

# The Torch



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

**St. Dominic  
Parish**

**Delhi Township,  
OH**

**January 2020**

## **Pastor's Desk**

Happy New Year everyone! My prayer for all of you is that this year you will live in the awareness of God's graciousness and love for you. Our life is a gift from God. It is gratuitous. We didn't earn it. It is grace. God's plan and desire for us is that we share God's own divine life for all eternity! What that will be like we can only imagine. We are beloved sons and daughters of God and heirs of eternal life. We are truly blessed. Living in that awareness leads to happy and grateful living. May that happy and grateful living be yours this year.

Mark your calendar! We are having a Christ Renews His Parish II Day of Reflection on Saturday morning, January 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in O'Connor Hall. The morning will include some witnessing by parishioners, some prayer and fellowship, a guided meditation, and some table discussion. We will conclude with lunch. There is no cost, and everyone is invited. You don't have to have made CRHP to attend! We did this once before and everyone had a good experience. Because we will be providing lunch, we need to know if you are coming; please call the parish office to reserve a place.

On January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Sharing room, Deacon Mark and I will talk about divorce in the Catholic church, explain the Annulment process, and answer questions.

Finally, 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 here at St. Dominic parish. The beginning of a new year is a good time to do it.

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.

**Alberta Bechtol**, mother of Terry Huth and Mike and Mary Bechtol.

**Nicole Coate**, wife of Jason Coate, and mother of Cameron, Alexis, Haylie and Kylie Coate.

**Rick Dudley**, husband of Sally Dudley.

**Margaret Rizzo**, mother of Charles and Sandi Rizzo, Jr., Mary Ann Meale, Patrick Rizzo, Martha Rizzo and Thomas Rizzo.

**Sarah Richter**, daughter of Kathleen Richter.

## **Parish Office Hours and Inclement Weather**



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 modify its hours of operation. We will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time of 4:00 p.m. We felt the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, to ensure the safety of 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.*

## **2020 Church Envelopes**

The envelopes for 2020 have all been picked up or mailed. If you have not received your envelopes, please call the parish office at 471-7741, ext. 0. Also, if you normally do not use envelopes, but would like to begin using them, please call to request them. Happy New Year!

## Words of Remembrance

John Ludwig was a beloved usher and greeter at our 9:30 a.m. Mass. A gentle giant. He will be missed. Here are some words of remembrance from his son, Nick.

*When I look up "Saintly" in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, it states "relating to, resembling or befitting a saint." Maybe I am overlooking flaws when I call my Dad saintly.*

*I first noticed devout acts in the late 1980's after my maternal grandfather passed away. John would treat his Mother-in-law just as well as his mother. He would visit with her weekly, on Fridays, taking the time to talk and provide check balancing services, of course when it was ball season that would change to Saturday. Unknowingly, he was teaching me to serve through example.*

*Leaders speak up, lecture, and raise awareness for causes. John Ludwig wasn't that, he was a doer.*

*He was passionate about serving people. He was not about holding a title or about leading meetings. He was a doer. For the Cheviot Fire Association, he would coordinate with local businesses to purchase and deliver gift baskets to families in need. He volunteered for St. Vincent de Paul Society where he was the doer of the shopping and delivering of food to any person in need in the Delhi area, regardless of their denomination. It was never about the recognition but the action. He wasn't a big fan of boasting about the service he provided but rather he just did it.*

*There are jobs and then there is fulfillment. No one can ever confuse the two when it comes to the relationship between John Ludwig and Bayley Place. Stated even though John was named employee of the year, he could have been employee of the year every day. John would go the extra mile, never denying transportation requests due to the weather or location. John possessed the unique gift of taking the most basic ordinary ride and turning it into something memorable for all.*

