

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

May 2017

Pastor's Desk

Mark your calendars for all four weekends in May!

On the weekend of May 6 and 7, we welcome our little brothers and sisters in second grade to the table of the Lord for the first time! May God bless them and their parents with a deep appreciation for the gift of the Eucharist throughout their lives.

Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day. Remember your Moms, living and dead. They took care of you before you could care for yourself. They fed you... changed you...clothed you! It was God's way of loving you. Give thanks to God and to your Moms! On that Sunday, May 14, we will have a short May Crowning service at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

On Sunday, May 21, there will be the annual Rosary Rally for the St. Lawrence Deanery at Elder Stadium at 1:30 p.m. We will pray the Rosary, listen to a Marian preaching, sing hymns, and have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. If it rains, we move the rally to the Elder gym.

May 26, 27, and 28, is our St. Dominic Parish Festival. Come and enjoy the rides, food, entertainment, and opportunities to win big prizes. Sunday festivities will begin this year at 4:00 p.m., featuring a special reduced ride rate for kids from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Entertainment this year will feature "Model Behavior" on Friday night, "Tommy and Hub" on Saturday night, and "Mike Davis" on Sunday night!

Be sure to get a chance on our Major Award of \$10,000! The cost is \$20 a chance and there will only be 2000 tickets sold. A great prize and a better chance than ever to win! Chances can also be purchased after Masses in the Gathering Place or at the Parish Office.

We are still having major difficulties getting parishioners to volunteer to work at the festival and especially getting volunteers to chair the various festival booths. We will be unable to continue our festival if this continues.

Fr. Jim



COMMUNITY DINNER

May 18, 2017

5:00-6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

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.

Jack Rolfes, son of Philip and Jenny Rolfes, brother of Alex Rolfes, Christie Rolfes and Andrew Rolfes.

Lawrence Schwarz, brother of Dr. Thomas and Sharon Schwarz, James Schwarz, Mary Jo and Charles Kaseman and Ralph and Patty Schwarz.

Frank Hinkel, husband of Sue Hinkel, father of Julie and Mike Strasinger, Jack and Melissa Hinkel, Carol and John Wainscott, Paul and Lori Hinkel, Maria Hinkel and Donna and Don Fieler.

Shirley Kleinholz, wife of Milton Kleinholz, mother of Kent and Nan Kleinholz and Jason and Sherrie Kleinholz.

Madelyn Hart, daughter of Stephen and Jeannine Hart, sister of Adrienne and Ben Keith, Cameron Hart and Kendal Hart.

Deborah Herbe, wife of Frederick Herbe, mother of Krista and Tito A. Abbo Herbe and Amanda Rae Herbe.

Sean Ealy, son of Lee and Kathleen Ealy, father of Ashley Nash, Gabriel Ealy and Maggie Ealy.

Mamie Catanzaro, loving aunt of Patricia and Red Reuss, Thomas and Pat Kroth and Paul and Pat Kroth.

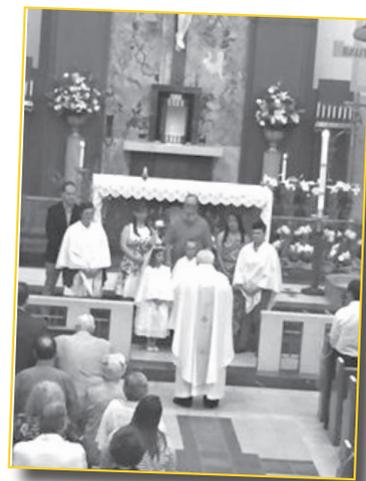
Dorothy Litzinger, mother of Robert "Bob" Litzinger and Jay and Lisa Litzinger.

Welcome

After months of preparation and prayer, members of St. Dominic's RCIA and RCIC (program adapted for children) entered the church at the Easter Vigil on April 15. We are excited for them to join us!

The following received the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil: Josephine Cox and Elizabeth Kennedy.

Grace Hanna and Chelsea Zoecklein became members in full communion with the Catholic Church, via their Confirmation and receipt of the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil.



If you know someone who may be interested in learning about the Catholic faith, now may be the time to encourage him or her to ask the questions and perhaps become part of our RCIA process. Call Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481 for more details.



