

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

September 2019

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.

Josephine Sanzere, aunt of Cami, Jeffery and Cody Wolf.

Leonard Frey, father of Leonard P. Frey and Michael and Vickie Frey.

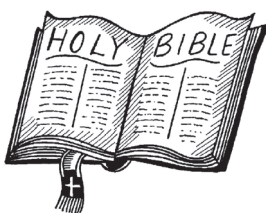
Lois Doherty, mother of Greg Doherty and Ann and Dana Rowe.

Julie Dugan, mother of Jordan Dugan and Josh Dugan.

Dominic Bonavita, husband of Jackie and father of Mark Bonavita, Debbie and Kevin Burkhart and Donnie and Angie Bonavita.

Geraldine Gilligan, mother of Steve Gilligan, Kathy and Phil Heil and Carolyn Gleckler.

Joan Craig, wife of Lou Rebensdorf and mother of Marybeth and Danny Heilbrunn, Stephen Craig and Karen and Brent Billock.



Fall Scripture Series with Fr. Jim & Fr. Chris

Fr. Chris and Fr. Jim will be offering a series called "Catholicism" this fall beginning Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. For seven Tuesdays, we will discuss the fundamental truths of Catholicism. Part of the input will come from videos by the popular Bishop Robert Barron of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Each class will last two hours, and a book will be provided to the participants. To sign up, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.



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 Deacon Mark Bardonaro at 471-7741, ext. 415 or deaconmark@stdominicdelhi.org for more information about St. Dominic's RCIA.



We had a beautiful evening for our Parish Picnic at Stricker's Grove on Friday, July 26. We had just under 500 parishioners who enjoyed the warm weather, rides, food and drink. Chris White was our Split-the-Pot winner, taking home \$190.

Goldenaires

SPRING GROVE CEMETERY TRAM TOUR – Friday, September 20. We will meet at the Delhi Park n' Ride near the Waffle House at 12:00 p.m. Drivers are needed to carpool to Spring Grove Cemetery. Space is limited on the tram. Cost is \$5 per person. Reservations due before Friday, September 13. Send your name(s), phone number and payment to Donna Miller, 217 Sebastian Court, Cincinnati, OH 45238. For more information, call 451-7199.

SAVE THE DATE – Cincinnati Union Terminal and Museum Center – 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 11 – One-hour Rotunda Tour led by docents, followed by lunch and either Omnimax movie or two museums. Watch for detailed information in the September bulletins and October Torch.

St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank You to all the parishioners of St. Dominic. Because of your generous donations, from April through June 2019, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Dominic helped 54 families, made up of 144 adults and children, in our service area which includes Delhi, Sedamsville and Riverside.



Remember that the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Conference has NO overhead, personnel or office expenses. Every cent that is donated to the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society is used to help our neighbors. If you wish to donate "In honor of" someone, there are envelopes and donation cards at all the entrances to St. Dominic Church. The gift will be acknowledged by a handwritten note to the recipient. The honoree will know you have honored them with a gift to help the needy in our area.

St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul's total receipts for the second quarter of 2019 were \$10,142 from the poor box collections, the parishioner donations, the schoolchildren, and member donations. Parishioners donated \$3,060 by using the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes included with the St. Dominic Parish envelopes. As always, we thank the St. Dominic School children for all the food that they donate each month to help us feed our neighbors.

Because there were funds left over from previous quarters, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Dominic was able to provide \$11,445 in aid to our neighbors during the months of April through June of 2019. The breakdown is as follows:

Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 5,006
Duke Energy	\$ 3,478
Water Bills	\$ 1,090
Food and Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 1,781
Beds, Walmart cards, Masses and other Services	\$ 90

St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society has sent a check to the Franciscan Mission Office to have Masses said for the thirteen (13) parishioners who died between the end of March and early July 2019.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic Conference



2019 Festival Results

We are excited to report the results for 2019. Our Festival netted \$73,000 this year. We would like to again thank our Festival chair Gary (& Julie) Schloemer and his band of volunteers for all their hard work in making our Festival a tremendous success!! Thank you to all, and we look forward to an even better Festival in 2020.



Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th Wedding Anniversaries in 2019 will be honored at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 20. **A short reception will follow the Mass for relatives and friends in O'Connor Hall. Please RSVP by October 7 at 471-7741, ext. 0.** If you did not turn your name into the Parish Office for your Anniversary last spring, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, by October 7. *If you are interested in helping to serve at the reception, please call the Parish Office as soon as you can commit. Your help would be very much appreciated!*



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, September 15, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Contact the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on September 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. Find training locations, registration details and steps to create your VIRTUS user account at www.VIRTUS.org. Click on training, then live training to see a list of all scheduled live training sessions.

