice-President; Tom Bittner, Treasurer; Mary Lee and Bob Busam, Secretary Team; Harry Groen, Chaplain; and Tim Mercurio, Sister Patrick Ann O'Connor, Reggie and Gary Ott, Steve Patton and Mike Queenan, additional members who share in the care of the poor and needy.

2016 Vacation Bible School



St. Dominic VBS took place July 11-15. The theme of this year's program, "Birthday Blast - a celebration of Life," helped all to Discover, Protect, Respect, Serve and Celebrate the wonderful gift of LIFE and learn all about being a beloved child of God! Many thanks for an AWESOME job to Linda Gardner, director of this year's VBS and to the many volunteers, both adults and students, who gave their time to provide a wonderful experience for all.

2016 VBS Volunteers: Linda Gardner, Joan Wichmann, Sarah Dorr, Stephanie Lanter, Jennifer Schorsch, Kim Childs, Amy Walter, Kathleen Habedank, Julie Sokolis, Joann Fettig, Linda Schill, Trish Baker, Betsy Liderbach, Karen Nauman, Mary Orloff, Margaret Augustine, Valerie Wandstrat. Alex Dorr, Maria Dorr, Matthew Walter, Katie Liderbach, Maddie Heideman, Kayla Hess, Mia Schorsch, Caroline Hafner, Jason Childs, Charlie Habedank, Emma Walter, Megan Childs, Kristen Bizaillon, Taylor O'Leary, Mia Roth, Abby Baker, Megan Baker, Allie Shattuck, Mackenzie Helling.

VBS is open to all children entering Kindergarten-4th graders. Watch for reminders in the Spring for VBS 2017 registration.



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Change of date for the next

**Community
Dinner**

September 22, 2016

(fourth Thursday)

5:00 p.m. to

6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

**Hope to see
everyone there!**

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