

# The Torch



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St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

November 2016

## Pastor's Desk

November is a monthlong 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 9, 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, i.e. to give thanks!

Say a prayer for our eighth graders who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, November 29, and our second graders who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, November 7.

An early Happy Advent wish to you! Advent starts Saturday afternoon, November 26! Mark your calendars for Monday, November 28! The Saint Henry District High School Chamber Choir from Northern Kentucky will be with us for an evening of song and prayer in church beginning at 7:00 p.m. This choir is celebrated for excellence in the Greater Cincinnati area. It is directed by Eileen Bird. Eileen is Mary Ann Wagner's daughter, who often fills in on the flute at our 11:30 Mass, when she brings her mother to church.

This will be an enjoyable and uplifting experience. Don't miss it!

Fr. Jim

## Memorial Mass

On Wednesday evening, November 9 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.

## 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:

**Mary Korb**, mother of Kim Powers, Wayne Blackwell, Kevin "Speedy" Blackwell, Sherri Blackwell, Jerry Blackwell and Jay and Michelle Korb.

**JoAnn Kahle**, mother of Daniel Korte, Kimberly and Jeffrey Watson and Brent and Shea Kahle.

**Mary Haller**, mother of Charles and Linda Haller, Jr., Mary Ann Bauer, Dave Haller, Steve and Lois Haller, Alan Haller and Mark Haller.

**James Allen**, father of Jamie Allen.

**Bettie Schwab-Hancock**, mother of Judy and Bill Frank, Rick and Dolores Schwab, Jim and Connie Schwab and Linda Dalessandro.

**Lisa Phipps**, mother of Jason and Molly Re, Nick and Susan Phipps, and Michael Phipps.

## Parish Office Thanksgiving Closing and Inclement Weather Schedule

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Friday, November 25. Please plan any business or key pick-up 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 modify its hours of operation as follows: open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time of 4:00 p.m. We felt the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, in order to ensure the safety of all of 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.*

## An Evening of Song and Prayer

Featuring the St. Henry District High School Chamber Choir from Northern Kentucky on Monday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Dominic Church. Come join our staff and this renowned choir for a joyful and uplifting evening of song and prayer. The choir is under the direction of Eileen Bird. Eileen is the daughter of parishioner Mary Ann Wagner and often plays the flute at the 11:30 a.m. Mass when she brings her mother to church. Don't Miss This!!

## Church Envelopes

This year, we are planning to distribute the 2016 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.

## Giving Trees

On the weekend before Thanksgiving (November 19/20) the Giving Trees will be up and at the church doors. Please consider helping by taking a tag. We will be collecting the gifts the weekend of December 10/11. Look for more information in the bulletin in November.

## Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner is scheduled for  
November 17 in O'Connor Hall from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.  
Hope to see everyone there!!!



## National Merit Semifinalist

Hannah Doll, a St. Dominic Graduate and senior at Mother of Mercy, was named a semifinalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Hannah is one of 16,000 semifinalists across the nation and represents less than one percent of all high school seniors. The semifinalists were selected from more than 1.6 million teens who entered the competition when they took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test their junior year. About 90 percent of semifinalists will be named finalists in February. Congratulations, Hannah!

## St. Dominic Men's Scholarship Golf Outing 2016

We had another successful year due to the generosity of our Door Prize Donors and Hole Sponsors. Please patronize our Donors and Sponsors!

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## Welcoming Two New Members to Our St. Dominic Family

On Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18, St. Dominic was blessed to welcome two new members into our Catholic family. Mary Presutto and Rob Smith accepted God's calling to a full communion with the Catholic Church through their receipt of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (Mary at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and Rob at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday).

Many Catholics are baptized as infants, and learn the faith as life-long members of the Catholic Church. There are also many others who have come to the Catholic Church because they have responded to God's call in their lives. Their learning and deeper understanding of the treasure that is the Catholic faith is gained via the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA, or the RCIA adapted for children). God calls each and every person to a search or a longing for faith - and the acceptance of the Truth that is Jesus Christ! This is the Truth that St. Paul speaks of in his letter to Timothy.

