

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

November 2021

Pastor's Desk

November is a month-long celebration of the communion of saints and the remembrance of those who have gone before us. As a parish, we have lost parents, children, grandchildren, husbands and wives, grandparents, brothers and sisters. We continue to grieve the loss of their physical presence in our lives. In faith we trust that we will be with them again one day in the heavenly Kingdom of God. They are with us when we, as the Body of Christ, offer our worship and thanksgiving to God in the Eucharist. I especially experience their presence in the silence after we have received Christ in the Eucharist. When we are in that silence, may I suggest that you be aware of your communion with Jesus Christ and your loved ones who are also in that communion with Him.

On Tuesday evening, November 2, we will celebrate our Memorial Mass for all those who have died during the past year. We lost some giants and pillars of the parish. All are welcome to join us. This can be a very healing gathering for those who have lost loved ones during the past year. Our Bereavement Ministers, Gene Johnson and Jim Dickman, help us to celebrate a very moving liturgy.

November is also the month we give thanks for all God's blessings. Meister Eckhardt, the great Dominican mystic, has said: "If the only prayer you ever pray is 'Thank You,' it would be enough." Our thanksgiving needs to be more than just a pious thought of gratitude. It needs to be expressed by what we do with all of God's blessings. We have been blessed as a parish family! Our parish family is a blessing! The saints among us are a blessing! The most important thing we do as a parish is to gather each weekend for the Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" is from the Greek and means "to give thanks!"

An early Happy Advent wish to you! It starts Saturday afternoon, November 27! The Giving Trees will have already been up. The Giving Trees will go up the weekend of November 20 & 21 (the weekend before Thanksgiving). This will help you take advantage of sales on Black Friday. The gifts are due back on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 12! The three kings are on their way!

Fr. Jim

Parish Office Thanksgiving and Inclement Weather Schedule

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Thanksgiving and on Friday, November 26. Please plan any business accordingly.

Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We feel the need to amend our hours during snow alerts to ensure the safety of all our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience. *St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.*

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.

Ronald Reid, husband of Kathy Reid and father of Matthew Reid and Emily and Elias Piaga.

Helen Stemler, wife of William H. Stemler and mother of Bill and Dona Stemler, Christine Meyung, Dennis and Debbie Stemler and Charlene and Dan Deutenberg.

Bernard Doyle, father of Dan and Sally Doyle.

Early Torch Deadline

Please note the early *Torch* deadlines. Information for the December *Torch* must be submitted by Monday, November 8. Information for the January *Torch* must be submitted by Monday, December 6. Thank you.

A Thanksgiving Litany

From the Presbyterian Church in Canada

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
so we lift our hearts up to You, God,
in praise and thanksgiving.*

*As we count our blessings, and acknowledge Your goodness,
our hearts go out to those who do not have,
and who are in need.*

*We thank You for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators
and ask that You supply the needs of those who are hungry.*

*We thank You for jobs that provide for our families
and supply the needs of our society,
and pray that You would care for those who have no work,
or the dignity and purpose it brings.*

*We thank You for opportunities and choices,
for meaning and challenges,
and pray that You would give a sense of purpose
to those who feel trapped.*

*We thank You for family and friends who love us and care for us
and pray that You would befriend those who are alone.*

*The abundance of the harvest
is a symbol of the abundance of Your love in our lives.
May we live in a spirit of gratitude to You
and generosity to our neighbour.*

*Loving God, in this season and all year long,
give to us the gift of a thankful heart,
so that we may acknowledge You as the giver
of all that is good in our lives.
In the name of Jesus we ask it.*

Amen.



St. Dominic Education Fund

July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

The St. Dominic Education Fund received donations in memory of the following:

Charlie Backscheider, Gus Bardonaro, Amy Bundschuh, Joe Crabb, Rick Dudley, Fran Fields, Bill Finkbeiner, Donald Henninger, Carole Hermes, Cliff Hesse, Pat Jones, Frieda Knolle, Pat Marks, Dennis Matthey, Diane Montgomery, Paul Moss, Vernon Myers, Martha Nutter, Jim Paul, Leroy Robben, Pat Scherch, Arlene Stewart, Carol Tenhundfeld, Frank Thesing, Mary Ann Wagner, Mary Wehner and Owen Robert Zeiser.