2017 Wedding Anniversaries

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2017 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. They may request a certificate in two ways:

1. Visit the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life website at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/>.
2. Call the Office for Marriage & Family Life at 421-3131, ext. 2653.

These certificates will be sent to your parish in early July for distribution to couples near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26).

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS - In addition to receiving a certificate from Archbishop Schnurr, married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 are invited to a Golden Anniversary Mass on August 12, 2017, 4:30 p.m. at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant. Registration for the Mass occurs during the certificate request (above).

ST. DOMINIC ANNIVERSARY MASS - Here at St. Dominic we will also celebrate our Anniversary Couples. This usually takes place in October at 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you will be celebrating a 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th or 75th Wedding Anniversary in 2017, please contact the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, no later than June 16.

Adopt-A-Student

The St. Dominic Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program has helped many families attend our exceptional school that may not have otherwise been able to afford the full cost of tuition. We have established our tuition rate for the 2017-18 school year at \$3,000, net of any parish subsidies, etc. As in the past, we welcome any monetary gifts to the program, however we have established gift levels as described below for those that wish to sponsor a student:

Platinum Level Gift of \$3,000	Sponsors a student for an entire school year
Gold Level Gift of \$2,250	Sponsors a student for 3 quarters of the year
Silver Level Gift of \$1,500	Sponsors a student for ½ of a year
Bronze Level Gift of \$750	Sponsors a student for 1 quarter of the year

Please consider a contribution to this vital program by participating in any of the levels described above, or please feel free to contribute any amount you are able. For additional information, or to make a contribution, please contact the parish business manager, Charlie DeZarn at 471-7741, ext. 417. Thank you for your consideration in contributing to our Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program.

Children and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Many of us are aware that the RCIA is the process through which adults come into the Catholic Church. What might be confusing to many people, both Catholic and non-Catholic, is how children who are no longer considered “infants” are to come to Baptism and full initiation in the Catholic Church.

The RCIA process is required not just for those whom society considers adults, but for those children that the Church considers adults for the sake of Baptism. **Therefore, once one reaches the age of reason (usually considered seven years old) he or she must be initiated in the Church through the RCIA process.** This requires Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – in that order. All three of these Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Faith are received at the Easter Vigil Mass for those who are in the RCIA process. This is not up to those coordinating the RCIA, the school administration, or even the Pastor. These are requirements of Church law (see below).

Following these rules, as you may have seen, often means that some children are confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion earlier than their peers. Some have expressed that this seems “unfair” to the peers, who must wait to be fully initiated, however, it is in fact what is required by Church law.

The full initiation of a child who has reached the age of reason is not something that happens lightly or without preparation. On the contrary, these children are required to go through formation in the parish’s RCIA, even if they attend the parish school. Here at St. Dominic, our children in RCIA meet with their catechists throughout the year in preparation for their full initiation in the Catholic Church.

If you have any questions about the RCIA adapted for children or baptism for younger children please contact Theresa Eagan, Pastoral Associate in the parish office at 471-7741, ext. 481 or teagan@stdominicdelhi.org.

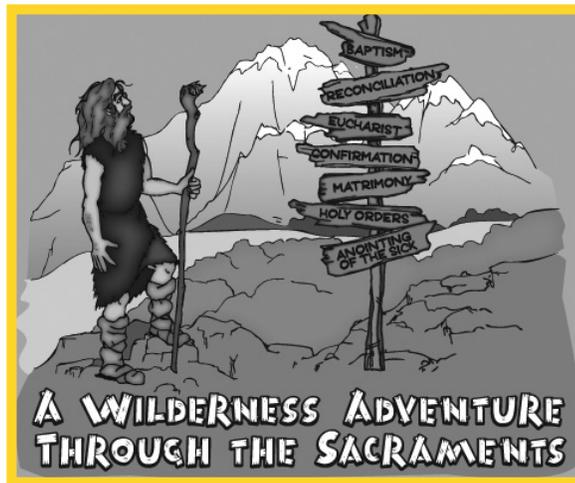
Pertinent Canons:

- (851 1f) An adult who intends to receive Baptism is to be admitted to the catechumenate (a phase of the RCIA process).
- (852 B1) The provisions of the canons on adult Baptism apply to all those who, being no longer infants, have reached the use of reason.
- (866) Unless there is a grave reason to the contrary, immediately after receiving Baptism an adult is to be confirmed, to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist and to receive Holy Communion.

