

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

April 2017

Pastor's Desk

Palm Sunday, on April 9, begins the most sacred week of our liturgical year. The Triduum is at the very heart of our Holy Week gatherings. The word is from the Latin and it means "three days." On Holy Thursday, we celebrate Jesus' gift of the Eucharist to us. On Good Friday, we celebrate Jesus' gift of His life for our salvation. At the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and our destiny of sharing in God's life for all eternity.

If some of you who get this report each month have not been to St. Dominic in a while, please consider this an invitation to join us for these three special days. The Spirit of God has been transforming our parish community at each Sunday Eucharist. There are marvelous signs of parishioners growing in the Lord. We invite you to be a part of that. If you have been thinking "I have to get back to Church," trust that that very thought is already the activity and movement of God within you.

Please note the schedule for our Holy Week services. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening begins at 7:00 p.m. Our Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at Noon and 7:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil is on Saturday evening beginning at 8:30 p.m. This is the high point of our Liturgical Year and our most important gathering as a St. Dominic parish community. This is the highlight liturgy of the year for the St. Dominic parish family. We celebrate it well. Come and be lifted up!

On Easter Sunday, our Masses are at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Because of our anticipated overflow crowd at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., we will have an overflow Mass at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in O'Connor Hall in the parish center. We will fill up the church first and then the ushers will direct the overflow to O'Connor Hall. We will have converted that space into an Easter Chapel.

My hope and prayer this Holy Week is that you will respond with gratitude to the God who gives you the time of your life. And may that gratitude find expression in your giving back to God some of your prime time on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

May the Holy Week liturgies fill your hearts with love and gratitude for the salvation that is ours because of Jesus Christ and His passion, death, and resurrection! And may you all have a Happy Easter!

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.

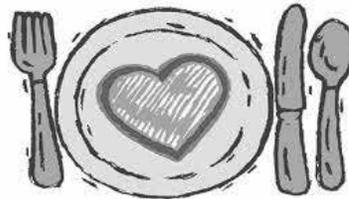
Cecilia Nartker, mother of John Richard and Carol Nartker, Mark and Sue Nartker, David and Anne Nartker and Chris and Lynn Nartker.

Judy Goins, mother of Bruce J. and Lesli Goins, Brian Goins, Lauren Goins and Mike and Kelley Goins.

Paul Neumann, father of Mike and Mary Jo Neumann, Mark and Deb Neumann, Jo Ann Beck, Jan Neumann and Bill and Sandi Neumann.

Christine Shewmaker, mother Lynn and Darla Shewmaker, Barbara and Ronald Doss and Kathleen St. Clair.

Carol Thieman, mother of Greg and Peg Thieman, Mary and Mark Hennessey, Linda and Larry Monnig and Jenny and Mike Cox.



COMMUNITY DINNER

April 20, 2017

5:00-6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

RCIA News



Following the Rite of Sending on Sunday, March 5 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, members of St. Dominic who are preparing for full reception into the church participated in the Archdiocesan Rite of Election at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. In this rite those who are not yet Baptized (Catechumens) were presented to Bishop Binzer and following the testimony of their godparents and sponsors, they were declared to be members of The Elect, those to be initiated into the Sacred Mysteries via Baptism, Confirmation and receiving their First Eucharist at the upcoming Easter Vigil. For those already baptized as

Christians or as Catholics, but having not been fully initiated via First Eucharist and Confirmation, the Bishop celebrated the Call to Continuing Conversion. Based on the testimony of their sponsors, these Candidates for full communion with the Church have been declared candidates to receive the remaining sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. St. Dominic Parish congratulates Josephine Cox, Elizabeth Kennedy and Chelsea Zoecklein as well as their godparents and sponsors. We look forward to welcoming you to the Eucharistic table this Easter!

Las Vegas Night

A big THANK-YOU for your support of our Las Vegas Night held February 25. The proceeds from this event will be used for capital improvements in the parish. **If you were unable to attend, please consider a donation using the Capital Improvement Fund Envelope in your box of envelopes.** THANK YOU for your donations throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 LAS VEGAS NIGHT WINNERS!

First Prize - \$1,000 - Jeannette M. Mather

Second Prize - \$500 - Thelma Maloney

Third Prize - \$300 - Corey Daria

Fourth Prize - \$100 - Paul Chisholm

Fifth Prize - \$100 - JoAnn Rohr

Thanks to everyone who supported Las Vegas Night 2017!

