

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

September 2017

Pastor's Desk

The greatest blessing for me this summer was Gary Schloemer coming forward to take over the chairmanship of our Festival. What a blessing and gift that is to the St. Dominic parish family! Gary, as many of you know, is one of Delhi's finest, and has been involved in St. Dominic athletics for many years. My hope and prayer is that his generosity will inspire many in the parish to help him with this huge project.

Our new school year has begun. Please pray for our students, teachers and parents that this is a successful year of learning and growth in their relationship with God and one another.

Our RCIA weekly sessions are beginning. If you know of anyone interested in the Catholic faith, invite them to give Theresa Eagan a call.

Fr. Chris and I will continue our Bible Study session. This year, we will be studying the Book of Revelation. Please note that the sessions will be on Tuesday evenings this year. They will begin on September 26.

Remember our community dinners in O'Connor Hall on the 3rd Thursday of every month. All are invited.

The Lord is alive and active in our midst. We gather every weekend to give thanks for that remarkable reality!

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.

Mary Ann Ruebusch, mother of Michael and Stana Ruebusch, Peggy and Jim Martino, Patti and Jay Diersing, Teri and Lee Ruebusch and Sue and Tracey Ruebusch.

Rosemary Robben, mother of Gregory and Kathy Robben.

Lorraine Conroy, mother of Dan and Teri Conroy and Dennis and Lisa Conroy.

Evelyn Kraemer, mother of Linda and Brian Kraemer, Sue and George Stowe, Hank and Julie Kraemer, and Mike and Kate Kraemer.

Viola Abbott, mother of Jovita and Michael Mielke.

Louis Poettker, brother of Dorothy Poettker.

Craig Muhlenkamp, husband of Lisa Muhlenkamp and father of Courtney Muhlenkamp and Connor Muhlenkamp.

Arlene Funk, mother of Mary Beth and Mark Tombragel, Rita and Tony Macke, Donna and Doug Hacker, Jerry and Trisha Funk, Jacquie and Tony Matre.



Bible Study with Fr. Jim & Fr. Chris

Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 26. We will meet in O'Connor Hall at 7:00 p.m. and begin studying the Book of Revelation. There is no charge, but you must call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 to register so we have enough materials for everyone.

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!** Contact Theresa at 471-7741, ext. 481 or teagan@stdominicdelhi.org for more information about St. Dominic's RCIA.



2017 Festival Results

The final figures for the Festival are in and I am glad to report that we cleared \$82,000. Thanks to all who gave of their time and effort to make the Festival a success.

– Fr. Jim

Display of Flags in Catholic Churches

This is a statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Surprisingly to many, there are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon law, nor the liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic Church is left up to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor.

The origin of the display of the American flag in many parishes in the United States appears have its origins in the offering of prayers for those who served during the Second World War (1941-1945). At that time, many bishops and pastors provided a book of remembrance near the American flag, requesting prayers for loved ones – especially those serving their country in the armed forces – as a way of keeping before the attention of the faithful the needs of military families. This practice has since been confirmed in many places during the Korean, Viet Nam and Iraqi conflicts.

The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has in the past encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, in order to reserve that space for the altar, the ambo, the presidential chair and the tabernacle. Instead, the suggestion has been made that the American flag be placed outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule of the Church together with a book of prayer requests. It remains, however, for the diocesan bishop to determine regulations in this matter.

We have no regulations from Archbishop Schnurr, so we will follow the suggestion of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy.

– Fr. Jim



Veterans Day Mass

The students and faculty of St. Dominic School would like to recognize and thank the veterans of our parish at the 8:15 a.m. School Mass on Friday, November 10. If you are a military veteran of St. Dominic Parish and would like to join us for this ceremony, please RSVP by contacting teacher Mary White at mwhite@stdominicdelhi.org or 251-1276, ext. 215 by Sunday, October 22.

Goldenaires



THE SITES AND SNACKS OF SICILY – Come taste wines and cheeses while Deacon Mark shares photos from Sicily, his ancestral home! Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. in O’Connor Hall. We are having this in the evening to enable those who are still busy during the day to attend. \$7 in advance to cover food costs. (Please let us know if you prefer sparkling grape juice.) Reserve your place by September 10. Make your check payable to: *Goldenaires* and mail it to Marie Salem, 157 Palisades Pointe #4, 45238 or the Parish office. If you have questions, call Marie at 910-3938. Everyone 50 and older is invited to join us.

SAVE THE DATE – We have two upcoming events for you to mark on your calendar! More details for both events will be in the October Torch and upcoming bulletins.

Pizza Lunch on Tuesday, October 17 – Join us for lunch and games in O’Connor Hall from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Annual

Dinner on Saturday, November 11 – Make plans to join us after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Entertainment will be provided by Rosemary Clooney and Doris Day!



