

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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Pastor's Desk

I came across the story of *The Stranger* recently. I found it interesting and worth sharing with you.

Fr. Jim

The Stranger

A few months before I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small Tennessee town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer, and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around to welcome me into the world a few months later.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in our family. In my young mind, each member had a special niche. My brother, Bill, five years my senior, was my example. Fran, my younger sister, gave me an opportunity to play 'big brother' and develop the art of teasing. My parents were complementary instructors – Mom taught me to love the word of God, and Dad taught me to obey it.

But the stranger was our storyteller. He could weave the most fascinating tales. Adventure, mysteries and comedies were daily conversations. He could hold our whole family spell-bound for hours each evening.

If I wanted to know about politics, history, or science, he knew it all. He knew about the past, understood the present, and seemingly could predict the future. The pictures he could draw were so lifelike, that I would often laugh or cry as I watched.

He was like a friend to the whole family. He took Dad, Bill and me to our first major league ball game. He was always encouraging us to see the movies and he even made arrangements to introduce us to several movie stars. My brother and I were deeply impressed by John Wayne in particular.

The stranger was an incessant talker. Dad didn't seem to mind, but sometimes Mom would quietly get up while the rest of us were enthralled with one of his stories of faraway places, go to her room, read her Bible and pray. I wonder now if she ever prayed that the stranger would leave.

You see, my dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions. But this stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our house – not from us, from our friends, or adults. Our long-time visitor, however, used occasional four letter words that burned my ears and made Dad squirm. To my knowledge the stranger was never confronted.

My dad was a teetotaler who didn't permit alcohol in his home – not even for cooking. But the stranger felt like we needed exposure and enlightened us to other ways of life. He offered us beer and other alcoholic beverages.

He made cigarettes look tasty, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I know now that my early concepts of the man-woman relationship were influenced by the stranger.

The stranger began to discuss personal issues and ailments without regard to the tender ears that might be listening or the fact that it was at mealtime – some of the topics caused mom to leave the table.

As I look back, I believe it was by the grace of God that the stranger did not influence us more. Time after time he opposed the values of my parents. Yet he was seldom rebuked and never asked to leave.

More than thirty years have passed since the stranger moved in with the young family on Morningside Drive. He is not nearly as intriguing to my Dad as he was in those early years. But if I were to walk into my parents' den today, you still see him sitting over in the corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

He never told us his name – we always used his initials: T.V.

– Author Unknown

May They Rest in the Peace of the Lord

Charles Blatt, father of Linda Blatt, Deborah and Robert Neumeister and Kathie and Rick Stanghetti.

Richard Tucker, husband of Barbara Tucker, father of Kimberly Tucker, Tamara Tucker, Victoria and Scott Parkinson, Cynthia and Chris Zimmer, Shanna Tucker, and Shannon and Robert Doll.

John Siegmundt, husband of Jane Siegmundt, father of Mark and Kris Siegmundt, Jeff and Helene Siegmundt, Greg and Penny Siegmundt and Jill and Tony Caminiti.

Rosella Rosenfeld, mother of Mariann and Bob Biedenharn and Clare and Gary Forbin.

Henrietta Grosjean, mother of Beverly and Tony Wilson, Paul Grosjean, Sandy Hensley and Mark and Dawn Grosjean.

Mike Pursifull, husband of Mary Jo Pursifull, father of Lisa and Tony King, Beth and Joe Weitzel, Sharon and Doug Harrell and Micki and Rodney Hamilton.

Mildred Conley, mother of Tim Conley, Anne and Tom Henkel, Kevin and Pam Conley, Mike and Missy Conley and Julie Conley.

John Conner, father of Kathleen and Jim Betz, Chris and Ernie Emerson, Connie and Jim Griffin, Patti and Todd Prickett.

Bible Study with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris

Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, October 18. Sessions are scheduled on the following Tuesdays: October 25, November 1 (after Mass), November 22 and December 6. We will meet in O'Connor Hall at 7:00 p.m. and study the Acts of the Apostles. The cost is \$18 for the study guide and commentary. If you are interested in joining, please register with Fr. Chris at 471-7741, ext. 419, so he can order materials for you.

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.

If you will be attending the Mass to remember a loved one who was not from this parish, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, by November 2 to have them included.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th or 65th Wedding Anniversaries in 2016, will be honored at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, October 23**. A short reception will follow the Mass for relatives and friends in O'Connor Hall. **Please RSVP by October 10 at 471-7741, ext. 0**. If you are interested in helping to serve the reception, please call the Parish Office as soon as you are able to commit. Your help would be very much appreciated! If you did not turn your name in for your Anniversary last spring, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, **by October 10**.



