

# The Torch



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Faith for more than 75 years!"*

St. Dominic  
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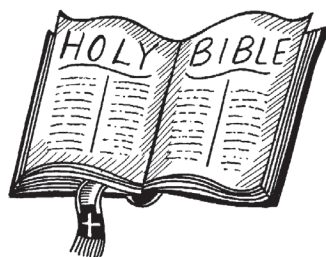
## Pastor's Desk

Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, served as a missionary in Brazil and died as a martyr. She arrived there in 1966 and after a few years in the city, moved with farm laborers to the interior of Brazil, in the heart of the Amazon rain forest. These farmers were given parcels of land to farm through a government program. Sr. Dorothy taught them the faith and how to farm sustainably. On February 12, 2005, while walking to a community meeting, Sr. Dorothy was confronted by two hired gunmen. When asked what kind of weapon she was carrying, she pulled out her Bible and began reading the Beatitudes. Sr. Dorothy Stang gave her life in defense of the people with whom she lived and also the environment.

Beginning this year, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will recognize a person or a couple from each parish who models a missionary spirit of loving service to those in need. These faithful Catholics can be an inspiration to the whole Church – lifting our collective appreciation for how the Church serves so nobly in our communities and around the world. Celebrating real people from our parishes who are committed to service or work in the missions may awaken aspirations among the young and the old in our parishes to fully live their faith through serving others in a spirit of love.

The unanimous choice of the parish staff for the Spirit of Sister Dorothy Stang Award is Bob Sanker. We will honor Bob at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on October 13.

Fr. Jim



## 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.

## 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.

**Tom Welter**, husband of Regina and father of Roman and Melissa Welter, Amanda and Shauncey Wynn, Camilla and Caleb Griggs, Alex Welter and Zach Welter.

**Jim Wubbolding**, son of Irene Wubbolding and brother of Jane and Richard Carris, Edward and Denise Wubbolding and Paul and Nancy Wubbolding.



## Christ Renews His Parish

**What is Christ Renews His Parish?**

**What happens on these CRHP weekends?**

Christ Renews His Parish is a program designed to bring parishioners together in Christ. The process includes some group discussion, some prayer together, and some reflections by team members on such subjects as: The Father's Loving Care for us, Renewal, Discipleship, etc. There is an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We celebrate the Eucharist together. In a relaxed atmosphere, you can expect a new awareness of God's many blessings in your life and an opportunity to respond to Christ's call to a closer and deeper relationship with Him. Call Fr. Jim or Carole to reserve a spot at 471-7741.

**Women's Weekend – November 2 & 3**

## A Perfect Gift

Christmas is coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for the person in your life who is hard to shop for.

Pavers are the gift that lets your mother, father, grandparent, child, or spouse know how cherished they are. Order forms are available at the doors of church and on the parish website at [www.stdominichelhi.org](http://www.stdominichelhi.org). (Click on Ministries/General Parish Ministries/Gathering Place Walkway.)

You can also stop in the Parish Office to order a paver.

The 4 x 8 bricks allow 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.

The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.

**If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.**

## 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 the reception, please call the Parish Office as soon as you can commit. Your help would be very much appreciated!*



## Memorial Mass

On Wednesday evening, November 6 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 October 31 to have them included.

### St. Dominic Education Fund

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

The St. Dominic Education Fund received \$17,685.00 in memory of the following:

Elizabeth Bell	James Cleary III	Frederick Contant	Rick DePuccio
Theresa Eagan	Ralph & Mary Englert	Alberta Grote	Robert Henninger
Cyril Jansing	George Klapper	Jim Radley	Jennifer Klapper
Mary Lou Klapper	Harry Knecht	Bill Krallman	Carmen Miele
Agnes Oevermeyer	Eleanore O'Malley	Carolyn Robben	George Robben
Geraldine Shields	Mary Weigand	Mary Ann Wilson	LaVernne Zoellner

Included in this total are special donations from Larry & Chris Bill, a donation in honor of Sr. Patrick Ann from the Sisters of Charity and donations in honor of Fr. Jim Walsh's 50th Anniversary of Ordination. A total of \$1,695.00 was donated by parishioners in the special envelopes in May and October.

The Adopt-A-Student Program had six benefactors including a donation in memory of Marie Davis and the Edna Mae Cappel Memorial Fund, for a total of \$15,095.00 for 2018-2019.

Currently, 65 students from 41 families are receiving \$50,843.00 from the St. Dominic Tuition Assistance Funds and 24 students from 16 families are receiving \$22,650.00 from the Catholic Education Foundation in tuition assistance for the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you to our benefactors for your generous support of our tuition assistance funds and supporting our Adopt-A-Student program.

## St. Dominic Men's Society

Members of the St. Dominic Men's Society will be selling lottery tickets at the church doors after each Mass through the end of October. 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. 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!!

