

# The Torch



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

**St. Dominic  
Parish**

**Delhi Township,  
OH**

**April 2022**

## Pastor's Desk

Lent ends at sunset on Holy Thursday. The Triduum (Latin word for "three days") begins. Though we call this time the Three Days, in spirit it is really one event. What we start on Holy Thursday we finish on Easter Sunday. These three days are the heart of our liturgical year, when we reflect on and celebrate the events that bring us salvation and eternal life. I would like to suggest that you try to plan now for how you will spend these three days. I suggest to you that these are three days when everything is important: what you do, where you go, what you eat and with whom you spend your time. My hope is that you will choose to spend some of the time with the community of disciples of Jesus that is St. Dominic Parish. We will be gathering on Holy Thursday night, Good Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday night for the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

May I suggest a few questions for your reflection and prayer during these days?

### Thursday

Whose feet are you being called to wash?  
What is Jesus saying to you personally today?  
What do you want to say to Him?

### Friday

What is Jesus' word to you personally from the cross today?  
What is your word to Him?  
What is your cross at this time in your life?  
How is God blessing you through it?

### Saturday/Sunday

To what new life is God inviting you today?  
Does anything need to die first?

May this holiest week of the year be a time of grace for our parish and for each one of you.

Fr. Jim



**Join us in O'Connor Hall for our next Community Dinner on  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.  
*We hope to see everyone there!!!***

## A Message From Fr. Ben

As you are aware His Grace, Archbishop Schnurr, has appointed me pastor of our Family of Parishes, which includes St. Al's, St. Simon, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Dominic, and Our Lady of Victory. I'm very honored that the archbishop asked me to serve as your pastor and I look forward to being part of this family. Over the next few months, we will have the opportunity to meet and plan for our future. Just to be clear, and to set minds and hearts at rest, I'm personally committed to growth, expansion, and evangelization. It is my intention to make use of all the resources we already have and build upon what has already been done by so many over such a long time. I'm confident that we will have a vibrant and energetic future building the Kingdom of God together. If the past is anything to go on, our future will be outstanding.

On a personal note, you might be asking yourself who is this new idiot the archbishop is sending us? So here is some background:

I was born in Dublin, Ireland, January 14, 1964. My parents are Gerry (deceased) and Martha. I have four siblings, David, Gerard, Deborah, and Stephanie, all living in Dublin. My sisters are identical twins. I have 11 nieces and nephews and two great nephews. I graduated from Scoil Fursa (Catholic Elementary School, Dublin) and Belcamp College (Catholic High School, Dublin) as well as All Hallows College (Dublin), The University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum, Rome), and the International Marian Research Institute, University of Dayton (Ohio). Ordained in Ireland 1993, I came to the United States for post-graduate studies. I became a citizen of the United States in 2000. After serving as a parochial vicar at Holy Angels, Sidney, Ohio for three years, I was appointed by Archbishop Pilarczyk to the faculty of the Athenaeum of Ohio and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in 2000. In 2011, I was appointed first recipient of the Daniel E. Pilarczyk Chair of Systematic Theology. In 2011, I was appointed by Archbishop Schnurr as President of the Athenaeum and Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West. After completing my seven-year term as President/Rector, I was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Victory in July 2018. I will begin my new appointment as pastor of our parish family on July 1, 2022, which happens to be the feast of St. Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh, a martyr - which seems appropriate. I have a dog name Blathene (Irish for Little Flower), and three cats, Gail, Maggie, and Boo-boo.

### Opportunity to Help Name Our Family of Parishes

As part of the Beacons of Light and Family of Parishes process, it is necessary for us to choose a new overall name for our parish family. Each of our present parishes will remain canonically independent until each parish decides to formally be suppressed at which time they will be merged into the new parish. Even after the new name is officially, or canonically, recognized, each of our present parishes will retain their present names and locations but will become known as chapels or campuses. Nevertheless, we will still need to have an overall name for our new family of parishes.

I would like to invite you to be part of the process for choosing a new name for our family of parishes. Please take the time to recommend a name and return the form in the collection basket, drop it off or mail it to your parish office, or at the sacristy, before April 9. After receiving your recommendations, we will produce a shortlist of suitable names and will ask His Grace, Archbishop Schnurr, to choose from the shortlist submitted to him. With this timeline we will be ready to publish our new name at Mass on Sunday, July 3, which is the first Sunday celebration of our new family of parishes.

Some guidelines: a. Try to recommend a unique name; b. Recommend a name that is suitable for a Catholic parish either from tradition, devotion or Biblical; c. Recommend a name that is not too long.  
- Fr. Ben

My recommendation for the name of our Family of Parishes is:

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## 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.

**Jerome Kuley**, husband of Nancy Kuley and father of Jen and Jed Sibert, Jodi and Patrick Huber, Anthony "A.J." and Ashley Kuley and step-father of Nate and Kerri Steinbach, Matt Steinbach and Andrew and Jami Steinbach.