Acknowledgements: A special thank-you to the Men's Society and Mark Caskey for taking the leadership for this year's Las Vegas Night. Thank you to Bill Eckhoff, Dan Doll, Todd Biggs, Matt Kandra, Knights of Columbus, Scott Stenger, Dan Jacobs, Jason Tuempler, Marilyn Brunemann, Maria Moster and all the volunteers who helped with Las Vegas Night. Different parish organizations contribute to the pool of workers that make operating this event possible. We thank these hard workers for volunteering their time and efforts as well.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SPONSORED OUR PARISH LAS VEGAS NIGHT:

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St. Dominic Men's Society

Anonymous

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Friends of the Parish

Marvin Grant

Melvin Family

Jack & Alice Roch

From Our Angels To Yours - The Wittich Family

A Special Thanks to Grove Transportation, Vitt, Stermer and Anderson Funeral Home, Max Hofmeyer Plumbing Inc., and LaRosa's for sponsoring advertisements in the local papers. Ticket sponsor was Veid & Veid, Certified Public Accountants.

We would also like to thank Underground Sports (Frank Lohmiller), Matt Habedank and the Delhi Kroger Store for their contributions to this event.



Lenten Lecture Series

Thank you to all who made Deacon Lim's presentation on the Eucharist a huge success. The Holy Spirit was surely present! We were set up for 150 and had to scramble for more seats at the last minute. A special thank you to all those who served as discussion facilitators and hospitality providers, our marvelous Master of Ceremonies, Joe Zalot and the behind the scenes decorator who brought a little touch of Heaven to O'Connor Hall, Lisa Grady. The overwhelming positive response gives me assurance that it was very well received and appreciated as informative and insightful. Deacon Lim's slides are available to view on the St. Dominic Parish website at www.stdominicdelhi.org. (Look in the "News and Events" section on the homepage.) I could not have done this without your help, so please accept my gratitude and prayers for a holy and happy Easter!

- Joyce Murray-Gerdes

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, May 21 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 May 21.

Goldenaires

The Goldenaires will attend a dress rehearsal of the musical *My Fair Lady* at the Covedale Theater April 26 at 7:30 p.m. This is a fund raiser for Pregnancy Center West, so the profits will go to them, but we get to enjoy their group rate (without guaranteeing 50 seats). The cost is \$20. Please send checks made out to PREGNANCY CENTER WEST to the Parish Office or Marie Salem, 157 Palisades Pointe #4, Cincinnati, OH 45238, before APRIL 20. **We will pick up the tickets the night of the play at 7:00 p.m.** Car-pooling is suggested. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:45 p.m. to share rides.

Volunteer Archivist Needed

We have records of St. Dominic's history as a parish in various file cabinets throughout our offices and parish center. I am wondering if there is someone in the parish with some organizational skills and some free time who might be willing to help us put some order to all our historical files. What a blessing it would be to our St. Dominic parish family! Please call the Parish Office at 471-7741 if you are interested in organizing these files.



St. Dominic PTO BOGO Book Fair

Mark your calendars, the BOGO Book Fair will be here April 22-23 in O'Conner Hall. **ALL books will be buy-one, get-one-free!** The lesser of the two items will be free. Please come out to support our PTO with this fun Spring fund raiser for our school library! The Book Fair will be open on Saturday, April 22, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and will be open after all morning Masses on Sunday, April 23. This is the perfect occasion to stock up on some great books for summer reading! We hope to see you there!!!

St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program:

JOIN US FOR AN ALL-DAY FUND RAISER AT F&N GOODE CHICK'N - Mark your calendars and save the date, Wednesday, April 12 for St. Dominic's Tuition Reduction Program's **ALL DAY** fund raiser at F&N Goode Chick'n on Crookshank Road. Restaurant hours are 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. 20% of all dine-in and carry-out sales (with a flyer) will be donated back to the Tuition Reduction Program. Flyers will be available in the bulletin closer to the event date. Pre-orders are accepted! Order online at www.fngoodechicken.com or call 451-3000 to place an order. Mention that you are ordering for our school fund raiser and 20% of your total bill will be donated back to the St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program. Please come out and join us for a fun **ALL DAY** fund raiser, with friends and family, that supports a GREAT cause! We hope to see you there!! If you have any questions or need flyers, please contact Amy Walter at awalter@fuse.net or call or text Pam Kent at 382-2693.

JOIN US FOR A ROBBEN FLORIST FUND RAISER - Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 25 and Tuesday, May 2, for two **ALL DAY** fund raisers at Robben Florist. 10% of all in-store purchases (with a flyer) will be donated back to the St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program. Flyers will be available in the bulletin closer to the event date. Spring is **FINALLY** here and this is the perfect opportunity to get your yard ready! April 26 is Administrative Professionals Day. Stop by and pick up some flowers or a gift for your special administrator, who makes the office run so smoothly. First Communion is also right around the corner. Stop in and pick up some flowers to make your yard look extra special for that extra special day! If you have any questions or need a flyer, please contact Amy Walter at awalter@fuse.net or Pam Kent at tkent12089@aol.com. We hope to see you there!