The St. Dominic Parish Men's Society invites the adult men in our parish and school families to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in Fr. Grimmelsman Hall (the Music Room). Our meetings this fall will be on October 10, November 14, and December 12. In existence for 80+ years, the St. Dominic Men's Society is a faith, fellowship, and stewardship organization that supports the parish and school through service, financial assistance, and prayer. At our meetings, we discuss fund raising activities for school scholarships and capital improvements (September – Golf Outing, November – Chances, February – Las Vegas Night), maintenance projects for the school, and other social and service activities. Food and drink follow the meeting. Contact Mike Liderbach at [lidermike@gmail.com](mailto:lidermike@gmail.com) or 513-240-0770 for more information.

## Goldenaires

**CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL** – Friday, October 11. We will leave the Park n' Ride on Delhi pike at 10:00 a.m. We will celebrate Union Terminal's restoration and learn about its history with a rotunda tour led by docents, who will tell us about the construction, architecture, restored artwork, and world-famous mosaic tile murals. Lunch will be on our own in the art deco style dining room. After lunch, you will be able to visit the three museums (Children's, Cincinnati, and Natural History & Science). Each car can leave when their group is ready. If you can drive two or three people, please let Judy know. The cost is \$25, plus your lunch. You can send your check, made payable to *St. Dominic Goldenaires*, to Judy Tensing at 625 Covedale Avenue, #2, Cincinnati, OH 45238, or drop it off at the parish office. We are limited to 35 people, so please make a reservation ASAP to be guaranteed a spot. Any questions, call Judy at 451-2028.

## 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 can join St. Dominic's RCIA process at any time, because of our lingering "school year mindset," many people begin to 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!** For more information, contact Deacon Mark at 471-7741, ext. 415 or [deaconmark@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:deaconmark@stdominicdelhi.org).

## The Spirit of Sr. Dorothy Stang Award

**Dorothy Mae Stang**, a native of Dayton and a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, was murdered in Anapu, in the state of Pará, in the Amazon Basin of Brazil in February 2005. She was outspoken in her efforts on behalf of the poor and the environment.



Sister Dorothy was sent to Brazil nearly 40 years ago along with four other Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. In 1966 the Sisters established a new convent at Coroatá in the state of Maranhão. As the Sisters learned about the oppression of the farmers at the hands of landowners, they began to teach the people about their rights as human beings.

In the early 1970s, the Brazilian government offered land in the Amazon region to farmers who wished to move there. They were given land if they could develop it in a sustainable way. It was the beginning of a new life that the poor farmers embraced. As they moved into the interior, Sister Dorothy followed, teaching them ways to live from the land while recycling the resources of the forest. Her ultimate dream was to have a certain area of the land designated as a federal reserve where the poor farmers would always be safe; where they could till the soil and establish their own income-producing businesses through sound, sustainable development; and where the farmers and their families could always live in peace and with dignity. It was a simple dream with opposing consequences: while she was recognized globally for her work in defending the human rights of the poor, she became a target for those who wanted her work stopped. As threats to her life became more frequent and brazenly open, some suggested that it might be time for Sister Dorothy to leave Brazil. She disagreed. "I am grateful to Notre Dame for not asking me to leave," she once wrote. "This shows we are aware of the needs of the poor. The Sisters have said they are worried about my safety. It is not my safety, but that of the people which matters."



For Sister Dorothy it was always about the people. In a letter home Dorothy stated, "I don't want to flee, nor do I want to abandon the battle of these farmers who live without any protection in the forest. They have the sacrosanct right to aspire to a better life on land where they can live and work with dignity while respecting the environment"

On the morning of February 12, 2005, Dorothy and her friend, Cicero, woke up early to walk to a community meeting to speak about the rights for the Amazon. Cicero was delayed and was walking a bit behind Dot. As Dot walked, she was blocked by two armed men. They asked if she had any weapons, and she told them that the only weapon she had was her bible. She then read a passage from the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the poor in spirit..." Dot was murdered that day in that forest by those men, while she read to them from the Holy Gospel.

Dot, as she was called by her family, friends and most locals in Brazil, is often pictured wearing a t-shirt with the slogan, "*A Morte da floresta é o fim da nossa vida*" which is Portuguese for "*The death of the forest is the end of our life.*"



Through the people, her spirit and hope will forever live on.

At her memorial Mass, Archbishop Pilarczyk said, "We celebrate often Masses for martyrs from the past. But today, we are celebrating Mass for a martyr whose blood is still warm. Today, her spirit continues to inspire the poor and vulnerable of Brazil to fight for their own dignity and to safeguard God's creation. Sr. Dot's life is an example for all of us of Christ's good news proclaimed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."



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## COMMUNITY DINNER

October 17, 2019

5:00 p.m. to

6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

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