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.





St. Dominic Vacation Bible School

We are looking forward to our 5th Annual Vacation Bible School, to be held on July 10-14, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. each evening! The Vacation Bible School program we have implemented is 100% Catholic! For the past 4 years, we have focused on helping the youth in our parish build their faith. We have learned about the seven sacraments, the Mass, awesome saints, and the Vatican all while having a fun time. This year we will be using another program from the Cat. Chat Catholic VBS (www.catchat.ca/vacation-bible-school). We will make crafts, learn some new songs, play games, and eat snacks all while learning more about our Catholic faith!

Registration forms will be sent home soon and will also be available online and at the Parish Office. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more information!

VBS also needs many **VIRTUS** - trained adults to lead groups from station to station, and to supervise the various stations! If you have completed VIRTUS, and are available each evening from 5:30-9:00 p.m., your help is needed. I promise it is easy and FUN!

If you would like to volunteer your time and talent, contact Linda Gardner at 451-3079 or lmcgardner2@gmail.com or the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. We have some wonderful parents who have already stepped up to help. If your child needs service hours, we will have spots for them to fill also.

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.

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 or 471-7741, ext. 481 with questions.

THIRD QUARTER 2016-2017

1ST HONORS – Q Average of 93% +

2nd HONORS – Q Average of 85 – 92%

8th Grade

First Honors

Sabra Charles
Heather Cook
Riley Ellis
Lauren Fitzsimmons
Allison Gilkey
Caley Hignite
Adam Kent
Gabe McDonald
Chris Mueller
Emily Redder
Christie Rolfes
Jenna Sullivan
Matthew Walter

7th Grade

First Honors

Maddie Baker
Avery Barnes
Bridget Barron
Isabella Bass
Jason Childs
Kailee Chowning
Charles Habedank
Grant Hater
Rebecca Hater
Katie Liderbach
Rebecca Ochs
Julia Redder
Kaitlyn Schloemer
Maggie Utley
Rebecca Veid
Ben Yorgovan

6th Grade

First Honors

Lucy Becker
Kristen Bizaiillon
Bailey Broxterman
Alicia Burke
Collin Carrithers
Teagan Charles
Megan Childs
Kaitlyn Dudley
Grace Ellis
Gabby Flores
Claire Gibbs
Nicholas Gutzwiller
Caroline Hafner
Madison Jones
Anthony Martin
Andrew Rolfes
Nick Ruoff
Allison Shattuck
Caleb Sunderman
Mimi Vu
Grace Wade
Emma Walter
Gabby White

5th Grade

First Honors

Emma Bechtel
Tyler Biggs
Evelyn Brower
Brandon Catanzaro
Brody Ferencak
Kaylee Finkelstein
Nick Fitzsimmons
Thomas Hater
Ryan Kunz
Ethan Lipps
Thomas Roth
Carter Sokolis
Nick Tallen
Jadyn Teal
Carson Telger
Bella Tirado
Ella Vatter

4th Grade

First Honors

Grace Awad
Catherine Barron
Sophia Bass
Emery Charles
Liam Eckhoff
Arielle Fahrian
Ella Gorczyca
Jonah Habedank
Eddie Jones
Alisa King
Kaitlyn Kruessel
Nick Liderbach
Elizabeth Lipps
Eva Montgomery
Michael Montgomery
Ben Railey
Adrianna Russ
Adam Schloemer
Leni Sullivan
Bella Sweeney
Austin Tettenhorst
Nora Utley

8th Grade

Second Honors

Keegan Brown
Jarrett Caskey
Jackson Gutzwiller
Nicholas Homan
Caitlyn Shoemaker
Jason Stenger

7th Grade

Second Honors

Jack Adams
Andrew Corbett
Kendal Hart
Mackenzie Helling
Cedes Lagdameo
Courtney Schweitzer
Jackson Weikel