The St. Dominic Education Fund received a total of \$17,741.00. Included in this total is \$7,708.00 that was donated by parishioners in the special envelopes in May and October and also special donations from Tim Klapper and Sr. Patrick Ann O'Connor.

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 \$27,380.00 for 2020-2021.

Currently, 36 students from 24 families are receiving \$44,100.00 from the St. Dominic Tuition Assistance Funds and 21 students from 12 families are receiving \$19,150.00 from the Catholic Education Foundation in tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you to our benefactors for your generous support of our tuition assistance funds and supporting our Adopt-A-Student program.

Giving Trees



November: A Time for Giving Thanks

A great way of giving our thanks here at St. Dominic is by participating in our annual Giving Tree program. We are hoping you can help families from our parish as well as those in the area surrounding St. Leo parish by participating in our **Giving Tree** program this year.

The weekend of November 20 & 21, three trees decorated with tags will be at the church doors. Each tag designates a person who, without help from us, would have a meager Christmas. The ages on the tags range from infants to adults.

The gifts need to be returned the weekend of December 11 & 12 so that they can be sorted and delivered after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please consider helping to make Christmas a little brighter for someone who may be a stranger to you.

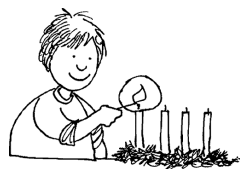
Spirit Of Dorothy Stang Award

The Spirit of Dorothy Stang Award is given to a person who exemplifies the values of Sister Dorothy through their social justice ministry, service work and teaching.

We are pleased to announce that Bobbi Honnert of St. Dominic Parish is a recipient of the 2021 Spirit of Dorothy Stang Award. She was nominated for this award by Fr. Walsh and fellow parishioners of St. Dominic.

Bobbi is a Eucharistic Minister, takes Communion to homebound parishioners and is a former member of the Bereavement Ministry. Bobbi is currently a Community Risk Reduction Specialist for the Delhi Fire Department. She has played a key role in connecting with the elderly residents of Delhi. Bobbi has decades of social work experience, dealing with truly difficult situations. She has built coalitions with the Council on Aging, People Working Collaboratively and Veterans Affairs. Her passion for helping others is key to her success.

Bobbi is also a member of the We THRIVE team in Delhi, a countywide initiative to improve the overall health, safety, and vitality of our communities. Congratulations Bobbi, and thank you for all you do!



Advent Wreath and Potluck Dinner

Start a new Advent tradition! Join us on Monday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. Each individual or family will make a fresh Advent Wreath and share a Potluck Dinner. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend and join in the fun! We will provide activities for all ages to be used during the Advent season. Bring your family's favorite dish to share and a pair of yard shears for the greenery. Not interested in making a wreath? Come and share your Advent traditions with our growing group! If you attended the event in the past, please bring your tray for the wreath. RSVPs to Meg Morris (meg.morris@uc.edu or 513-403-0720) are appreciated but not required.

Coat Drive for St. Vincent de Paul

St. Dominic Parish is collecting new and gently-used coats to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Societies' Coat Distribution Program this winter. Donate coats of all sizes by bringing them to Mass on the weekend of November 13 & 14. There will be bins in the Gathering Place that weekend for you to place them in. The west side has a coat shortage this year and you can help by donating!

St. Dominic Major Award And Basket Raffle

The Major Award and Basket Raffle were HUGE successes! Thank you to all who purchased tickets for both drawings. The Major Award netted \$30,000.00 and the Basket Raffle made \$9,200.00.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

\$10,000.00 – Paul Schumacher

\$1,000.00 – Julie Roser

\$500.00 – Mike Curnayn

BASKET RAFFLE

Thank you to the volunteers who helped sell tickets after all the Masses for the last three weekends. Thank you to all those who donated to the Basket Raffle, also. We received over \$5,800.00 in donations! We received full baskets, items from our Amazon Wish List and cash to make fifty-eight baskets.