*My father was dedicated to serving. I have only seen John Ludwig cry a few times in life, mainly at funerals. However, a few months back he cried because of a common muscle injury incurred while swimming multiple laps and exercising daily at the age of 70. It was not like he was training for a major event or needed to prepare for an up and coming competition. The training, the weight-lifting the cardio exercise and the lap swimming was for you, for me, for you Mom, for my family, for the church and for the residents and coworkers at Bayley Place. John Ludwig's physical attributes allowed him to serve his family and others. He needed to be healthy, independent and of sound mind and body in order to live his life of service. The disappointment he verbalized was much, much stronger than the physical pain. This acute injury affected his ability to carry out his service to others, especially the residents he befriended from Bayley Place. His simple injury interrupted his ability to fulfill his duty. He was the epitome of "if not me, then who?" Knowing he was unable to serve those who depended on him caused him greater pain and frustration than the physical pain he endured. This brought this great man to tears. I will always remember this when I have a "woe is me" moment.*

*I have been extremely emotional since my father's death. Being a St. X grad, I truly believe buying the \$35 Elder tie has contributed to these emotions.*

*John always spoke about experiences at Elder High School and referred to those years as one of the best times in his life. To tell stories of sophomoric fun would be disingenuous to your time and his memory. I'd rather speak about the bonds forged during this time. From the time I was young to his last few days of life, I heard the names of Tim, Bill, Jerry and Mike in many conversations.*

*My Dad was a kind, loving man yet instilled discipline in me. My Dad and I hugged once. He even said I love you once. It was when I left for Iraq in 2006. It has always been mutually understood that we respected and loved one another. His wisdom wasn't learned in books but through life experiences that he would profess to me in private, usually while we were playing pool or driving together. Fathers, tell your sons you love them, hug them, and kiss them. It's easy and natural to do this with daughters and granddaughters. It's not different with sons. We need to be told you love us.*

*My father often said, "Don't go cheap on your family." What he meant by this is not lavishing your family with simple material goods but spending time and money on making memorable family vacations. There were only a few vacations growing up, however, I can recall each one and things he said or did to make it memorable.*

*The best gift I recently received was tickets to the October 5 Notre Dame Football game, given to me by Heidi this year. I got to not only see the game with my Dad, but I had the pleasure to ride with him for 5 hours each way, just talking. These tickets were me saying "I love you. I want to spend time with you and enjoy being around you."*

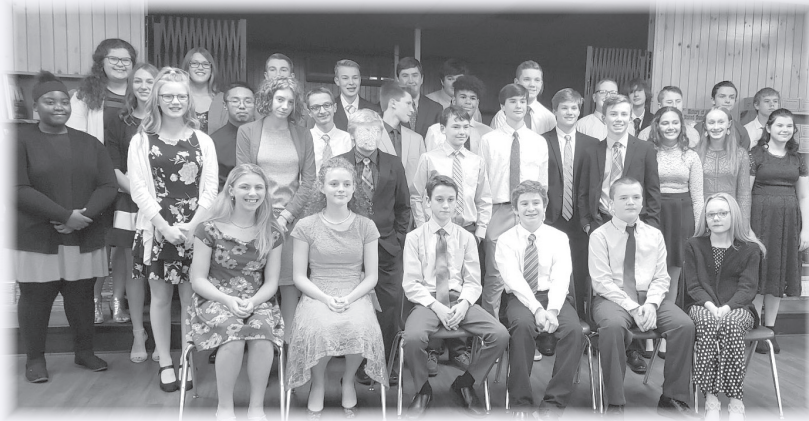
*John was a devout Catholic not only judged by attending Sunday Mass and obligation days. He lived and truly believed in the gospel. People knew he was a Christian by his acts of kindness and mercy. He said prayers every morning while he was making breakfast, not for his salvation, but for yours. He found comfort and wasn't afraid of death because of his belief in eternal salvation.*

*John was an unselfish man who epitomized a sense of piety, devotion and burning desire to serve others.*

*All Saints Day and my father's birthday now have profound meaning in my life because these days are St. John of Delhi days. We should all be disciples of St. John of Delhi.*

## 2019 Pictorial Directory

The Pictorial Directories are in. If you had your picture taken and have not picked up your book, you can do so in the Parish Office during our regular business hours of Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If you cannot pick yours up during our regular business hours, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 to make other arrangements.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate our school and PSR students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, December 3. Please pray for them as they continue this journey of Faith!



