

# The Torch



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

St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

August 2018

## Pastor's Desk

I hope you are all having a restful and relaxing summer. Time to begin thinking of "back to school!" (Didn't we just put the three kings away?) School begins on Wednesday, August 22. There have been a lot of changes to the school over the summer: new, brighter tiles in some of the hallways and classrooms, a new computer lab and classroom, the rearrangement of some classrooms for kindergarten, a remodeling of the cafeteria and tile hall, and best of all, some great new teachers! We are looking forward to lots of learning and growth in this next school year!

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin sessions in September. If you know of someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, give Deacon Mark a call.

Fr. Chris and I will be doing our Bible Study again this Fall. This year, we will be doing an overview of the Old Testament. If you are interested, call the Parish Office.

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.

**Cyril Jansing**, father of Sandra and Michael Schmutte, Judith and Joseph Vitucci, Catherine and Richard Bockerstette, James and Marjorie Jansing and John and Debra Jansing.

**Helen Antons**, wife of the late Nikolaus Antons.

**Elizabeth Bell**, mother of William and Barbara Bell, Christelle and Joe Middendorf and Carolyn and Larry Audije.

## Communion for the Homebound

Home reception of the Eucharist is available for the sick, shut-ins, and anyone else who may be unable to attend Mass on a temporary or permanent basis. For more information and scheduling, contact the parish office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

## Pictorial Church Directory

In 2019, we will be working with Universal Church Directories to create a new St. Dominic Pictorial Directory. Since our last Pictorial Directory in 2014, we have welcomed many new families to St. Dominic Parish and we decided it was time to publish a new one. We are in the early stages of planning and what we need now are volunteers to join our committee. Some jobs our committee will do: help with portrait appointment sign-ups, contact families with appointment reminders, greet families before their photography session, take candid photos for our parish activity pages and help to design our new directory. If you would like to join our committee and help with the new Pictorial Directory, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

## St. Dominic Website

Have you checked out our website lately? All the latest happenings in the Parish are listed in the "News and Events" section. You can read both the weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter – *The Torch* online. You can also find Liturgical Ministers schedules, a Parish Calendar, contact information for the Parish Staff as well as all our Parish Ministries. Our website is [www.stdominicedelhi.org](http://www.stdominicedelhi.org).

## 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, September 23 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 September 23.

## 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 may 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! For more information, contact Theresa at 471-7741, ext. 418 or [teagan@stdominicedelhi.org](mailto:teagan@stdominicedelhi.org).

## St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Thank You to all the parishioners of St. Dominic.** Because of your generous donations, from April through June of 2018, the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society helped 69 families, made up of 228 adults and children, in our service area which includes Delhi, Sedamsville and Riverside.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society's total receipts for the second quarter of 2018 were \$11,536.50** from the poor box collections, the parishioner donations, the schoolchildren, and the member donations. Parishioners donated \$1,804.00 by using the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes included with the St. Dominic Parish envelopes. We received a nice donation from St. Vincent de Paul Parish because they do not have an SVdP Society and our St. Dominic's SVdP Society serves their clients in Sedamsville and Riverside.

**Bill Rasmussen**, who previously was very active with the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society, died a couple of months ago, but his legacy to the St. Dominic SVdP Society continues because there have been **many, many donations to the St. Dominic SVdP Society in Bill's memory.** We thank Cathy, Bill's wife, for requesting that donations be made to the St. Dominic's SVdP in Bill's memory. St. Dominic's SVdP has been able to help many needy families because of Cathy's thoughtfulness and the many generous friends who remember what Bill stood for and followed his example.

As always, we thank the St. Dominic School children for all the food that they donated each month to help us feed our neighbors.

**Our St. Vincent de Paul Society paid out \$12,404.44** to aid our neighbors during the months of April through June 2018. The breakdown is as follows:

Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 4,198.00
Duke Energy	\$ 3,604.99
Water Bills	\$ 1,464.05
Food and Remke & Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 2,391.66
Beds, Walmart Gift cards and other Services	\$ 745.74
Your brothers and sisters in Christ, St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society	

## 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. Find training locations, registration details and steps to create your VIRTUS user account at [www.VIRTUS.org](http://www.VIRTUS.org). Click on training, then live training to see a list of all scheduled live training sessions.