BASKET RAFFLE DONORS

Bob and Elaine Murphy
Cincinnati Bengals
Cris and Larry Bill
Dave and Shelly Rizzo
Ed & Sylvia Cole
Frank & Marie Salem
Jackie Gibbs Schultz
Janet Day
Jerry & Mary Luebbering
Joan Wichmann
Judy Becker
Julie & Michael Spohr
Len Hausman
Mark & Nancy Gibbs
Mary Beth Doyle
Matthew Charles Durban
Nancy Trokan
Paul & Patty Fellingner
Paul Backscheider
Ralph and Micki Priestle
Roberta Davoran
St. Dominic PTO C/O
Co-Presidents
Tom & Joan Mattei

Carolyn Davis & CHRP group
Cincinnati Museum Center
Criswell Family
Delhi Pet Center
Fran Rappoport
Garry Kamstra
James & Joyce Beckenhaupt
Jeannine Imhoff
Jim Walsh
Joe & Lois Scherer
Judy Luebbe
Karen Brandstetter and Pat Cusick
Margie Jansing
Mark & Patty Bardonaro
Mary Jo Reiners
Michelle Smith
National Underground Railroad
Freedom Center
Ralph Tate
Ron & Betty Fraley
St. Dominic Athletic Association
St. Knights of Columbus
Tom and Jeannine Imhoff
Xavier Basketball

Chris Lack
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
Dan & Judy Griffin
Diane Ritter
Frances Carroll
Helen May
James and Janice Noble
Jen Rolfes
Joan Buzek
John Willenborg
Judy Tensing
Karen Melvin
Marie Salem
Mary and Greg Presutto
Matt and Megan Abbott
Molly Hiles
Pat Taylor
Richard Otto
Rose & Butch Stertz
St. Dominic Men's Society
Seton High School
Taft Museum of Art
Tom Malone
Wardway Fuels

For a list of all the basket winners, go to our website: www.stdominicedelhi.org.

Grief Support

Our grief support program is presented by Fr. Chris to help anyone who has lost a loved one in death. It runs for 4 weeks, with each session containing an educational/formational component, as well as time for participants to share and listen. Each subsequent session will build on the previous one, so plan on being there for all sessions, please. No new participants will be accepted after the initial session. The program begins on Monday, November 22 and is scheduled for consecutive Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Faith Sharing Room of the Parish Center. If you have any questions or would like to register, call Fr. Chris at 513-471-7741, ext. 419.



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.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 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.00.

The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.00.

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



St. Dominic Men's Society

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING RAFFLE - The Men's Society is holding its annual raffle to raise scholarship money for St. Dominic students. Winning tickets will be drawn daily throughout December (except Sundays and Christmas), with each winner receiving \$100.00! Tickets are \$5.00 and available after Mass through the end of November. You could be one of 26 winners!

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING 2021

Thank you to all those who donated to the golf outing.

ATR Distributing
Chicken Man's Proud Rooster-Clifton
Siemer & Sons Jewelers
Cincinnati Federal
Delhi Barber Shop
Integrated Supply
AAA Western Hills
Aston Oaks Golf Club
Dan Donovan
Price Hill Chili
Jerry Luebbering
Rick Veid

Bob's 8th Street Drive Thru
Delhi/Harrison Pet Center
Humbert's Meats
Robben Florist
Jenny Bailey
Penn Station
Main Entrance Restaurant
Cohen Recycling
Bob Sumerel Tire Delhi Pike
Diane's Restaurant
Tom Waller
John Burns

Brinker Animal Hospital
Delhi Skyline
Wild Mikes-Delhi
Greg Brink
Coopers Hawk
Wishbone Tavern
Jets Pizza
Bob Hauck
Cabana Restaurant
Bob Murphy
Rick and Debbie Wieland
St. Dominic Men's Society

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
4551 DELHI PIKE
CINCINNATI, OH 45238
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Cincinnati, Ohio
Permit No. 6356



The Community Dinner is BACK!!!

Join us Wednesday, November 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!!

*Please look for updates or changes on the Parish website,
www.stdominichelhi.org, or in the weekly bulletin.*

Christmas Floral Donations



This Christmas Season, we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of decorating the church. Please consider honoring your special loved ones by helping us to prepare a fitting and very beautiful place to welcome the Lord.

Donors and their loved ones will be listed in the bulletin and The Torch soon after Christmas.

You may place your donations in the Sunday Collection. Please mark your envelope as "Christmas Flower Donation" or bring your gift to the Parish Office. You can also make your donation through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominichelhi.org and click the Floral Donation link on the left side. Please submit all donations by Friday, December 10.

Name: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

☐ I wish to have my gift noted in the bulletin and *The Torch*

☐ I prefer my donation remain anonymous