Through the RCIA process, those searching for faith share moving stories of how God acts through us, ordinary people, to bring others to the Church. Often, it can only be explained by the Grace of God, the power of prayer and the example, or witness, of other Catholics. Those who are not baptized and now seek baptism, very often come because, through others, they are seeking that Knowledge of Truth that we hear about in Sacred Scripture (1 Timothy 2:4). They have come to the understanding that the only way to salvation is through Jesus Christ, and they want to be part of this Christian Community.

Sometimes, we have Christians who are already baptized in another Christian Tradition. These men and women are already one with us in that baptism, and have come to see something in the Catholic Church that leads them to learn more about the Roman Catholic Faith. As they learn through the RCIA process, Mass and continued formation in parish life, God instills in them the desire to be in Full Communion of the Catholic Church. As they work toward this day, we often hear from them of the desire or the HUNGER for the Eucharist. Anticipation of the day when they will share with us the True Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at the Eucharistic Table.

Both Mary and Rob were already one with us by their baptism, and had already shown themselves to be faithful servants and followers of Christ in their lives. Through the call of God in their families and in our St. Dominic Community, they had come to the day where each was ready to profess their faith, be confirmed and celebrate with us at the Eucharistic Table for the first time. This took place on a weekend in September, rather than waiting for the next Easter Vigil, because baptized Christians are not required to wait for the Easter Vigil. They can join us when they are ready and when the Church agrees it is time. St. Dominic Parish and the wider Roman Catholic Church say to our newest members, "We are so glad this day is here, not just for you, but for all of us." We pray that their faith will be an inspiration and a reminder to all of us of what it means to be Roman Catholic and participate in the Eucharist together, as we all look toward that Eternal Salvation our Lord has offered.

If you or someone you know is also longing for the Truth and faith that we read of in Paul's letter to Timothy, please contact Pastoral Associate Theresa Eagan ([teagan@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:teagan@stdominicdelhi.org) or at 471-7741, ext. 481) for more information about the RCIA program.

## School News

**Mark your calendars for a night at Panera Bread!** - On Tuesday, November 15, St. Dominic's Tuition Reduction Program will hold a fundraiser at the Western Hills Panera Bread, from 4:00-9:30 p.m.; 15% of all sales (with a flyer) will be donated back to the Tuition Reduction Program. **Dine-in, carry-out, AND gift card sales are included.** Panera Bread gift cards make GREAT St. Nick's gifts, Christmas stocking stuffers, and teacher's gifts. Please come out and join us for a fun night, with friends and family, that supports a GREAT cause! Flyers will be available in the November 13 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 Pam Kent ([tkent12089@aol.com](mailto:tkent12089@aol.com)). Hope to see you all there!

**Get ready for the Scholastic Book Fair** - Arrrrgh you ready to read, Bookaneers? The Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! Please join us after the weekend Masses on November 5 and 6 in the Parish Center. This is a fundraiser that supports our wonderful school library! Books for elementary schoolchildren and younger will be in the Faith Sharing Room, and books for older children and adults will be in Meeting Room 1. Books make wonderful gifts for family and friends of all ages. We hope to see you at the Book Fair!

## New Teachers



St. Dominic School has seven new staff members joining us for the 2016-2017 school year. Joining us from left to right are:

**Mr. Steve Burns** teaches 7th and 8th grade Social Studies and 7th grade Religion. During the 2014-2015 school year he was a long-term sub for two teachers. He is happy to be back at St. Dominic. He has 30 years of teaching experience from Covington and in the Northwest Local School District. Steve has a Master's Degree from Wright State University and a Bachelor Degree and Gifted Education Endorsement from U. C. He enjoys the outdoors,

drawing, woodworking, and spending time with his family. Steve and his wife have two sons and are members of St. Teresa Parish.

**Mrs. Courtney VandeRyt** teaches 2nd grade. This is her second year teaching, and she is grateful for such a warm welcome. Courtney graduated from Mount St. Joseph University with her degree in Early Childhood Education with a reading endorsement. She enjoys reading, sports, and nature. Courtney and her husband are parish members at St. John's in Harrison.

**Mrs. Becky Schoenfeld** teaches music. She is a born and raised west-sider and is so excited to be teaching at St. Dominic! Becky graduated from Mount St. Joseph University where she studied Vocal Pedagogy and even got to play the role of "Glinda" in MSJ's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. This is her third year teaching within the Archdiocese. She has also taught private voice and piano lessons. In August she married Jason. They belong to St. Jude Parish, where Becky is a cantor for Sunday Masses.