**Karen Oswald**, mother of Shelby, Shaylen, Adam and Andrew Oswald.

**Helen Maly**, mother of Bob and Joyce Maly, Tom and Peggy Maly, Paul and Linda Maly, Mary Beth Maly, Dottie and Dave Hampton, Patty (Bill Muchmore) Maly and Bill and Judy Maly.

**Dorothy Gardner**, mother of Kathy Henninger, Ruth and Ron Binder, Robert and Julia Gardner, Donna and John Schock, Kenneth and Linda Gardner, James and Teresa Gardner and Linda and Mark (Kelso) Sullivan.

**Anne Flanders**, mother of Michael and Julie Hotchkiss, Mark and Shannon Flanders, Marianne and Don James, Amy and Chris Biersack and Julie Flanders.

**Jacqueline Sagers**, mother of Robert Sagers Jr., Pam and Steve Sayers, Thomas and Teresa Sagers, Jon and Carolyn Sagers and Mike and Karen Sagers.

## Lenten Concert with Mike Davis

Join popular singer and Catholic Evangelist/Educator Mike Davis on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. as he presents "Come Watch With Me: The Perfect Storm." This will be a powerful evening of prayer, meditation and music that is sure to touch the soul on your Lenten journey.



### 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.stdominicedelhi.org](http://www.stdominicedelhi.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 Growing in Faith

### BAPTISMS

Six St. Dominic students were baptized at the all-school Mass on Friday, February 25. God Bless these children as they continue their faith journey.



### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our second grade School and PSR students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday, February 15.

### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our eighth grade School and PSR students who were confirmed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr on Thursday, March 3.

*God Bless these students as they continue their faith journey!*

### RCIA



Following the Rite of Sending on Sunday, March 6 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, members of St. Dominic who are preparing for full reception into the church participated in the Archdiocesan Rite of Election at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. In this rite those who are not yet Baptized (Catechumens) were presented at the Cathedral and following the testimony of their godparents and sponsors, they were declared to be members of The Elect, those to be initiated into the Sacred Mysteries via Baptism, Confirmation and receiving their First Eucharist at the upcoming Easter Vigil. Those already baptized as Christians or as Catholics, but who had not been fully initiated via First Eucharist and Confirmation celebrated the Call to Continuing Conversion. Based on the testimony of their sponsors, these Candidates for full communion with the church have been declared candidates to receive the remaining Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. St. Dominic Parish congratulates Catechumens: Audrey Corbett, Samantha Robson, Dylan Backscheider, Keith Cubert, Benny Lamb and Candidates: Veronica Buchanan, Paetra Flaspohler and Christina Green as well as their godparents and sponsors. We look forward to welcoming you to the Eucharistic table this Easter!



## 2022 Wedding Anniversaries

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years) in 2022 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Individual couples may request a certificate online at [www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources](http://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources) (scroll down to WEDDING ANNIVERSARY) or by contacting Ana Ramirez at 513-263-3384. Requests must be made by June 15.



The certificates will be sent to the St. Dominic Parish Office and held until our Anniversary Mass celebration in October.

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS** – In addition to receiving a certificate from Archbishop Schnurr, married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to a Golden Anniversary Mass on August 14, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant. Registration for the Mass occurs during the certificate request (above).

**ST. DOMINIC ANNIVERSARY MASS** – Here at St. Dominic we will also celebrate our Anniversary Couples. This usually takes place in October at 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you will be celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th and 75th Wedding Anniversary in 2022, please contact the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0, no later than June 15.

## St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus

The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive on Friday, May 6, from Noon-6:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. This event is two days before Mother's Day, so roll up your sleeve and make your mom proud! To schedule your appointment, go to [www.hoxworth.org/groups/stdominickofc](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/stdominickofc) or call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910.

## Summer Dates to Remember



Mark your calendars!

Stricker's Grove will be held on Friday, July 22. This is a great time for the whole family with free rides the entire night.

St. Dominic Parish Festival will be held July 29-31. The Festival has been moved this year from our regular Memorial Day weekend.

Look for more information in future publications of the *Torch* and bulletin.

## Save Time and Donate Online



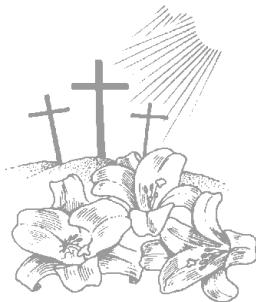
Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit <https://stdominicdelhi.weshareonline.org/> or visit our parish web site at [www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.org) and click on the green Online Giving icon on the left side of the page. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

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### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- † **Thursday, April 14** – Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Friday, April 15** – The Passion of Our Lord at Noon and 7:00 p.m.
- † **Saturday, April 16** – Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. (No 8:15 a.m. Mass or Confessions Saturday morning.)
- † **Sunday, April 17** – Easter Masses – 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (NO 7:00 p.m. Mass)

*We will have overflow seating in O’Connor Hall for the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Mass will be streamed on the large TV and a Eucharistic Minister will bring Communion from church to distribute.*

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