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](mailto:teagan@stdominicdelhi.org) or 471-7741, ext. 481, with questions.



### St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR) Registration For 2018/2019

The mission of the St. Dominic Parish Community is the same as the mission of the greater Church - to bring about a connection with and response to God's love in our world - and truly live out the Reign of God. We do this through the Sacraments, Scripture, Prayer and our interconnections with others - the family, the Parish community of Faith and the larger community and world.

We welcome all registered parish families whose children attend public schools to attend our Parish School of Religion (PSR). The PSR staff and teachers are here to assist parents in their task of raising their children in the Faith. Instruction in PSR is offered during the school year (September-May) for children in grades 1-8. There is special emphasis on the sacramental years, usually 2nd, 7th and 8th grades, with added activities for parents and candidates.

Registration for the 2018/2019 school year is online. **All registrations must be submitted by August 31.**

Access the online registration form via the Parish Website ([www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.org)). Click on the PSR Registration button on the left side. The cost for grades 1-8 is \$50/per student with a maximum of \$150/per family. All fees are due at registration. A \$10 late fee will be assessed if payment is not made in full by August. 31.

First day of Class:

Grades 1 - 6: Sunday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Grades 7 - 8: Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTE: Grade 6 classes are moving from Tuesday evenings to Sunday mornings this year.**

PSR calendars for grades 1- 8 can be found on the website. Complete details are found in the PSR Handbook on the parish website. If you have any questions about PSR, you can contact Theresa Eagan, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 471-7741, ext. 481.

## St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program

**SUPPORTING THE TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM IS EASY WITH KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

The Kroger Community Rewards Program was designed to support organizations by simply using your Kroger Plus Card! If you are not already enrolled, sign up right away to start earning rewards for the St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program.

- 1.) Sign in or create an account at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com).
- 2.) Click on Enroll Now.
- 3.) Under "Find Your Organization" enter 80206 (St. Dominic R. C. Parish School).
- 4.) Click on school name.
- 5.) You'll receive confirmation that you've enrolled.

Your purchases will begin earning rewards within 7-10 business days after registering your Kroger Plus Card. If you have any questions or need help registering, contact Rachel Lahni at 310-0045 or [rachel@lahni.com](mailto:rachel@lahni.com).



## St. Dominic School Starts Soon! Are You Ready?

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:** The school office will reopen on August 1, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. daily.

**ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL HOMEROOM LISTS:** The homeroom lists for the 2018/2019 school year will be placed in the **gym lobby windows at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 13.** Please make sure your children know their homeroom for the first day of school, Wednesday, August 22.



**SPIRIT WEAR, including gym uniforms,** will be sold on **Monday, August 13, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, August 16, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Spirit Wear Shop off the gym.** *Note: students in grades 4-8 are required to wear gym uniforms.* Call Nick Luebbering at 922-8219 with questions regarding spirit wear.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM:** Meeting on **Thursday, August 16, at 5:30 p.m. in Church.** This meeting is for parents who will be using the program for the first time. Call Kathy Smith at 251-1276, ext. 434 if you have any questions.

**NEW PARENT ORIENTATION AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE:** Parents of Kindergarten students and parents of new students in grades 1-8 **must attend a mandatory New Parent Orientation on Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Church.** This meeting will be followed by the Kindergarten Open House. We ask that at least one parent be present for each of these meetings and that Kindergarten students do not accompany the parent(s). First through eighth grade students who are new to the school are welcome to attend this meeting and take a tour of the building.

**PRESCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:** Parents of preschool students should plan on **attending this mandatory meeting on Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library** (under the church). We ask that at least one parent be present and that children **do not** accompany the parent(s).

