

# The Torch



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

**St. Dominic  
Parish**

**Delhi Township,  
OH**

**April 2020**

## **Pastor's Desk**

You are probably reading this during Holy Week! Hopefully the three most sacred days of our liturgical year are still before you. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate Jesus' gift of the Eucharist to us. On Good Friday, we celebrate Jesus' gift of His life for our salvation. At the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and our destiny of sharing in God's life for all eternity. If some of you who get this report each month have not been to St. Dominic in a while, please consider this an invitation to join us for these three special days. The Spirit of God has been transforming our parish community at each Sunday Eucharist. There are marvelous signs of parishioners growing in the Lord. We invite you to be a part of that. If you have been thinking "I have to get back to Church," trust that very thought is already the activity of God on your behalf.

Please note the schedule for our Holy Week services and the times of our Easter Masses. The Vigil is on Saturday evening beginning at 8:30 p.m. This is the high point of our Liturgical Year and our most important gathering as a St. Dominic parish community. We will have at least one adult Baptism and one reception into full communion with us. This is always a magnificent celebration. Come and be lifted up!

On Easter Sunday our Masses are at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. Because of our anticipated overflow crowd at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., we will have an overflow second Mass at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in O'Connor Hall. We will fill up the church first and then the ushers will direct the others to O'Connor Hall. We will have converted that space into an Easter Chapel.

Our Festival is fast approaching. There has been considerable organization and hard work that has already gone into the planning of this annual event. Texas Hold-Em on Thursday! Great entertainment, Whiskey Cash and Roses a band from Nashville, Tennessee on Friday, Tressler Comet and Naked Karate Girls on Saturday, Mike Davis on Sunday! Great food, and our pulled pork dinner on Sunday afternoon and evening in O'Connor Hall!

Our Festival is a significant part of our yearly budget which funds our educational and spiritual programs at St. Dominic. Please support our Major Award this year, \$10,000! \$20 a ticket, and only 2,000 tickets will be sold (tickets will be mailed to you). And plan to join us for the fun, games, rides, food, music, and fellowship on Memorial Day Weekend.

My hope and prayer this Holy Week is that you will respond with gratitude to the God who gives you the time of your life. And may that gratitude find expression in your giving back to God some of your prime time on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Happy Easter everyone!

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.

**Charlotte Hedgebeth**, sister of Lawrence and Pam Bush, Thomas and Sandra Bush and Dorothy Bush.

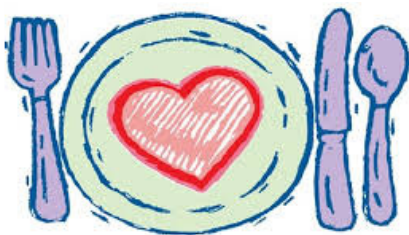
**Loretta Herkert**, mother of Gail and Don Ruberg, Janet Gaffney and Clifford C. Herkert.

**Norb Priestle**, father of Sue and Tom Miele, Marilou Priestle, Ralph and Micki Priestle and Joe and Margie Priestle.

**Virginia Walters**, mother of Kathleen and Barry Maxwell, Karen Sue Wyenandt, Carolyn and David Bussberg, Tina and Dennis Bell, John and Lisa Walters and Kimberly Walters.

**Tony Balzano**, husband of Rita Balzano and father of Julie and Tim Ryan, Mark and Sandie Balzano, David and Kathy Balzano and Tony and Julie Balzano.

**Dennis Matthey**, husband of Deborah Matthey and stepfather of Michael (Diane Volt) Burke.



### COMMUNITY DINNER

April 16, 2020

5:00-6:30 p.m. In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

**\*We will not have a Community Dinner in May.**

**\*Starting in June, the Community Dinner will move to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.**



### A Perfect Gift

Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for your mother, father, grandparent, or spouse to let them know how cherished they are. Order forms are available in the racks at the doors of church and the parish website at [www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.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 three 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.**

## Las Vegas Night 2020

### FINANCIAL WRAPUP

THANK YOU for your support of our Las Vegas Night held on February 22, 2020. Profits from this event will be used for upgrades to the Art Room and other capital improvements in the parish. If you were unable to attend, please consider a donation using the Capital Improvement Fund Envelope in your box of envelopes. THANK YOU, too, for your donations throughout the year.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 LAS VEGAS NIGHT WINNERS!