Children’s Liturgy of the Word

The Children’s Liturgy of the Word will begin again on Sunday, September 3. The Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is one of several ministries for the young children of the parish. During the Liturgy of the Word, the children and their catechists leave the body of the church, going to the Gathering Space for a child-friendly learning experience that mirrors the Scripture readings, Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. The children then return to their families in church to celebrate the remainder of Mass.

CLOW is for children in Kindergarten-2nd grade. No sign-up or enrollment is required! Simply join us at 9:30 a.m. Mass and listen for Father to call the children and their catechists to gather in the front of church and process to the Gathering Space.



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 15, 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 October 15.

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.

St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR)



Reminder – PSR classes will begin soon.

The first class for Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be Tuesday, September 12, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Please drop your children off at the gym foyer where they will meet their teachers.

Classes for Preschool, Kindergarten and Grades 1-5 begin on Sunday, September 10.

- Preschool and Kindergarten class is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the school library (lower level of the church).
- Classes for Grades 1-5 are from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Children and Parents will meet the teachers in the Gathering Space at 10:30 a.m. on the first day of class. Teachers will then take the students to their classrooms.

Contact Theresa Eagan at teagan@stdominicdelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 481 if you have questions about the PSR program.



St. Dominic Education Fund

July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

The St. Dominic Education Fund received \$19,485.00 in memory of the following:

Larry Ihle	John Connor	Mildred Bauer	Cecilia Nartker
John Raterman	Mildred Conley	Rudolf Hermes	Carol Thieman
Eugene Lobenstein	Mary Korb	Jim Radley	Jack Rolfes
Dorothy McReynolds	Louis Fisher	George Klapper	Madie Hart
Norbert Gibbs	Damon Philpot	Jim Wilson	Rita Murray
Audrey Jansing	Hank Rohe	Charlie Lipps	Rosella Rosenfeld
Nancy Dierkes	Carolyn Hater	Henrietta Grosjean	Mary Lou Klapper
Jennifer Klapper	Bob & Thelma Seitz		

Included in this total are special donations: The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society, Len & Mary Lou Hausman, a donation in honor of Sr. Patrick Ann from the Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Larry & Chris Bill and the 2016 Old Timers Softball – Our Lady of Visitation. A total of \$2,296.00 was donated by parishioners in the special envelopes in May and October. The St. Dominic Certificate Program also contributed \$4,799.05 in 2016-2017.

The Adopt-A-Student Program had seven benefactors plus funds from the St. Dominic Men's Society, Marie Davis Memorial and the Edna Mae Cappel Memorial Fund, for a total of \$17,920 for 2016-2017.

Currently, 90 students from 57 families are receiving \$60,960.00 from the St. Dominic Tuition Assistance Funds and \$27,000.00 from the Catholic Education Foundation in tuition assistance for the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you to our benefactors for your generous support of our tuition assistance funds and supporting our Adopt-A-Student program.

Class of 2017 Scholarships

The School for the Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship Awards

Juliet Perrino – Kent State University – Trustee Scholarship

If we missed anyone else in the August Torch, please send an email with your name, high school and scholarship information to mariam@stdominicdelhi.org.

Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of my children.

Please watch over them as they go back to school, and protect them from negative influences.

Help them be a light to others, and help them show love, care and respect to their friends and teachers.

Please protect them from bullies, but if they face one, give them courage to stand up for themselves and others.

Help them to remember when they are scared or afraid, You are there with them. As much as I love my children, You love them even more, and I know You will be watching out for them. Amen



2017 Guide Book and Directory

In the Fall of 2017, St. Dominic Parish will publish a new Guide Book and Directory that will contain important information about the Parish. Included in the book will be a listing of all the households that are registered in the Parish and all the Ministries that are available for you to join so that you may share your gifts with your parish family. Each household will receive a free copy.

We realize that some parishioners might not want to have their name, address and phone number included in this Directory. If you do not return this form, we will include the information that we presently have. If you have notified the Parish Office that you no longer have a home phone and have given us a cell phone number, your cell phone number will be included in the Guidebook.

Please check the number (1-4) below that corresponds to your wishes.

We thank you for your cooperation! Please drop this form in the collection basket, deliver it to the Parish Office, or mail it to us so we receive it by September 17. If you have any questions, or would like to verify your name, address and telephone number listing, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. Thanks!!

- _____ 1) Please include my name, address and home/cell number
- _____ 2) Please include my name and address, but not my home/cell number
- _____ 3) Please include my name but not my address or home/cell number
- _____ 4) Please do not include my name, address, or home/cell number in the Directory

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COMMUNITY DINNER

September 21, 2017

5:00 p.m. to

6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

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