

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

August 2017

Pastor's Desk

I hope you are having a restful and relaxing summer. Had a nice vacation on the east coast of New England and Canada. Some great lobster and crab cakes! I highly recommend Acadia National Park in Maine. We are looking forward to the beginning of the new school year. School starts on August 23. Summers sure go fast around here! I will highlight the Fall events at St. Dominic in the September *Torch*. Happy Feast Day St. Dominic (August 8)! 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.

Betty Conrad, mother of Donald and Cara Conrad, Richard Conrad, Jim Conrad and Edward Conrad.

Walter Dewald, husband of Marie Dewald.

Mary Flower, mother of Beverly Flower Falbo, Robert and Teresa Flower, Steven Flower and Matthew and Ashley Flower.

Helen Pachoud, wife of Ray Pachoud and mother of Dan and Karen Edwards and Tracey and Mike Koth.

Robert (Bob) Hater, husband of Carol Hater and father of Jackie and Wally Carroll, Doug Hater and Jeanne and Robert Rosen.

Liturgical Ministers

We are in need of Gift Bearers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses. The commitment is usually once a month. If you would like more information, or to sign up as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 411. To sign up as Gift Bearers, please call John Willenborg at 451-5712. If you are already a Liturgical Minister (Gift Bearer, Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister) and would like to be removed from the schedule, please call the Parish Office before August 28.

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.

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.

Goldenaires

Planning Meeting – Our next Planning Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. Join us in Room 1 of the Parish Center with ideas for upcoming events. If you can't join us for the meeting, but have some ideas, contact Marie Salem at 910-3938.

Belterra Park Casino – Thursday, August 17 – We will leave the “Park n’ Ride” on Delhi Pike at 10:00 a.m. and return about 4:00 p.m.

Class of 2017 Scholarships

Elder High School Scholarship Awards

Braden Donald Connor – Thomas More College – Don Hughes Scholarship, Tuition Exchange Scholarship

Nathan Richard Hartung – Shawnee State University – Shawnee Success Award

Connor Jacob Lohmiller – West Virginia University – Ohio Tuition Reciprocity Award

Michael Chrong-Teh Rosen – University of Cincinnati – Cincinnatus Century Scholarship, Engineering and Applied Science Freshman Scholastic Award

Alexander Richard Schoenlaub – Xavier University – Xavier Scholarship

Dane Gregory Vatter – University of Cincinnati – Cincinnatus Century Award

Jacob Thomas Wells – Northern Kentucky University – The Excellence Scholarship

Andrew Douglas White – University of Kentucky – Kentucky Heritage Scholarship, UK Northern Kentucky/ Greater Cincinnati Alumni Club Scholarship

Mercy High School Scholarship Awards

None given

Oak Hills High School Scholarship Awards

Zachary Czoer – Virginia Lee Smith Memorial Scholarship

Tyler Parrish – Brueneman and Cunningham Memorial Scholarship

Erica Wessel – Elba A. and Melber C. Streng Memorial Scholarship

Seton High School Scholarship Awards

Abigail Brinker – Ohio University – OHIO Pathway Award

Hayley Dressler – Georgetown College – Heritage Scholarship

Alexa Jacob – Ashland University – Director Level Award

Olivia Jacob – Ashland University – Director Level Award

Jillian Kloepfer – Ohio University – OHIO Pathway Award, OHIO Achievement Scholarship, OHIO Distinction Scholarship

Peyton McCarthy – Valparaiso University – Athletic Award

Renee Rodgers – Mount St. Joseph University – MSJ Opportunity Award, Private Education Award

Hannah Schwaeble – University of Cincinnati – Cincinnatus Century Scholarship

Megan Wade – The Ohio State University – Lima Buckeye District Award

Xavier High School Scholarship Awards

None given

The scholarship awards above were provided by each high school. If we missed anyone, please send an email with your name, high school and scholarship information to mariam@stdominicdelhi.org.

St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society

We wish to extend a very big “THANK-YOU” to all the parishioners of St. Dominic. Through your generous donations we provided help to many families.

From April through June of 2017, your St. Vincent de Paul Society helped 91 families and 231 adults and children in the Delhi area. Our total receipts for the second quarter of this year were \$6,955 from poor box collections, parishioner donations, the school children and member donations. We paid out \$9,312 in client aid during the three months of April, May and June. The breakdown is as follows:

Rent and Mortgage Assistance	\$ 3,199
Duke Energy	\$ 1,792
Water Bills	\$ 788
Food & Gift Cards	\$ 2,752
Other Services & Beds	\$ 581
Other St. Vincent de Paul Societies	\$ 200

We continue to work very hard during these summer months. The staples in the food pantry have reached critical levels and that in turn affects the supply of grocery vouchers. Your help is needed to replenish the pantry with items that are distributed to the needy on a regular basis. We’ve listed the most needed items below. You can drop items off in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes in the Gathering Place before Mass or in the Parish Office during the week. Monetary donations are always welcome and can be put in the St. Vincent de Paul box.

Items Needed: green beans, pork and beans, Spaghetti-O’s, jelly, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, noodles, beef stew, canned soup, cereal

Once again, thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity. Your donations really do make a difference.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society

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@stdominicdelhi.org.





St. Dominic PSR (Parish School of Religion) Registration for 2017/2018

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 age 3 through 8th grade. There is special emphasis on the sacramental years, usually 2nd, 7th and 8th grades, with added activities for parents and candidates.

Registration for the 2017/2018 school year will be online. **All registrations for the 2017/2018 school year must be submitted by August 25.**

Access the online registration form via the Parish Website (www.stdominichelhi.org). Click on the PSR Registration button on the left side. The cost for Preschoolers (ages 3, 4 and Kindergarten) is \$20 per student. For grades 1-8 the cost 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 25.

First day of Class:

Preschool/Kindergarten: Sunday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Grades 1-5: Sunday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Grades 6-8: Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

PSR calendars for grades 1-8 will be sent to you following registration. Complete details are found in the PSR Handbook on the parish website.

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. Click on training, then live training to see a list of all scheduled live training sessions. **For your convenience, a live training session will be held at St. Dominic in O’Connor Hall on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. Preregistration is required for all 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@stdominichelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 481 with questions.

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 noon daily.

ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL HOMEROOM LISTS: The homeroom lists for the 2017/2018 school year will be placed in the **gym lobby windows at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14.** Please make sure your children know their homeroom and how to find their room on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 23. You are welcome to come to school on Monday and Tuesday, August 21 and 22 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to help your child find his/her homeroom.

SPIRITWEAR, including gym uniforms, will be sold on **Monday, August 14, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 16, from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. in the Spiritwear 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 Spiritwear.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM: Meeting on **Wednesday, August 16 at 5:30 p.m. in O'Connor Hall** (Parish Center lower level). 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 Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. in O'Connor Hall** (Parish Center lower level). 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 Wednesday, 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: **Wednesday, 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 spiritwear to exchange for different sizes. Former school families, and those wishing to donate items, are encouraged to drop off their no longer needed uniforms/spiritwear to a bin located in the Gathering Place the week of August 6. Call Amy Hafner at 347-9292 or Sheryl Carrithers at 520-4247 with questions.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Wednesday, August 23, 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 Wednesday, August 30: 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 2017/2018 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 Joan Mattei at 251-9726 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.

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COMMUNITY DINNER

August 17, 2017

5:00 p.m. to

6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

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