**PTO UNIFORM EXCHANGE:** **Thursday, August 16, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Gym.** Bring your used St. Dominic uniform jumpers and skirts, pants and shirts, gym uniforms and spirit wear to exchange for different sizes. Former school families, and those wishing to donate items, are encouraged to drop off their no longer needed uniforms/spirit wear to a bin located in the Gathering Place the week of August 4. Call Amanda Hogel at 706-8088 or Jessica Williams at 519-6559 with questions.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Wednesday, August 22, 1:00 p.m. dismissal.** Uniforms required. Students may bring a snack. *Please note there is no afternoon First Student (Cincinnati Public) bus service for 1:00 p.m. dismissals. Parents of First Student riders must arrange transportation home on early dismissal days.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Tuesday, August 28: Meet the Teacher(s)** and the first **PTO Meeting** of the school year will take place on this **very important evening you don't want to miss.** Specific session times and locations will be announced in the back-to-school packet that will be mailed to your home the first week in August. The information will also be published in the first Parent Press of the 2018-2019 school year.

**CAFETERIA WORKERS:** St. Dominic School is in need of parent or grandparent volunteers (men and women) to help in the cafeteria during lunch periods. Please call Sarah Gutzwiller at 834-3168 or [sgutzwiller@stdominicedelhi.org](mailto:sgutzwiller@stdominicedelhi.org) to volunteer if you can help a day or two a month.

**TEACHER SUBSTITUTES:** Parishioners who have a Bachelor's Degree and are interested in substitute teaching are asked to call Mary Ann Prewitt, at 251-1276, ext. 422.

## Class of 2018 Scholarships

### Elder High School Scholarship Awards

- Justin Besl** - University of Notre Dame - Provost's Scholarship, University Scholarship
- Kevin Bill** - Bowling Green State University - University Freshman Academic Scholarship
- Nicholas Cron** - The Ohio State University - Trustees Scholarship
- Tyler Eshman** - Ohio University - Ohio Distinction Scholarship
- Austin Gilkey** - The Ohio State University - Trustees Scholarship, Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies
- Mitchel Grady** - Miami University - Red Hawk Excellence Scholarship, Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies
- Jacob Gutzwiller** - University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati Century Scholarship, Montgomery GI Bill
- Nathan Hill** - Mount St. Joseph University - Dean's Scholarship
- Joshua Hoffman** - Northern Kentucky University - The Excellence Scholarship, Tuition Incentive
- Charles Lipps** - Mount St. Joseph University - Merit Award
- Eric Lipps** - University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati Century Scholarship
- Alexander Mullins** - The Ohio State University - Provost Scholarship
- Brandon Myers** - Marietta College - Distinction Scholarship, Doug Tucker Memorial Scholarship
- Joseph Shoemaker** - Wright State University - Raider Excellence Scholarship
- Jack Sunderman** - Ohio University - Ohio Success Scholarship, Ohio Distinction Scholarship

### LaSalle High School Scholarship Awards

- John Specker** - University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati Scholarship, Choose Ohio First Scholars Program, College of Allied Health Sciences Nutrition Scholarship and Cheviot Charitable Foundation Scholarship

### Seton High School Scholarship Awards

- Katelyn Barnes** - University of Dayton - Trustees' Merit Scholarship, Leadership in Service Scholarship, Study Abroad Scholarship, Textbook Scholarship
- Kathleen Erpenbeck** - The Ohio State University - Provost Scholarship
- Danielle Jacobs** - Xavier University - Xavier Award, Legacy Scholarship, Early Filer Award, Performing Arts Award-Theatre
- Anna-Marie Lipps** - University of Toledo - Rocket Assistance Award
- Kelsey Lively** - Indiana Wesleyan University - Achievement Scholarship
- Madelynne Nutter** - Ohio University - Ohio Success Scholarship, Ohio Distinction Scholarship
- Erica Schloemer** - University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati Century Scholarship
- Allison Sullivan** - Mount St. Joseph University - Trustee Scholarship, Sisters of Charity Scholarship, Early File Award
- Mackenzie Vatter** - Miami University - Special Education Scholarship Award

*The scholarship awards above were provided by the individual high school. Mercy High School, Oak Hills High School and St. Xavier High School were contacted but did not provide any information. If we missed anyone, please send an email with your name, high school and scholarship information to [mariam@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:mariam@stdominicdelhi.org).*

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**COMMUNITY DINNER**

**August 16, 2018**

**5:00 p.m. to**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**In O'Connor Hall**  
**Hope to see everyone there!**

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