

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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Lenten Message from Fr. Jim

By the time you get this issue of *The Torch*, we will already be into the season of Lent. Lent is a season for the whole parish to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. I like the old reflection question: "If you were on trial for being a follower of Jesus, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" Please check 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!" St. Dominic is a dynamic parish community. The Holy Spirit has been transforming us for years at each Sunday Eucharist! Parishioners continue to grow in the Lord! We invite you to be part of that. If you have been thinking: "I have to get back to church," trust that that very thought is already the activity and movement of God within you!

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:

Mary Ann Burns, mother of Cindy (Bill) McCarthy, Don (Connie) Burns, Debbie (Pete) Cartmell and Terri (Kurt) Heinzelman.

Don Reverman, husband of Joyce Reverman (nee Kahny) and father of Eric (Coleen Apache) Reverman, Trisha (Ken Hartman) Reverman, Angie (Jeff) Carr, Mark (Becky) Reverman, Becky (Jimmy) Johnson, Melissa (Jason) Warndorf, Adam Reverman, Jessica Reverman, Gina (Sean) Criswell and Steven Reverman.

Loretta "Jane" Kaeser, wife of Joseph Kaeser and mother of Susan (Al) Fuson, Joseph (Jane) Kaeser, Jr., Roger Kaeser, Joyce (Robin) Singh, James Kaeser, Mary Jo (Mark) Bailey, Laura (Gary) Deitsch, Joann Kaeser and Fred (the late Stacy) Kaeser.

Joan Rokich, mother of Karen Rokich, Steve (Sharon) Rokich and Scott Rokich.

Vicki Currin, wife of Terry Currin and mother of Doug (Allison) Jones, Danielle (Kevin) Ohms, Melissa (Bobby) Corso, Amy (Malcolm) Berry, Brian (Natalie) Currin and Brett (Leigh) Currin.

Don Kahny, husband of Jaclyn Kahny (nee Hix) and father of Mark (Donna) Kahny, Donald (Lisa) Kahny, Jr., Lisa (Len) Slye, Sheila (Gerry) Wolfer and Christina (Ed) Cain.

Joan James, mother of Kathy (the late Joe) Klosterman, Robert James and Edward (Chris) James.

Michael Petronio, father of Daniel (Kathleen) Petronio, Peter (Bobbie Jo) Petronio, Jeanette (David) Huesman, Patricia (William) Cook and Paul Petronio.

Regina Welter, mother of Roman (Melissa) Welter, Amanda Welter, Camilla (Caleb) Griggs, Alex (Ryan Meyer) Welter and Zach (Taylor) Welter.



Family Of Parishes

In July 2022, we introduced you to the priests that will be ministering to the Mary, Queen of All Saints family of parishes and over the last six months we have shared a little bit of the history of Our Lady of Victory and St. Aloysius on-the-Ohio. This month we feature St. Simon.

ST. SIMON

Post-World War II brought an explosion of growth to western Delhi Township. The Archdiocese began the process to plan for a new parish to the west of Neeb Road. After consultation with pastors of St. Aloysius on-the-Ohio, Our Lady of Victory, St. Antoninus and Our Lady of the Visitation, the boundaries were drawn for St. Simon the Apostle and the parish opened on December 13, 1966, with Father Robert Plagge as pastor. At first, Mass at St. Simon was offered in the Rectory. Then Father Wilfred

Dirr at Our Lady of Victory offered to let St. Simon use the 1908 church for Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Soon, the parish began plans to build a school building that would also serve as a church. Construction began in late March 1968, and it was soon decided that the building should be a multi-purpose room, since most parishioners felt current Catholic schools in the area served their needs. Though not completely finished, Mass marking the 25th anniversary of Father Plagge's ordination was celebrated in the new building on December 18, 1968.

Archbishop Karl Alter blessed the completed building September 17, 1969. This new building – which has been enlarged and renovated – is now Plagge Hall. Over the next 10 years, St. Simon saw a steady increase of families. By 1977, there were 245 families and the parish began plans to build a permanent church. Groundbreaking for the building took place on September 26, 1979. Built at a cost of \$400,000.00, the contemporary church with fan-shaped seating and a Blessed Sacrament Chapel seats 600. It was dedicated by Archbishop Joseph Bernardin on September 12, 1980.

Throughout the archdiocese, a number of planning programs began as the archdiocese projected the declining number of priestly vocations. Following this plan, when Father Michael Beatty, pastor of St. Simon the Apostle, died in 2011, Father Rick Dressman, pastor of St. Aloysius on-the-Ohio was appointed to become pastor of both St. Aloysius and St. Simon and the two became a “regional parish.” The parishes then began a collaboration to consolidate activities and staff.

Between 2012 and 2020, St. Al's and St. Simon successfully transitioned to a Regional Parish that now shares staff, offices, religious education and events such as the annual Festival/Octoberfest and Vacation Bible School.

Goldenaires – St. D

We invite all to share a “Walk on the Camino Trail in Spain.” Fr. Mike Savino will share his photos and recollections from his 100-mile hike on the Camino Trail in Spain on Saturday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. We will have box lunches of ham or chicken salad from Humberts. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations and payment are required before March 12. Please contact Marie Salem at 513-910-3938 or mrsalem3@gmail.com to reserve and arrange payment.

Save the date for these upcoming events!

Belterra Park – Thursday, April 20. See future bulletins for details.

Behringer Crawford Museum – Friday, May 12. Behringer Crawford Museum, followed by lunch. A little bit of something for everyone: miniature trains with Cincinnati backdrop, movie paraphernalia, natural history, antique car and streetcar and river boat, local history, etc. More details will follow in the April *Torch* and bulletins.

