

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

November 2018

Pastor's Desk

November is a month-long celebration of the communion of saints and the remembrance of those who have gone before us. As a parish we have lost pastors, parents, children, grandchildren, husbands and wives, grandparents, brothers and sisters. We continue to grieve the loss of their physical presence in our lives. In faith, we trust that we will be with them again one day in the heavenly kingdom of God. They are with us when we as the Body of Christ offer our worship and thanksgiving to God in the Eucharist. I especially experience their presence in the silence after we have received Christ in the Eucharist. When we are in that silence, may I suggest that you be aware of your communion with Jesus Christ and your loved ones who are also in that communion with Him.

On Wednesday evening, November 7, we will celebrate our Memorial Mass for all those who have died during the past year. We lost some giants and pillars of the parish. All are welcome to join us. This can be a very healing gathering for those who have lost loved ones during the past year. Our Bereavement Ministers, Gene Johnson, and Jim Dickman help us to celebrate a very moving liturgy.

November is also the month we give thanks for all God's blessings. Meister Eckhardt, the great Dominican mystic, has said: "If the only prayer you ever pray is "Thank You," it would be enough." Our thanksgiving needs to be more than just a pious thought of gratitude. It needs to be expressed by what we do with all of God's blessings. We have been blessed as a parish family! Our parish family is a blessing! The saints among us are a blessing! The most important thing we do as a parish is to gather each weekend for Eucharist. The word Eucharist is Greek and means "to give thanks!"

Say a prayer for our eighth graders who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will receive the sacrament on Tuesday, November 27. Bishop Joe Binzer will be with us for the celebration. Say a prayer, too, for our second graders who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, on Monday, November 5. May they experience God's mercy on that night and throughout their lives!

An early Happy Advent wish to you! It starts Saturday afternoon, December 1! The Giving Trees will have already been up for two weekends! The Giving Trees will go up the weekend of November 17/18 (the weekend before Thanksgiving.) This will help you take advantage of sales on Black Friday. The gifts are due back on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8/9. Didn't we just put the three kings away?

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.

Helen Heinen, mother of Barb Young, Susan Hensley, Steven and Dawn Heinen, Julie and John Renken, Doris and Mark Re, Lisa Kroeger and Larry and Nadine Heinen.

Neale Vince Stoner, husband of Joan Stoner, father of Lynn and Kevin Alexander.

Kathy Meyer, mother of Jenny and Brian Stolze, Rebecca and Ryan Howard, Tony and Lindsay Meyer and April and Shane Stafford.

Lucy Tobin, mother of Patricia Tobin and James Tobin, Jr.

Shirley Laib, mother of Lisa and Dennis Conroy, Julie and Steve Dixon, Renee and Gregg Bedinghaus and Sheila and Scott Schmitt.

Memorial Mass

On Wednesday evening, November 7 at 7:00 p.m., all members of our parish who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way at our Memorial Mass. We encourage all families, friends, and fellow parishioners to join us in song and prayer.

Grief Support Program

Our grief support program is presented by Fr. Chris to help anyone who has lost a loved one in death. It runs for four weeks, with each session containing an educational/formational component, as well as time for participants to share and listen. Each subsequent session will build on the previous one, so plan on being there for all sessions, please. No new participants will be accepted after the initial session. The program begins on Monday, November 12 and is scheduled for consecutive Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Room 1 of the Parish Center. If you have any questions or would like to register, call Fr. Chris at 471-7741, ext. 419.

Parish Office Thanksgiving Closing and Inclement Weather Schedule

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Thanksgiving and on Friday, November 23. Please plan any business or key pickup accordingly.

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 open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time of 4:00 p.m. We feel the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, to ensure the safety of all 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.*



Advent Family Night

Start a new family tradition! Join us on Thursday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall where each family will make a fresh Advent Wreath and share a Potluck Dinner. We will also provide fun family activities to be used during the Advent season. Bring your family's favorite dish to share and a pair of yard shears for the greenery. If you attended the event in the past, please bring your tray for the wreath. RSVPs to Meg Morris (meg.morris@uc.edu or 403-0720) are appreciated but not required.