6th Grade

Second Honors

Eve Boggs
Gracie Callahan
Kamara Chowning
Makayla Grahm
Lindsay Hasselbeck
Miriam Lipps
Shelby Logsdon

5th Grade

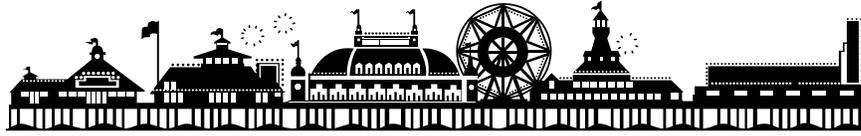
Second Honors

William Callahan
Andy Dang
Gina Hockenberry
Logan Latscha
D.J. Philpot
Itayi Tagarisa
Nick Wade

4th Grade

Second Honors

Antonio Augustine
Kirra Koch
Carson Siebel
Lexi Wilhoit



St. Dominic's Memorial Day Festival Silent Auction and Baskets and More

Not only do we have these great items, but we're hoping to add others.
Maybe some generous person(s) will donate a weekend getaway to a KY or OH Park Lodge.
Maybe someone could help with a Bengals package or a Reds package.

What would you like to buy and at the same time have all the proceeds go to St. Dominic?
You can buy a week's vacation in a gorgeous home on Anna Maria Island and the money
goes to St. Dominic. It's like getting double value!

Silent Auction Items - Some of the items to be offered are:

* Three bedroom, three bath (ensuite), private home, the Blue Bayou (sleeps six), with pool and spa on Anna Maria Island, Florida (near Bradenton). It is canal front with a boat dock and just two blocks from the Gulf and beach. Choose a mutually agreed upon week from May through September, 2018. For more details, check out their website: www.islandreal.com/booking/blue-bayou-229-chilson-ave/1019. (Donated by Bill and Patty Cook)

* Dinner with Bishop Joe - Enjoy a gourmet dinner for six adults at the home of Tom and Joan Mattei. If you attended Bishop Joe's Lenten Lecture on Discipleship, you'll understand just how interesting and entertaining he can be with his personal life stories. This is a very relaxing and enjoyable evening with friends.

* Cookout with Fr. Jim, Fr. Chris and Deacon Mark - A group of 6 adults can have a great time grilling and chilling in Fr. Jim's home. Unwind with Sammie and her pals, and enjoy a tasty grillout.

* Italian Dinner with Fr. Jim, Fr. Chris and Gourmet Cook Deacon Mark - Be wined and dined with an Italian dinner fit for a king and his court at Fr. Jim's home. This meal, including an antipasto appetizer, pasta and meat courses, and dessert, is sure to please a group of six adults. It's almost as good as the camaraderie!

* Beautiful Elder afghan - Donated by St. Dominic Crochet Group.

* Beautiful Seton afghan - Also donated by St. Dominic Crochet Group. Is a Seton afghan worth more than an Elder afghan? Bid and find out!

* Romance Package at Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza - 1 night stay, dinner and breakfast for two

* Golf and Lunch for three with donor at Western Hills Country Club

* Sports Memorabilia

Baskets and More Raffle - Just a very few of our baskets include:

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| * Lottery Ticket Shirt | * \$300 Money Tree |
| * XU Basketball Basket | * Elder & Seton spirit wear |
| * UC Bearcats 8/31 football tickets | * Dine at Home in Delhi |
| * Coca-Cola Basket | * Etched "Elder" Stone |
| * King's Island tickets | * Riverbend tickets |
| * Gold Star Chili One Year of Coneys | |
| * Smithscapes \$500 landscape plan or 10-12 ft. tree (planting included) | |

AND MANY MORE!!!

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2017 ST. DOMINIC FESTIVAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SET UP: Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m.

FESTIVAL WORKERS: Any day for a few hours would be helpful!

Call Mary Bardonaro Warner at 633-9890 or mary.bardonaro@yahoo.com.

TAKE DOWN: Sunday, May 28, starting at 10:30 p.m.

GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY: "Model Behavior," 7:30-10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: "Tommy and Hub," 7:30-10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY: "Mr. Entertainment- Mike Davis," 7:30-10:00 p.m.

St. Dominic Parishioners, working together, will make Festival 2017 a great success!

Pray for GREAT weather!!!