

# The Torch



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

St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

December 2016

## Pastor's Desk

Advent is upon us! We are in preparation for the great feast of Christmas, as we remember that Jesus Christ is coming again in glory! Signs of Advent here at St. Dominic are the Advent wreath, the liturgical readings about John the Baptist and from the prophet Isaiah, the liturgical songs, the purple banners in the Gathering Place and the purple vestments at Mass. We also know it is Advent because the Giving Trees are out. Please help another family celebrate Christmas by taking one of the tags decorating the trees. We will be gathering the gifts on the weekend of December 10 and 11 this year, the Third Sunday of Advent. On that Sunday, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, we really need help loading the gifts on the truck and then unloading the gifts at St. Leo. Young people of the parish, we need your strength and energy to complete this good work that we do!

This year, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States, falls on a Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses will be at 4:30 p.m. on the Vigil, December 7, and 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. with the school children, and 7:00 p.m. on December 8.

Once again, we will be having a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, December 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. Come join the rest of us sinners as we celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness.

Mike Davis will offer his Advent evening of prayer, scripture, and music on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. in church. Don't miss it! This is an excellent way to get into the genuine Christmas spirit!

Christmas falls on Sunday this year, which means that we will have four full weeks of Advent. Please note our Christmas schedule. On Saturday, Christmas Eve, we will have a 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Mass. The White and Hillgrove families will again provide the music at the 3:00 p.m. Mass. At 5:00 p.m., we will have the children's Mass with the blessing of our Nativity scene and Christmas songs by our children's choir. Once again this year, our final Christmas Eve Mass begins at 11:00 p.m., with carols by our choir, beginning at 10:30 p.m. Christmas day Masses are at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. **There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas.**

The Wise Men have already left from the East! They are on their way! Can you believe it! God bless you and have a faith-filled Advent and Christmas Season!

Fr. Jim

## Congratulations!

We congratulate all our Confirmandi, who received the sacrament on November 29. We would also like to extend our Congratulations to all our little ones who made their First Reconciliation on November 7. Please pray for them as they continue this journey of Faith!

## 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:

**Harold "Habe" Niehaus**, husband of Theresa Niehaus and father of Michael and Tricia Niehaus and David and Amanda Niehaus.

**Louis Fisher**, father of Louis and Joan Fisher III, Pamela and Rich Utecht and Jack and Laura Fisher.

**Kenneth Schorsch**, husband of Joanne Schorsch and father of Ken and Michelle Schorsch, Tony Schorsch and Adam and Melissa Schorsch.

**Damon Philpot**, husband of Sharon Philpot and father of Lexi Philpot and D.J. Philpot.

**Phillip Brennan**, brother of Kathleen and Mike D'Arcy, Maureen and Curt Sheldon, Karen Anderson, Beth Reach, W. Daniel and Jackie Brennan, Michael and Laura Brennan and David and Milissa Brennan.

**Americo Carusone**, father of Peter Carusone, Joseph and Sharon Carusone and Vincent Carusone.

**Thomas Rehage**, husband of Marcia Rehage and father of Craig Rehage and Erica Rehage.

**Henry "Hank" Rohe**, husband of Melva Witschger Rohe and father of Julie and Jay Morman Gelock, step-father of Theresa and Kevin Eagan, Jerome Witschger, Joan and Brandt Junker, Kathleen Witschger, Susan Witschger and Richard and Jaime Witschger.



## Advent Concert

Mike Davis' Advent Concert with Scripture and Prayer

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 p.m. in Church

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, 2016

7:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m. with the school children

7:00 p.m.



## Advent Parish Penance Service

Each Advent, John the Baptist calls us to repentance, as we prepare the way of the Lord.  
We have a merciful and forgiving God!  
Come celebrate that gracious mystery with us! Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

## Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner is scheduled for  
Thursday, December 15, in O'Connor Hall, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.  
Hope to see everyone there!!!



## Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will have reduced hours during the holiday season. Please note these times so you can plan your business accordingly.

Friday, December 23	8:00 a.m.-noon
Monday, December 26	Closed
Tuesday, December 27-Friday, December 30	8:00 a.m.-noon
Monday, January 2	Closed

## Early *TORCH* Deadline

Due to the Holidays, information for the January *Torch* needs to be received in the Parish Office by December 8.



## Giving Trees

Thank you to all who have taken a tag from the Giving Trees. May God bless you for your willingness to share with others who have been less fortunate. There are suggested gift ideas attached to the tags. Do not feel obligated to buy any or all of those gifts. Gloves, scarves, art supplies and books are always good ideas. If you do not have time to go shopping, but would like to help, a cash donation can always be used to buy toys, clothing or gift cards. You can make a donation by sending it to the Parish Office (4551 Delhi Pike) or dropping it in the collection basket at Mass, but either way, be certain to label your envelope with "**Donation for the Giving Trees.**" Gifts need to be returned on December 10 or 11, with the tag firmly attached. If you have the ability to help load the truck following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on December 11, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Volunteers Needed!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is one of several ministries for the young children of the parish. The Children and their catechists leave the body of the church, and go to the Gathering Place for a child-friendly learning experience that mirrors the Scripture readings, Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. This takes place during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Liturgy.

*In order to keep the program going every Sunday, volunteers are needed to serve as catechists for our Kindergartners through Second Graders.* CLOW volunteers must be in compliance with the Archdiocese Decree on Child Protection (VIRTUS) and previous teaching experience is not required. Material needed to lead each session is provided. Please consider volunteering. Many helpers make for light work! If you can help as a CLOW catechist once each month, or if you want more information, contact Theresa Eagan, Pastoral Associate, at 471-7741, ext. 481.