**Mrs. Allie Lampe** teaches 2nd grade and is in her tenth year of teaching. Her experience has been in the diocese of Covington. She and her husband, Arlen, joined the parish three years ago and her two-year-old son, Alton, was baptized here by Deacon Mark. Allie and her family greatly enjoy being part of the parish and now the school community.

**Mrs. Mary Jane Horn** is a pre-school educational assistant. She is a graduate of Miami University. Mary Jane, her husband, Stacey, and two daughters enjoy camping, boating, and skiing. She is excited to be at St. Dominic School and is thankful for the warm welcome.

**Mrs. Betsy Liderbach** teaches 6th grade Religion, Reading, and Social Studies. She is a graduate of Xavier University and has been teaching for 19 years. Betsy and her husband, Mike, have two children attending St. Dominic School. She is happy to be part of such a supportive parish family and has felt very welcomed by the St. Dominic community.

**Mrs. Christina Scheckel** is our Title I teacher. She is glad to be a part of our wonderful parish and loving school staff. This is her fourth year teaching. Christina has a Master's degree in Early Childhood and a Reading Endorsement. She is married to Kirk and they have three children. They stay busy with the children's musical interests in singing, French horn, flute, and on their church worship team. She is thankful to be a part of our wonderful community.

### Some Words of Remembrance for One of Our Parishioners

Last month we celebrated the funeral Mass of Mildred Conley. Mildred's niece, Karen Laake, gave the Words of Remembrance. She talked about how close her family was to Aunt Millie's family. Aunt Millie became like a second Mom after her own mother died. She talked about Aunt Millie's faith, her devotion to the rosary and the importance of Sunday and daily Mass. She talked about her cooking and all the other loving things she did for the family. She ended with these words:

*So when we look back at Aunt Millie's life, it really is about the **simple** things in life she taught us...How to be humble and kind. How to just sit and listen. How not to judge others. How to ask others how their life was going. She always asked how your wife or husband and kids were doing. Always remembered birthdays with a simple card. To have a sense of humor. To be there for others to support and celebrate life. To be there for your family when it could be easy to push aside one or another, or to take sides. To know what is right and wrong and to set an example by living the right life. To be firm but fair. How to appreciate. How to simply be kind. To know how important your faith is and to live by it.*

*So this I ask...*

*Do we continue what Aunt Millie, Aunt Vera, Uncle Johnny and Uncle Leonard started for us? They put together a beautiful family. They taught us HOW to be a "Family". What's important about being a part of a family? Do we continue to build OUR family, the family that took over 60 years to establish?*

OR

*Do we walk away when things don't go as we want them to go, or when we have an argument, or a falling out? I'm not saying all families are perfect nor should we expect that. ALL families have drama. If there wasn't drama, there wouldn't be a **Days of Our Lives** or **Dynasty** on TV. But I do think we owe it to our parents to keep together what was so beautifully formed and built for us. Do we take care of each other? All it takes is a little effort. The grass is NOT always greener on the other side. If we could try to reach out to each other, to support each other, to have a family get-together maybe once a year, to ask about our families, to call or text and just say, "HI" and, most importantly, to live up to what our parents would be proud of, and to have a strong faith, I think we could continue to build and nourish what was started for us.*

*I know it's a different world than when our parents grew up and when we grew up, but we need to remember the IMPORTANT stuff. We need to show OUR kids how to put and keep family together. If you should lose your way or forget what's important, I ask that you think of our parents. I think they seemed to have gotten it pretty right. They were not perfect nor are any of us, but they did lead by example.*

*They say **we** are living **our own eulogies** right now. Think about it: **We** are living **our own eulogies** right now. You write your own eulogies. What will your eulogy say about you? Aunt Millie wrote a beautiful eulogy for all of us and she showed us how to be a wonderful example of how to live a life with purpose and meaning. Thank You, Aunt Millie, for your inspiring, incredible, splendid eulogy.*

What a tribute! This is what successful living is all about! Mildred lived a successful life in the eyes of God and the eyes of her children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. We trust that she is enjoying God's life and presence now in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr. Jim

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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.

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