

The Torch



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St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

March 2020

Pastor's Desk

We have already begun the season of Lent. Lent is a season for the whole parish to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ. Are we truly following Him and learning from Him, or are we just going through the motions? Please check the back page of this issue of the Torch for the opportunities for spiritual growth during the Lenten season. All of this is to provide opportunities for us to have a grace-filled Lenten season!

If any of you have drifted away from parish life over the years, please know that you are always welcome to come back and reconnect with some wonderful people. The beginning of Lent is a good time to do it. The Lord invites you and all of us, "Return to me with all your heart!"

Please take a look at the insert about how to sign up for online giving with WeShare.

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.

Thomas Sutphin, husband of Carolyn Sutphin, father to Erin Crowley and Scott and Brittany Sutphin and brother of Betty and Ron Fraley.

P.J. Neumann, son of Mark and Deborah Neumann and brother of Matthew and Emily Neumann and Sarah Neumann.

Joseph Marsala, husband of Margo Marsala and father of Gina and Jeff Johnson, Jeff and Jackie Marsala and Rob and Judy Marsala.

Robert Schwier, husband of Donna Schwier and brother of John Schwier and Joette and Doug Briggs.

Veronica Mollmann, sister of Ann Wilke, Mary and Gus Kramer, Herman and Carol Mollmann, Joseph and Jan Mollmann, Paul and Lori Mollmann and Larry and Carla Mollmann.

George Merk, husband of Catherine Merk and father of Doug and Stephanie Merk, Brian and Diane Merk, Ken and Daphne Merk, Richard and Cindy Merk and Patti and Bill Kammer.

Gerhard Oevermeyer, father of Mary and Bill Holian, Monica (Steve Carson) Oevermeyer, Martin and Cheryl Oevermeyer and Margaret and Pat Maus.

Matthias Ahr, husband of Charlotte Ahr and father of Nancy Ahr and Michael and Nancy Ahr.



Lenten Concert

Mike Davis' Inspirational Concert on the Passion of Christ will be on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please join us!



St. Vincent De Paul Society St. Dominic Conference

Thanks to the members of St. Dominic Parish, since 1951, St. Vincent de Paul Society has been at the heart of St. Dominic's charitable giving. For over sixty-eight (68) years, the people of this parish have helped their neighbors in need with their donations to SVdP. For the past few years, our most frequent calls have been for food. We don't have an open food pantry like St. William, the Anderson Ferry Food Pantry or the food pantry at Holy Family, but we take food to families in emergency situations. We serve neighbors in our service area which includes Delhi, Sedamsville and Riverside.

Remember that St. Dominic's SVdP Conference has NO overhead, personnel or office expenses. Every cent that is donated to St. Dominic SVdP is used to help our neighbors. If you wish to make a donation "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" someone, there are envelopes and donation cards at all the entrances to St. Dominic Church as well as at the Vitt, Stermer and Anderson Funeral Home. The gift will be acknowledged by a handwritten note to the recipient.

St. Dominic SVdP's total receipts for the fourth quarter of 2019 were \$18,589.60 from the poor box collections, the parishioner donations, the schoolchildren, and member donations. 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 of your generous donations, from October through December of 2019, St. Dominic SVdP provided \$17,948.35 in aid to 86 of our neighborhood families made up of 311 adults and children. The breakdown of the aid that was given is as follows:

Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 4,969.00
Duke Energy	\$ 3,490.59
Water Bills	\$ 1,697.65
Food & Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 4,720.67
Beds, Walmart Gift cards and other Services	\$ 3,070.44

The St. Dominic SVdP has sent a check to the Franciscan Mission Office to have Masses said for the fifteen (15) parishioners who died between the beginning of October 2019 and the middle of January 2020.

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

St. Dominic Festival 2020

Plans are underway for this year's Festival. Mark your calendars for Memorial Day Weekend, May 21, 22, 23 and 24. It will be a weekend full of fun! We will still have our popular Baskets and More Booth, plus a lot of great food and games for both kids and adults.



Exciting and NEW Entertainment for the 2020 St. Dominic Festival

- Thursday, May 21, we will start the Festival off with a Texas Hold'em tournament. Cost \$50 to buy in.
- Friday night, May 22, **WILL NOT** be an adult only night. All ages welcome. Rides and Kids games will be available. A Nashville band, *Whiskey, Cash and Roses*, will be playing.
- Saturday, May 23, *Naked Karate Girls* will play.
- Sunday, May 24, we will be having a Pulled Pork dinner in O'Connor Hall. *Mike Davis* will start the day off and *Excalibur* will close the Festival down!
- New Kids games.
- We will have a designated VIP area close to the stage with drink and food specials. More details to come.

We will be selling Major Award tickets again this year for a chance to win \$10,000. We will be mailing Major Award tickets to you early in April.

Festival setup is Tuesday, May 19. This is a huge project that needs to be completed, so that all the inspections can happen before we are able to open on Friday Night. We will gladly take all the help we can get. Many hands help to make the setup easier and quicker. Please consider helping with setup.

If you are interested in helping with setup or would like to work during the Festival, please contact Gary Schloemer at Schloemer7@gmail.com for more information.

NEW THIS YEAR: We will be using Signup Genius to fill open spots that booth chairpersons can't fill. Be looking for a link for Signup Genius in future publications.

Sincerely,

Gary Schloemer, Mark Caskey and Tony Tedesco

St. Dominic Festival Baskets and More Booth

A large part of the Festival is the Baskets and More booth and we rely on donations to make our booth so successful. With the Festival right around the corner, the Baskets and More Committee is asking for donations. We are looking for items such as: Bengals and Reds tickets, concert and CSO tickets, tickets to local plays at the Aronoff Center and the Cincinnati Ballet. We have also made an Amazon Wish List for Baskets and More: <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2TVFS8KV04UAN>.