First Prize - \$1,000 - Rosanne Stertz

Second Prize - \$500 - Bill Wherle

Third Prize - \$300 - Joan Rokich

Fourth Prize - \$100 - John Sullivan

Fifth Prize - \$100 - Emily Sanker

### WHEELBARROW OF CHEER

Mike Liderbach

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A special thank-you to the Las Vegas Night Planning Committee and Jason Shattuck for taking the leadership for this year's Las Vegas Night. Thank you to Dave Witterstaetter, Russ Lipps, Randy Lipps, Anthony Clarke, Ray Blazer, Nate Hogel, Michael Bizallion, Bob Sanker, Mike Liderbach, Bill Benken, Chris Kandra, Gary Schloemer, Pat Doyle, Justin Ratliff, Bill Eckhoff, Brian Everett, John Burns, Keith Luken, Dan Jacobs, Jason Tuemler, Marilyn Brunemann, Maria Moster and all the volunteers who helped with Las Vegas Night. Different parish organizations contribute to the pool of workers that make operating this event possible. Thank you to these hard workers for volunteering their time and efforts as well.

### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SPONSORED OUR PARISH LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Allison Landscaping, Inc., Altenau's Automotive Service, Inc., The Bike Shop, Bonomini Electric Co., Inc., Brinker Animal Hospital, Brose Tours, Brunner Chiropractic, Corcoran & Harnist Heating & Air, Delhi Auto Service, Delhi Drive Thru - Nick Bedinghaus, Duebber's Automotive, Inc., Hoeting Realtors, Max Hofmeyer & Sons, Inc., Jojonco, Inc. Delhi Skyline, Precision Auto Body, Mc Cabe - Delhi, Proud Rooster - Clifton, Paul Rappoport, CPA, Robben Florist & Garden Center, Schaefer Insurance Agency, Stalf Paint & Body, Vitt, Stermer & Anderson, St. Dominic Athletic Association, St. Dominic Goldenaires, St. Dominic Delhi Knights of Columbus, St. Dominic Men's Society, St. Dominic P.T.O., Thursday Night Prayer Gr., Thurman Blades, Bill & Patty Cook, Mike & Roberta Davoran, Ron & Betty Fraley, Friends of the Parish, Mark & Nancy Gibbs, The Melvin Family, Dick & Karen Mohaupt, Bob & Elaine Murphy, Jack & Alice Roch, Fr. Jim Walsh, Rick & Debbie Wieland, From Our Angels to Yours - The Wittich Family

*A special thanks to Grove Transportation, Max Hofmeyer & Sons, Inc., LaRosa's, and Vitt, Stermer and Anderson Funeral Home for sponsoring advertisements in the local papers. Our ticket sponsor was Veid & Veid, Certified Public Accountants.*

## 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](http://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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If you have any questions or need help registering for either program, contact Rachel Lahni at 310-0045 at [rachel@lahni.com](mailto:rachel@lahni.com). Thank you for supporting the Tuition Credit Program!

## St. Dominic PTO Spring Book Fair

**SPRING INTO READING!** The St. Dominic PTO Spring BOOK FAIR is back! The Book Fair will be open in O'Connor Hall from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 (before and after the 4:30 p.m. Mass) and from 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19. Join us SUNDAY as O'Connor Hall will be transformed into a COFFEE/BOOK SHOP. You can browse the titles we have in stock while sipping some "Joe" and enjoying a sweet treat from the PTO.

We will have plenty of assorted books for you to choose - you will find fantastic adventure tales, classics, how-to books and cookbooks!

There is something for everyone! We will feature the new release by author **Jeff Kinney**: Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure! Books make wonderful gifts for family and friends of all ages. Support of our PTO Book Fair assists our school by providing needed books and supplies for the classrooms. We will also be open on Friday, April 17 for our school's GRANDPARENT'S DAY. We hope to see you at the Book Fair! We also accept monetary donations to the **All for Books** campaign to help our teachers, library and The Scholastic Possible Fund.