### Giving Tree

Thanks to everyone who took a tag from our Giving Trees and returned gifts so beautifully wrapped. Through your efforts you have helped over 750 children have a nice Christmas. Special thanks to my team of elves who wrote out the tags and suggestions and also finished the shopping and wrapping for the tags that weren't taken from the trees.

For those who were not able to take a tag - Thanks for donating money so the elves were able to shop. I hope God blessed all of you for your generous time, effort and cash donations in making it a better Christmas for so many people you don't even know.

- Joan Wichmann



### Men's Society November Lottery Winners

Congratulations to all the winners!!

November 1st - #934 - Lawrence "Bill kids"  
November 2nd - #727 - Olivia Schwarmber

November 4th - #566 - John Back  
November 5th - #555 - Paul Rappoport  
November 6th - #683 - Mary Gibbs  
November 7th - #922 - Rosemary Kuley  
November 8th - #584 - Nick Fettig  
November 9th - #931 - Nancy Wellbrock

November 11th - #755 - Mary Jo Kumpf  
November 12th - #380 - Barb Huber  
November 13th - #589 - Emily Bering  
November 14th - #394 - Jeff Schaffer  
November 15th - #336 - James Beckenhaupt  
November 16th - #280 - Tom Imhoff

November 18th - #701 - Ken Peddicord  
November 19th - #092 - Lori Thai  
November 20th - #156 - Larry Smith  
November 21st - #256 - Kevin Doyle  
November 22nd - #670 - Jeff Henninger  
November 23rd - #524 - Kim Seltzer

November 25th - #168 - Fred Meyer  
November 26th - #300 - Fran and Paul Rappoport  
November 27th - #292 - John Burns  
November 28th - #020 - Maya Cadavid  
November 29th - #033 - Tom Imhoff  
November 30th - #013 - Barb Luken



## Las Vegas Night

The parish Las Vegas Night for capital improvements will be held in the gym on Saturday, February 22, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Our major award is a VERY important part of this event and your support is appreciated.

### MAJOR AWARD PRIZES

1st Prize \$1,000.00    2nd Prize \$500.00    3rd Prize \$300.00    4th & 5th Prize \$100.00

We are asking each family to buy or sell some of the major award tickets. Ticket prices are: \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00, and 10 for \$20.00 (whole sheet).

Additional tickets will be available in the Parish Office or at the doors of church in February. Returns can be made to the Parish Office, (by mail if necessary), deposited in the collection basket, or at the doors of the church in February.

If you wish to volunteer the night of this event, contact Jason Shattuck at 477-8162 or the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. If you would like to sponsor a horse for \$25.00, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.



## Christ Renews His Parish

The Men's Weekend that was originally scheduled for February 29 and March 1 has been postponed. Please watch for new information in future publications of the Torch or the weekly bulletin.

## St. Dominic School News

**OPEN HOUSE AT ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL** – Prospective preschool-8th grade parents are invited to a very special evening on Thursday, January 16, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Meet the teachers, see the classroom, and be given a tour by a member of our St. Dominic Community. We look forward to meeting you!

**OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** – As part of this year's celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Dominic School is inviting all parents, grandparents, friends, relatives, and the Delhi community to an Open House on Sunday, January 26, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass until 2:30 p.m.

Current preschool-8th grade students and their families can meet the staff, view the students' work, enjoy refreshments hosted by the PTO and take a self-guided tour of the building between 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. A drawing for tuition credits will also take place. Please come and share in our pride of St. Dominic School as we celebrate this year's theme, "Building a Community of Love."

Families of students in grades preschool-8th with a new incoming student will receive a guided tour of the school with a member of the St. Dominic Community starting at 12:30 p.m. outside the school office. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and see the classrooms as part of their tour.

## Financial Assistance For 2020-2021 School Year

The application process for applying for financial assistance for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. If you have a high school student next year, and you have applied for assistance through FACTS, you do not have to complete the application for your St. Dominic student, as long as you have selected St. Dominic as one of your schools. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE SELECTED ST. DOMINIC AS ONE OF YOUR SCHOOLS.