Church Envelopes

This year, we are planning to distribute the 2018 Church envelopes in the Gathering Place after the weekend Masses around the middle of November. Please see the bulletin for additional instructions about how/when to pick them up.



COMMUNITY DINNER

November 15, 2018, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

Please note: Our Community Dinner begins a half hour earlier (4:30 p.m.) in the months of November, December, January and February.

Giving Trees

November: A Time for Giving Thanks

Here at St. Dominic we have a unique way of showing our thanks to a gracious God for all the many blessings He has bestowed upon us this past year. It's by participating in our annual **Giving Tree** program.

The weekend of November 17/18, three trees will be at the church doors with tags decorating them that designates a person on the west side of town who, without help from us, would have a meager Christmas. Some of the children are from our own parish, others from St. William and St. Leo parishes. There are some adults included this year from within our parish boundaries also.

The gifts need to be returned the weekend of December 8/9 so that they can be delivered on December 9 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please consider helping make Christmas a little brighter for someone who may be a stranger to you.



Adoration for Vocations

St. Dominic Parish has Adoration every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. On Wednesday, November 7, we will join this year's Statewide Day of Adoration for Vocations. During our regular Adoration, we will set aside the time from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to pray for vocations for consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives. Everyone is welcome to come to church and pray with us. If you are unable to join us, please pray the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prayer for vocations:



VOCATION PRAYER FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Almighty Father,

You have created us for some definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path

*You have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous "Yes."*

*Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts
fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.*

*May our young people respond to Your call
with courage and zeal.*

*Stir among our men a desire and strength
to be good and holy priests.*

*Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a
chaste single life, permanent deacons,
and faithful husbands and wives,
who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.*

*We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit.*

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Goldenaires

ANNUAL DINNER – November 17: We'll have the usual – appetizers, wine, soft drinks, coffee, tea, a full dinner and dessert. For our entertainment (drum roll, please) our very own Mike Davis. All this and the price is only \$15 per person. Space is limited so send in your reservation as soon as possible. Make checks payable to St. Dominic Goldenaires and mail to Mary Ann Schehr, 4307 Valence Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238 or drop it off at the Parish Office. If you are paying by cash, please place it in an envelope with your name and phone number on it and drop it off at the Parish Office. If you have questions, you can call Mary Ann at 251-6144 or Judy at 451-2028.

School News

Learning Links Grants – We are proud to announce that St. Dominic School is the recipient of two Learning Links Grants. The Science Department and the Art Club each received \$1,000. Thank you to Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Angel for their extra efforts. This picture shows some of the science materials that were delivered. St. Dominic is certainly A PLACE TO GROW!



Books...Books...and More Books...It's time to let your imagination come to life at the Enchanted Forest Book Fair ~ aka the St. Dominic 2018 PTO Fall Book Fair! The Book Fair will be open in the Parish Center after 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 10 and all the morning Masses on Sunday, November 11. Don't delay as you will only be granted admission to the Enchanted Forest one weekend this year. We will have plenty of assorted books for you to choose ~ you will find fantastic adventure tales, classics and maybe a how-to book and more. There is something for everyone! Books make wonderful gifts for family and friends of all ages. Support of our PTO Book Fair assists our school by providing needed books and supplies to our classrooms. We hope to see you at the Book

Fair! We also accept donations to the All for Books campaign to help our teachers, library and *The Scholastic Possible Fund*. Books from *The Scholastic Possible Fund* are distributed through Scholastic's nonprofit partner organizations that work to help children and families understand the importance of books and reading from birth through adulthood as a pathway to understanding oneself and becoming a lifelong learner.

St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program – 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.
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- 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.



St. Dominic Men's Scholarship Golf Outing 2018

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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 14.

Name: _____

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

I prefer my donation remain anonymous