## ST. DOMINIC PARISH Festival 2020

Mark your calendar to join us at our Festival, Memorial Day weekend. The entire weekend will be kid and family friendly. Friday night will no longer be an adult only night.

We have numerous bands scheduled to perform at our Festival to provide fun and entertainment for everyone.

*Friday: Whiskey, Cash, and Roses from Nashville, TN*  
*Saturday: Tressler Comet (featuring Steve Hart) and Naked Karate Girls*  
*Sunday: Mike Davis and Excalibur*



### NEW VIP AREA AVAILABLE

New this year, we are offering a VIP area on Friday and Saturday to help offset the cost of our entertainment. We have three VIP levels that will allow access to the VIP area, located near the stage along with various free and discounted food and beverages during the Festival.

There is a VIP area order form in this *Torch*. Please take some time to review the flyer and the VIP perks provided for each level. We hope you consider becoming a Festival VIP and help defray the cost of our bands. The front side of the order form describes each VIP level and the perks available with each. VIP ticket orders can be filled out online at <https://stdominicdelhi.weshareonline.org/VIPTicketsSt.DominicFestival> or see the order form on the back of the flyer for more options.

We are very excited to offer this new opportunity at our Festival. We believe it will make your Festival experience even better!

Sincerely, Festival Chair:

Gary Schloemer/Tony Tedesco

VIP/Sponsorship team:

Shannon Lively, Mark Rogers, Rob Barnes and Julie Schloemer

- **VIP Perks are available on Friday and Saturday only during our Festival. The VIP area is not available on Sunday when Mike Davis and Excalibur perform.**

### BASKETS & MORE

We are already hard at work preparing for the Baskets & More booth and we need your help to make this a BIG success. All the baskets and items will be under a tent outside on the grounds. Festival patrons will have the chance to win unique baskets of varying value! The baskets and other items will be raffled off on Sunday night. We will also have a Silent Auction all weekend long with closing bids on Sunday night.

*To make Baskets & More a success, we need donations.*

Any donation would be greatly appreciated! Here are some possible donation ideas:

- Trips (do you own a time share or a vacation home you would be willing to donate?)
- Electronic donations (Fire TV stick with Alexa, Echo, Blue Tooth Head Set, Nintendo Switch, iPad, Kindle ...)
- Flat screen TV
- Gift certificates to restaurants or stores
- Do you have a business you own and would like to advertise? Consider donating a gift certificate.
- Tickets to sporting events (Reds, Bengals, XU, UC, FC Cincinnati, etc.), movies or Cincinnati attractions (zoo, aquarium, museums, Kings Island)
- Sports memorabilia
- Salon packages
- Hotel packages
- Jewelry
- A talent or service - planting flowers, landscaping services, carpentry, plumbing, baking cakes, hosting a dinner or brunch or hors d'oeuvres party, grass cutting, babysitting, sewing, tutoring, a haircut and style or coloring, DJ a party, musician for a wedding or a band for a party
- And - **CASH** is always welcome and will be used to create gift baskets, purchase items for the live auction, defray expenses, etc.



We also have made an Amazon Wish List. We have a few basket ideas, and these are some of the items we need to make the baskets. This is an easy way for you to donate. To see our Wish List, go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2TVFS8KV04UAN>

We will be happy to arrange pickup of your items or you can drop them off at the parish office. Please mark them for "Baskets & More," include your name, if you want your name acknowledged, and approximate value. If you have any questions, call Maria Moster at 295-0691 or Amy Walter at 347-0139.

**Thank you for your generosity and support of "Baskets & More" and the Festival!!**

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- † Thursday, April 9 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
- † Friday, April 10 - The Passion of the Lord at Noon & 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday, April 11 - Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.
- † Sunday, April 12 -  
Easter Services  
7:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m., (Church  
& O'Connor Hall)  
11:30 p.m., (Church  
& O'Connor Hall)  
NO 7:00 p.m. Mass



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