Goldenaires

Prayer Breakfast – The Goldenaires invite you to a Prayer Breakfast with Fr. Jim Walsh on Saturday, October 15. We will begin with Mass at 8:15 a.m., followed by a full breakfast with Spiritual Reflections by Fr. Jim. \$5 (donation to St. Vincent de Paul). Donuts provided by Vitt Stermer Anderson Funeral Home. Reservations to Marie Salem at 910-3938 by October 10. (You may pay at the door.) *There will be a short planning meeting following breakfast.*

Annual Dinner – Fall is in the air, so it must be getting close to the time for our Annual Dinner. This year, our dinner will be on Saturday, November 5, in O'Connor Hall. Wine, soda and appetizers will be served at 5:30 p.m., with our catered dinner at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Spirit of America Cloggers. The price is anticipated to be under \$20. Please watch the bulletin in October for more details.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

FY 2016 PARISH OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENTS					
DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FISCAL 2016 Ending 6/30/16			YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET FY 2016	DIFFERENCE ACTUAL TO BUDGET
	GENERAL PARISH	PARISH SCHOOL	TOTAL PARISH		
INCOME:					
Tuition & Fees		1,631,829	1,631,829	1,622,300	9,529
Sunday Offerings	1,012,113		1,012,113	1,015,000	-2,887
Admn Cost Reimbursement		158,421	158,421	148,000	10,421
Parish Activities (Festival, Picnic)	64,644		64,644	70,000	-5,356
Student Services		21,265	21,265	23,800	-2,535
Bequests & Donations	2,673	198,007	200,680	22,000	178,680
Other (Intrst, GP Prgms, Hall Use etc)	54,262	85	54,347	52,500	1,847
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,133,693	\$2,009,606	\$3,143,299	\$2,953,600	\$189,699
EXPENSES:					
Salaries & Benefits	495,587	1,921,982	2,417,569	2,472,280	-54,711
Facilities & Utilities	61,919	165,296	227,216	235,550	-8,334
Admin & Assessments	170,425	64,698	235,123	231,530	3,593
Student Services	0	17,582	17,582	22,700	-5,118
Texts, Teach Aides & Lbry	0	12,622	12,622	12,100	522
Liturgical & Programs	29,040	543	29,583	42,240	-12,657
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$756,971	\$2,182,724	\$2,939,695	\$3,016,400	-\$76,705
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$376,722	-\$173,117	\$203,604	-\$62,800	\$112,994

Men's Society Lottery

Members of the St. Dominic Men's Society have begun selling lottery tickets after each Mass at the church doors. Tickets are only \$5 each and will go to our scholarship fund. 100% of the money raised for the scholarship fund goes directly to students attending St. Dominic. Tickets will be on sale through the end of October. Each day in November (except Sundays), a three-digit number will be drawn at random and the winner will receive \$100. Your ticket can win more than once!!

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, October 16, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the church.** Contact Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481 with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on October 16.

Tuition Reduction Program Updates

Remke Markets' Caring Neighbor Program - September is the month to re-enroll your Remke Rewards card! Remke Markets has a program called the Caring Neighbor Program which gives up to 2% of your purchases back to St. Dominic. This program is at absolutely no cost to you and it only takes a minute to link your shopper's card to St. Dominic. Linking your card to St. Dominic **does NOT** affect your fuel or shopper's rewards. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to help out our school! You can link your shoppers card by registering/re-enrolling by following the directions below.

Remke Markets Caring Neighbor Program Enrollment Instructions - *If you would like to link your Remke Markets loyalty card to St. Dominic, here is what you need to do:*

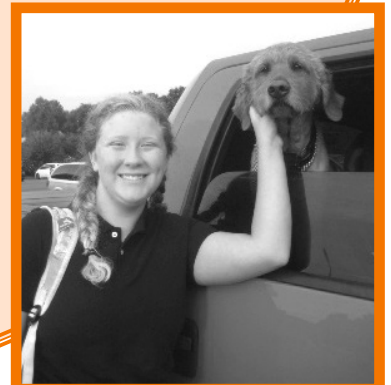
Go to www.remkes.com

1. *On the upper right-hand side, there is a link to Sign in/Create an Account. If you have already linked your Remke Markets card in the past or use your Remke Markets loyalty card for digital coupons, click "Sign in."*
2. *If you already have an active Remke account, sign in using the registered email address and password you created. If you do not remember your password, you can click "forgot password" to receive an email to reset your password.*
3. *To set up a new account, fill in the required information in the fields on the "Create Account" page. Make sure to choose "Delhi" as your store location.*
4. *At the bottom of the page, there is a place to choose your Caring Neighbors Non-Profit Organization. Click on the drop box and scroll down to **St. Dominic Parish**.*
5. *Now scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Create Account."*
6. *You have now successfully enrolled your Remke Markets loyalty card.*
7. *You may now sign out of your account. You can check at any time to make sure that your Remke Markets loyalty card is linked to St. Dominic by logging into your account from the www.remkes.com website.*

*If you have **ANY** questions or problems, or do not have an email address and would like to set one up to link your Remke Markets loyalty card to St. Dominic, please contact Amy Walter at awalter@fuse.net or 347-0139 or Pam Kent at tkent12089@aol.com or 451-0416. We are more than happy to help you set this up or answer any questions.

Shoparoo - It is time to start snapping pictures of your receipts again! A new Shoparoo year has begun. Shoparoo is a hassle-free way to earn money for the St. Dominic Tuition Reduction Program by snapping pictures of your receipts. Shoparoo is a free app that is downloadable to your iPhone, iPad, android phone or tablet, or other "smart" devices. Snapping pictures of receipts earns points for our school. Points are then converted to dollars, and that money goes to the tuition program which helps to offset the annual tuition rate increase. This is a fun and easy way to earn money for our school with absolutely no out of pocket cost to you. Please feel free to visit the Shoparoo website, www.shoparoo.com, for further information. You can also contact Amy Walter at 347-0139 or Pam Kent at 451-0416 if you have any questions.

First Day of School



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