## St. Dominic's Blood Drive

St. Dominic will be hosting a Blood Drive in O'Connor Hall on Sunday, January 8, 2017. Donating blood is safe and easy. Donors must be at least 17 years old and be in general good health. In order to donate blood on January 8, you must first make an appointment. Sign-ups for the Blood Drive will be in the Gathering Place after Mass on Saturday, December 3 and the morning masses on Sunday, December 4. If you wish, you may call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 to make an appointment. **DONATING BLOOD - WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR!**

## Men's Society News: It's Time to Renew

Remember, January is the time of year to renew your membership with the St. Dominic Men's Society! The cost to renew your dues will be \$10.00. Membership dues help us to continue funding scholarships, the Adopt-A-Student Program, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, worthwhile projects for the school, Fall Golf Outing, Keeneland Trip, Las Vegas Night, and all the other programs the Men's Society supports. **Please include your email address when you are completing the information on the outside of your dues envelope.**

Over the past few years, we have begun focusing our attention on recruiting new members of the parish and school. If you have a child in Preschool or Kindergarten, the Men's Society is a great way to get involved in helping St. Dominic and getting to know other dads in the parish. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m., in Fr. Grimmelman Hall. Come to one of our meetings and check out how we operate and all that we do, or contact Jason at 477-8162 with questions. We also have a Facebook Page: St. Dominic Men's Society where we list all of our events. We thank you for the support you have given us and hope you will continue to support our society.



## Wedding Anniversaries

On Sunday, October 23rd, St. Dominic Parish honored parishioners celebrating their 65th, 60th (diamond), 50th (golden) or their 25th (silver) Wedding Anniversary during 2016. One 65th, three 60th, nine golden and five silver anniversary couples joined by family and friends, were recognized and received a special blessing during the 9:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Reverend James Walsh. A reception followed in

O'Connor Hall. Fr. Walsh presented each couple with a certificate congratulating them on their years of marital commitment.

St. Dominic Parish would like to congratulate the following couples who celebrated their 65th, 60th, 50th or 25th Wedding Anniversaries during 2016. May God Bless you and smile upon your holy union.

### *65th ANNIVERSARY COUPLE*

Donald & Jackie Kahny

### *60th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES*

Thurman & Helena Blades  
George & Carolyn Robben

Carl & Judith Dickhaus

### *GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES*

Morris & Evelyn Collins  
Harry & Helen May  
John & JoAnn Rohr  
Joseph & Lois Scherer  
James & Mary Ann Wilson

Len & Mary Ann Doerflein  
Jack & Fernanda Moreira  
Donald & Mary Russo  
Donald & Mary Wesley

### *SILVER ANNIVERSARY COUPLES*

Matthew & Karen Awad  
Ronald & Theresa Hansel  
Deron & Lisa Roseberry

Milton & Jennifer Barnes  
William & Mary Beth Oakley

## 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](http://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](http://VIRTUS.org) user account, click the "Toolbox" tab then click the [selection.com](http://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's 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, December 14, for the 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. Pre-orders are accepted! Order online at [www.fngoodechicken.com](http://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!! Flyers will be available in the December 11 bulletin, as well as in the Parish Office, on the Parish website [www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.org) or by emailing Amy Walter [awalter@fuse.net](mailto:awalter@fuse.net) or calling or texting Pam Kent at 382-2693.

## 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 were able to provide help to many families.

From July through September of 2016, your St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to help 64 families and 211 adults and children in the Delhi area. Our total receipts for the third quarter of this year was \$4,215 from poor box collections, parishioner donations, the school children and member donations. We were able to pay out \$15,117 in client aid during the three months of July, August and September. The breakdown is as follows:

Rent and Mortgage Assistance	\$ 5,088	Food & Gift Cards	\$ 3,224
Duke Energy	\$ 4,274	Other Services & Beds	\$ 408
Water Bills	\$ 1,645	Other St. Vincent de Paul Societies	\$ 477

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

## Christmas Floral Donations



This Christmas Season we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of decorating the church. Please consider honoring your special loved ones by helping us to prepare a fitting and very beautiful place to welcome the Lord. Donors and their loved ones will be listed in the bulletin and *The Torch* soon after Christmas.

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 16.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I prefer to have my donation remain anonymous

## 2017 ST. DOMINIC FESTIVAL

We know it seems early, but plans are already forming for the 2017 St. Dominic Festival and we would like your help.

Below are several areas where we are looking for people to volunteer. We ask that you look the list over and pray about what God might want you to do. I myself have found it to be very rewarding, when the Festival comes, watching all the children and their happy faces.

We are looking for people that might like to be on the committee with us as well as people that are available to volunteer a few hours the weekend of the Festival.

Please fill out the information below and return it either in the Sunday collection basket, church office, school office or you can mail it to:

Julie Patrick  
4214 Parkmont Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45238

Thank you so much for your time.  
Julie Patrick and Joan Mattei

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help on the Festival Committee, sounds like fun.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to Chair a Festival Booth for the weekend. I know that Julie and Joan will show me the ropes and I will enjoy it.

\_\_\_\_\_ I really want to be involved in the Festival, I can donate some time over the weekend to work in a booth, please call me when it gets time to schedule your Booth workers.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to help set up the Festival on that Tuesday and Wednesday before the Festival – I know that many hands make work easy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Saturday, December 24

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – Children’s Mass

11:00 p.m. – Final Mass on Christmas Eve  
(Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Sunday, December 25

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE**

VIGIL – Saturday, December 31

4:30 p.m.

HOLY DAY – Sunday, January 1, 2017

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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