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 the Parish Office at parishoffice@stdominichelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 0 with questions.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Looking for a way to become involved (or more involved) at St. Dominic?

Consider becoming part of our CLOW team.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a ministry for the young children of the parish. At the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are dismissed to the Gathering Place for a learning experience, on their level, 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 the Mass.

We are looking for new adult volunteers who are Virtus trained to assist our current leaders. (There are Virtus training sessions available if you are not trained but would like to volunteer.) If you are interested, or would like more information, please call the parish office at 471-7741, ext. 0.



St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Reminder – PSR classes will begin soon.

The first day of class for Grades 1-8 will be Sunday, September 8, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Parent Meeting in Teal Hall at 10:30 a.m.

- Children and Parents enter the school at the covered porch off the parking lot. Helpers will be at the entrance to direct you to your child's classroom.

Contact Megan Mattei at mmattei@stdominicdelhi.org or (865) 607-2070 if you have questions about the PSR program.



Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we begin this new school year, we gather once again as Your community of believers. We thank You for the energy and the spirit that You renewed in us through the summer months. We thank You for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives. Let this year be marked by

enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of Your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith. Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others. We ask this in Your name.

Amen

St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program

Supporting the tuition credit program is easy with Kroger community rewards and AmazonSmile.

The Kroger Community Rewards Program was designed to support organizations by simply using your Kroger Plus Card! If you are not already enrolled, sign up right away to start earning rewards for the St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program. Your purchases will begin earning rewards within 7 – 10 business days after registering your Kroger Plus Card.



- 1.) Sign in or create an account at krogercommunityrewards.com
- 2.) Click on Enroll Now
- 3.) Under "Find Your Organization" enter 80206 (St. Dominic R. C. Parish School)
- 4.) Click on school name.
- 5.) You'll receive confirmation that you've enrolled.



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to shop at smile.amazon.com and St. Dominic students benefit! You can search "St. Dominic Cincinnati" on AmazonSmile, or simply visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538541> or <https://amzn.to/2Nb2qtY> to set your charitable organization to St. Dominic.

If you have any questions or need help registering for either program, contact Rachel Lahni at 310-0045 at rachel@lahni.com. Thank you for supporting the Tuition Credit Program!



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August 9, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

You have likely seen the news that Father Geoff Drew, former pastor of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish (Monfort Heights), was placed on a leave of absence effective July 23. We have made mistakes in our handling of this matter, and for that I am deeply sorry. This week, I have made changes in both personnel and allegation-handling procedures to ensure that these mistakes never happen again.

The decision to remove Fr. Drew as pastor of St. Ignatius was taken because of reports that he had engaged in a pattern of “grooming” behavior in violation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s Decree on Child Protection. Although the archdiocesan chancery office has received no allegations or evidence of criminal behavior relative to Father Drew, consistent with archdiocesan standard procedure in such matters, all information we received was promptly reported to the civil authorities.

Naturally, there have been many questions surrounding this incident. In an effort to address these questions, we have created an online resource where you can read the full timeline of events that led to the decision to place Father Drew on a leave of absence. You can also find additional information about where Father Drew has served in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the next steps for Father Drew moving forward, and information on what will occur regarding new pastoral leadership for St. Ignatius Parish.

Please visit: www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/communication-office/

As your archbishop, I want you to know that I am acutely aware of the pain and distress that you rightfully feel due to the events of these past weeks. The protection of young people is of paramount importance and cannot be compromised. If you suspect abuse on the part of any agent of the Archdiocese, please report it to the appropriate civil authorities, as well as to the Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse in the Archdiocese at 513-263-6623 or 1-800-686-2724, ext. 6623. If you see something, please say something.

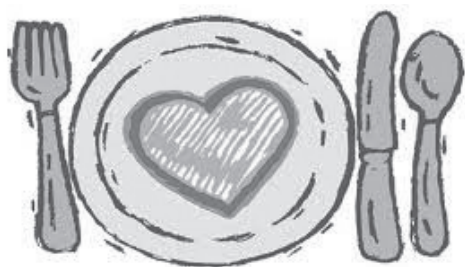
In this very difficult and stressful time, let us turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary for her intercession and to the Holy Spirit for guidance and consolation. May God bless and keep you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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COMMUNITY DINNER

September 19, 2019

5:00-6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see
everyone there!

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