To begin the application process, go to: [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com). In the upper left corner of the page, click on "Parent Log In." If you applied for assistance last year (2019-2020), your login credentials will be the same. If you are utilizing FACTS for tuition payment processing for this current school year, your login credentials are the same. Click on the link, "Apply for Financial Aid." The instructions for completing the application are relatively intuitive, however if you experience any issues, please contact FACTS at (866) 412-4637.

Awards will first be granted through the Catholic Education Foundation (The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith One Hope One Love Campaign). CEF awards will be announced in February 2020. St. Dominic will announce Parish awards in the Spring of 2020. The deadline to apply for assistance is January 31, 2020 for CEF and St. Dominic Parish Awards. No exceptions can be made! You will need your 2018 tax return information. You will also have to upload pages 1 and 2 from your 2018 tax return as well as copies of any 2018 W-2s.

## St. Dominic PTO Book Fair

St. Dominic PTO fall Book Fair was a huge success – thanks for your support and patronage. Between the All for Books Donations and the Book Fair we were able to provide close to \$2,500.00 in new books and materials to our St. Dominic Teachers' Classroom Libraries! We also will be able to fund over \$1,500.00 more in new equipment, furniture and/or books for the School Library. Thank you to all the parents, parishioners, students, teachers and volunteers who supported the Fall Fair! "You can find magic wherever you look... Sit back & relax, all you need is a Book." ~ Dr. Seuss.

**ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL**  
**FIRST TRIMESTER 2019-2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> HONORS**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thomas Hater, Carter Sokolis, Ella Vater

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Grace Awad, Catherine Barron, Emery Charles, Arielle Fahrian, Michael Montgomery, Elena Sullivan

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Melania Bauer, Jackson Bogner, Casey Broxterman, Colin Broxterman, Caitlin Childs, Alex Coffman, Mary Gibbs, Chase Goins, Zach Hartung, Eva Hater, Wyatt Krommer, Kara Lively, Shelby Luebbering, Carmen Morano, Connor Muhlenkamp, Courtney Muhlenkamp, Peyton Rampello, Josh Walter, Kaylee Whitacre, Cassandra Whittle, Lizzie Williams, Isaiah Zerilla

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tucker Charles, Will Fettig, Skylar Grouse, Tyler Homan, Francesca Lanter, Raegan Montgomery, Claire Siebel

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Annabelle Luebbering, Noah Nauman

**2<sup>nd</sup> HONORS**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Emma Bechtel, Tyler Biggs, Brandon Catanzaro, Eabha Delaney, Kaylee Finkelstein, Gino Hockenberry, Ethan Lipps, Thomas Roth, Carson Telger

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sophia Bass, Liam Eckhoff, Ella Gorczyca, Sami Hasselbeck, Eddie Jones, Raegan Korb, Kaitlyn Kruessel, Nick Liderbach, Elizabeth Lipps, Anna Murphy, Ben Bailey, Adrianna Russ, Adam Schloemer, Austin Tettenhorst

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Amani Althawadi, Leah Becker, Brock Bryson, Simon Burke, Carter Carrithers, Caleb Dreiling, William Hignite, Megan Hogel, Elizabeth Kennedy, Zachary McAllister, Josh Sanders, Luke Schroer, Madi Siemer, Brady Telger, Hank Utley, Aubrey Weller

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Camren Anderson, Liam Barron, Bryce Bezold, Anna Bogner, Chloe Brower, Tadhg Delaney, Elliott Durban, Hayden Gorczyca, William Grady, Rocco Hockenberry, Brody Korb, Sierra McMahan, Lily Michel, Jennifer Piening, Emma Raley, Evan Roark, Josh Smith, Joey Starkey, Andrew Tallen, Zach Thompson, David Wandstrat, Bo Williams

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Meredith Breeden, Colt Brock, Brayden Broxterman, Laney Conner, Nick Fettig, Christopher Gatliff, Reagan Helling, Landon Hogel, Adin Hollingsworth, Riley Johnson, Liam Mullins, William Niermann, Anna Shattuck, Carolina Tirado, David Tirado

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## COMMUNITY DINNER

Wednesday,  
January 22, 2020  
4:30 p.m. to  
6:30 p.m.  
In O'Connor Hall

**\*PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.**

**Hope to see  
everyone there!**

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