The link is for Amazon Smile which will give 0.5% of total purchases on qualifying purchases to the St. Dominic Tuition Program. Please check the Amazon Wish List regularly, as items will periodically be added. Gift cards and cash are gratefully appreciated as well! No donation is too small! Please check the bulletin for regular updates about Baskets and More and if you have any questions, please contact Maria Moster at mmoster@fuse.net or 295-0691 or Amy Walter at awalter@fuse.net.

In addition to donations, we need volunteers to help make phone calls and collect donations. Most of this will be done on your own time, from early April until the middle of May. Please contact Maria or Amy if you would like to help out.

Knights of Columbus Raffle



The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for the “K of C Super Cash Bonanza Raffle” after all Masses the weekends of March 7-8 and March 14-15. This is a statewide raffle with over \$100,000 in prizes awarded to twenty-five winners. First prize is \$49,680 (payable over ten years), second prize is \$18,780 (payable over five years), and third prize is \$12,720 (payable over five years). There are another twenty-two cash prizes, all paid out when won, ranging from \$4,000 to \$500. Tickets are \$5 each. All money that the council raises with this raffle will be used for charitable works in the parish and community. Almost \$3,000 was distributed in the parish and community during the past year from the profits of this campaign. Last year, Mike Liderbach won \$1,500 by purchasing a lucky ticket from John Ludwig! You could be our next winner! The Knights thank you in advance for supporting this program.

Christmas Flower Donations

We want to apologize to the family of “Pap” J. Michael Douglas. A donation was made in his memory for our Christmas Flowers and we forgot to include his name in the February *Torch*.

Welcome Karen!

Please welcome our new Pastoral Associate Karen Brandstetter to the St. Dominic Parish/School staff. Karen has years of experience having worked for the Church her entire career. Karen graduated from Xavier University with a B.A. in Theology and worked at Sacred Heart Parish in Fairfield as Director of Religious Education. After her marriage to Gary Brandstetter, in 1982, she worked at the then St. Francis-St. George Hospital as the Director of Mission and Catholic Identity. In 1988, she took time off to raise her children, Marisa and Will. She once again attended Xavier in the new master’s program in Theology. She worked at Good Shepherd Parish from 1988 until 2003 when she started at Bellarmine Chapel as the Pastoral Associate. During her tenure at Bellarmine, she assisted in the transition of new pastors three times.

Also, in 2003, Charles Hunter, 13 years old with severe special needs, became part of the Brandstetter family. In 2010, Gary passed away after a 12-year struggle with brain cancer. In 2016, Karen met St. Dominic parishioner, Patrick Cusick, who was also a widower, and they were married in 2017. They regularly attend the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday.

Karen says she loves the spirit of St. Dominic Parish and is looking forward to meeting the parishioners and sharing in God’s work here at St. Dominic.

St. Dominic Education Commission

The St. Dominic Education Commission is seeking at least three candidates for the three-year term beginning next academic year. The time commitment is one meeting per month during the school year, in addition to volunteering at the January School Open House, the February Las Vegas Night, and the Festival. There are also additional opportunities to serve on subcommittees of the Commission as they arise. If you are interested, please contact Peter Gibbs, Vice Chair, at 481-0896 or pgibbs81@yahoo.com, or Kim Luebbering, Chair, at 919-8219 or kaoverberg@hotmail.com prior to April 6. Induction of new members will take place at the May meeting.

The primary function of the Education Commission is to recommend and determine policies that authorize and guide educational programs promoting the achievement of parish objectives. The Education Commission monitors and evaluates the implementation of the educational policies in the parish and is a support mechanism for the administration of St. Dominic School. The Commission consists of nine voting members elected annually for a three-year term. Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, September through May, in the school library at 7:00 p.m.

2020 St. Dominic Parish Lenten Activities



ONGOING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday: Rosary Group, 6:45 p.m. in church
 Thursday: Prayer & Reflection on the Sunday Scripture, 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Sharing Room
 Saturday: Holy Hour for the Dying, 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

LENTEN CONCERT

Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Church
 Mike Davis' Inspirational Concert on the Passion of Christ.

DISMANTLING RACISM

Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall -
 This talk will address the issue of racism in the world, the U.S., and in our Archdiocese.

THE WORD AMONG US

Magazine with daily readings and meditations for Lent.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

A program that calls parishioners to pray, fast, and learn throughout the Lenten season.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, March 24 - Parish Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.
 "The Light is On" - following the Penance Service,
 Fr. Jim & Fr. Chris will be in the Confessional until 9:00 p.m.
 Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. (or by appointment)

BIBLE STUDY – BISHOP BARRON'S CATHOLICISM SERIES with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris

7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall
 Tuesday, February 25 - Church
 Tuesday, March 3 - The Mass
 Tuesday, March 10 - Communion of Saints
 Wednesday, March 18 - Prayer & Life of the Spirit
 Tuesday, March 31 - Last Things: Hell, Purgatory, Angels and Devils, Heaven

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Holy Thursday, April 9, 1:00 p.m. performed by St. Dominic 8th Grade students

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, April 9 - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 10 - The Passion of Our Lord, Noon & 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 11 - Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.
 (No 8:15 a.m. Mass or Confessions Saturday Morning)

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

April 12

7:30 a.m. in Church
 9:30 a.m. in Church and O'Connor Hall
 11:30 a.m. in Church and O'Connor Hall
 NO 7:00 p.m. Mass

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COMMUNITY DINNER

March 19, 2020
5:00-6:30 p.m.
In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

***Please note:**
The start time is 5:00 p.m.

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