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...TIME TO RE-ENROLL YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD - April is upon us, which means that it is once again time to re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card. **Even if your card is already linked to St. Dominic School, you will need to re-enroll your card again in April to keep giving to St. Dominic.** The Kroger Community Rewards Program is a program that gives money back to our school and works by linking your Kroger Plus Card to St. Dominic School. Then every time you shop at Kroger, a portion of what you spend will be donated back to St. Dominic School at no cost to you. It is a wonderful and easy way to give back to our school. Kroger Community Rewards is part of the Tuition Reduction Program and accounts for roughly 75% of the program's income. This year, the St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program earned over **\$20,000** from the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Enrolling your Kroger Plus Card does **NOT** affect your Fuel Rewards or other individual rewards. It is easy and only takes a few minutes. If you have questions or need help linking your Kroger Plus Card to St. Dominic, please contact Amy Walter at 347-0139 or Pam Kent at 451-0416. We are here to help! Thank you for your continued support of the Tuition Reduction Program!

HOW TO LINK YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD - If you would like to link your Kroger Plus card to St. Dominic, here is what you need to do:

1. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
2. In the middle of the page is an orange button to either "**Sign In**" or "**Create an Account.**" If you have already linked your Kroger Plus card in the past or use your Kroger Plus card for digital coupons, click "**Sign In.**" If you have never registered your Kroger Plus card click "**Create an Account**" and follow the steps in the following section (a-g below).
3. If you already have an active Kroger Plus account, sign in using your registered email address and the password you created. If you do not remember your password, you can click "forgot password" to receive an email to reset your password.
4. Signing in will bring up a new screen titled **Kroger Community Rewards**. Click the orange "**ENROLL NOW**" button in the middle of the page.
5. Now you will see a screen titled **Account Summary**. Scroll down to the bottom of that page and under the "Community Rewards" heading click "**RE-ENROLL.**" You must now enter our organization's number - **80206** - and click search.
6. You should see St. Dominic R.C. Parish School as your choice. Click on the circle to the left of the organization name (placing a dot in it), to mark the selection. Then click the orange "**ENROLL**" button to complete the enrollment process.
7. This will now take you back to your **Account Summary** page and you should see a green message that says, "*Your enrollment in the Community Rewards Program has been updated. Thank you for participating!.*"
8. You may now sign out of your account. You can check at any time to make sure that your Kroger Plus card is linked to St. Dominic by logging into your account from the www.krogercommunityrewards.com website. You can also check the bottom of your Kroger receipt. At the very bottom of your receipt is should read, "*2017-2018 Kroger Community Rewards. You requested Kroger to donate to St. Dominic R.C. Parish School.*"

**** Note: If you have never registered your Kroger Plus Card, you can create an account by:**

- a) Going to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- b) Select "**Create an Account**" in the middle of the page
- c) This opens up a new page where you can enter your email address and create a password.
- d) Next you select your Kroger location and click "**Create Account.**" Your account has now been created and this brings up a screen to **Create An Account-Add Plus Card**.
 - o Here you can either enter in your Kroger Plus Card number or your 10 digit alternate ID.
 - o You will now have to enter the last name that is registered to this Kroger Plus Card.
- e) This brings you to your **Account Summary**
- f) Now just follow steps 4-8 above to enroll your Kroger Plus Card and to designate St. Dominic as your organization.
- g) If you do not know your Kroger Plus Card number or the phone number used for your account, you can call 1-800-576-4377, to get your Kroger Plus Card number.



Little Sisters of the Poor

St. Paul's Archbishop Leibold Home
476 Riddle Road
Cincinnati, OH 45220-2411

February 28, 2017

Rev. Jim Walsh
St. Dominic Parish
4551 Delhi Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45238

Dear Father Jim,

Thank you for allowing us to come to your parish the weekend of January 14-15. We thank you for the gift of \$4,182.61 that we received from your parish! With the individual donations that were sent to us, your parish has blessed us! You truly have generous parishioners, and we are grateful for their support. As you know, our ability to provide a home and security for our elderly is made possible only through generous donations such as these.

For many years, the Little Sisters have visited your parish, and it is a double blessing for us. In addition to the generous support we receive, it is wonderful to join so many individuals and families in celebrating our faith in worship and to witness a joyful parish community.

Please express our thanks to all your parishioners and remind them of our prayers for their intentions. In a special way, we will pray for you, Father. We have contracted a debt of gratitude to you that only Our Lord can pay for us and we shall often remind Him of it.

With renewed thanks for your goodness to us, we ask God to abundantly bless you and all in your parish family.

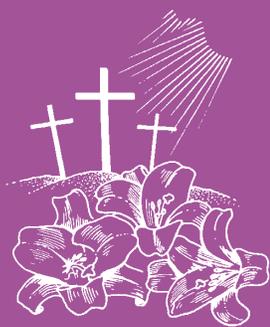
Sincerely yours,

Sr. Francis Gabriel, .

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

† Thursday, April 13
† Friday, April 14
† Saturday, April 15
† Sunday, April 16

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
The Passion of the Lord at Noon & 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.
Easter Services
7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m. (Church & O'Connor Hall)
11:30 p.m. (Church & O'Connor Hall)
NO 7:00 p.m. Mass

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