Annual Picnic in the Park – Wednesday, June 14. Annual picnic at OLV Sports Pavilion with lunch and short talk provided by the Director of Independent Living at Western Hills Retirement Village. Games and Split-the-Pot to follow.

More information will follow in future publications of *The Torch* and bulletin.

LENT 2023

Tuesday, February 28 – Bishop Barron's *The Seven Last Words* with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Four sessions ending on March 28. (No class on March 21)

Friday, February 24 – Stations of the Cross, 2:00 p.m. in Church (Also March 3, 17 and 24)

Thursday, February 23 – Prayer Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 1 of the Parish Center (Every Thursday)

Monday, February 27 – Rosary, 6:45 p.m. in Church (Every Monday)

Wednesday, March 1 – Adoration, 8:00 a.m.-noon in Church (Every Wednesday)

Monday, March 13 – Holy Hour, Adoration and Confessions followed by Benediction, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15 – Mike Davis' Lenten Concert in Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 18 – Fr. Mike Savino will share photos and reflections from his trip to the Camino Trail in Spain! In O'Connor Hall from 10:00 a.m.-noon, followed by a boxed lunch. (See Goldenaires in March *Torch* and bulletin for more information.)



Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 7, are days of abstinence from meat and days of fast (that is, limited to a single full meal). Regarding Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled:

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with an uplifted and clear mind.

Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (Canons 97 and 1252).

Regarding the obligatory days listed above, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more, rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

Process for a Personal Lenten Reflection on Baptism by Fr. Jim Walsh

Statement About Baptism from Our Tradition:

Through Baptism, we share in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. (i.e. His death and Resurrection)

For Personal Reflection:

Have there been times in your life when something died (changed) and new life resulted?

- Right now, in your life story, is the Lord Jesus calling you to die to some part of yourself (change something in your life)?
- Do you have any images or suspicions as to what the new life might be like as a result of that death?

If you are doing this reflection with someone, talk to them about any part of your reflection you feel comfortable talking about.

Join Us at The Wailing Wall

As the Body of Christ, we are very aware of the suffering experienced in our world today. There is much suffering and mourning in our own nation and in the global community. Many are grieving losses due to violence and war, natural catastrophes, as well as economic and social concerns and fluctuations. So, as we begin our Lent this year, we invite you to bring your sorrows to our parish "Wailing Wall." For over 2,000 years, Jewish people and believers of all faiths have taken their lamentations to the "Wailing Wall" in Jerusalem, and left their prayers of grief and sorrow literally, in the wall. We invite you to do the same. In our parish Gathering Place, on the Wall, we have started to create a Wailing Wall that represents all the burdens and sorrows that we offer to God with our grief.

This Lenten season, we ask Our Lord to take our sorrow and the sorrows of our world and transform them with the new life of the Resurrection! You will see that our schoolchildren have already started to create our Wailing Wall by writing on paper "stones" what saddens or burdens them and what they hope for during Lent. Your prayers can join theirs as we build our Wailing Wall.

When you come to church, you can fill out a "stone" and add it to the Wailing Wall. You can also send your prayers into the parish by emailing them to kbrandstetter@stdominicdelhi.org and we will complete a stone for you and add it to the Wailing Wall.

The Fast Life

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.

Fast from negatives; Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety; Feast on faith.

– Author Unknown

St. Dominic's Lenten Prayer

*Lord Jesus, during this Lenten season,
help us to change our hearts
and follow You as disciples:*

Teach our hearts Your Good News

Renew our hearts with Your grace.

Lead our hearts with Your light.

Fill our hearts with Your love.

Open our hearts to the needs of others.

*Gather our hearts to be
one with You*

*and live as Your people,
now and forever, AMEN.*

Holy Week Schedule

† Thursday, April 6 –

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

† Friday, April 7 –

The Passion of Our Lord at Noon & 7:00 p.m.

† Saturday, April 8 –

Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.

(No 8:15 a.m. Mass or Confessions Saturday morning.)

† Sunday April 9 –

Easter Masses – 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

(No 7:00 p.m. Mass)





St. Dominic Festival 2023

Mark your calendars! Our Festival will be held July 21-23 this year. You will see some changes this year from past Festivals. Look for more information in future publications of *The Torch* and bulletin.

St. Dominic – Delhi Knights of Columbus

The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus will be selling chances for the “K of C Super Cash Bonanza” after all Masses the weekends of March 18-19 and March 25-26. This is a statewide raffle with over \$100,000.00 in prizes awarded to 25 winners. First prize is \$49,680.00 (payable over ten years), second prize is \$18,780.00 (payable over five years), and third prize is \$12,720.00 (payable over five years). There are another 22 cash prizes, all paid out when won, ranging from \$500.00 to \$4,000.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. All money the council raises with this raffle will be used for charitable works in the parish and community. Over \$9,500.00 was distributed by the Knights in the parish and community during the past year, much of which was the profits of this campaign. All of our donations are listed on our bulletin board on the left side of the Gathering Place. The Knights thank you in advance for your support.

St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program

Supporting the tuition credit program is easy with Kroger community rewards. *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.

Sign in or create an account at krogercommunityrewards.com.

1. Click on *Enroll Now*
2. Under *Find Your Organization*, enter 80206 (St. Dominic R. C. Parish School)
3. Click on school name.
4. You'll receive confirmation that you've enrolled.

If you have any questions or need help registering for the program, contact Rachel Lahni at 513-310-0045 at rachel@lahni.com. Thank you for supporting the Tuition Credit Program.



SafeParish

Important Information for All Volunteers

Quarterly Bulletins – Everyone registered with SafeParish receives a quarterly training video. The training bulletin must be completed within 30 days to remain active and in compliance with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Child Protection Policy.

If you have a bulletin past due, you are not permitted to work/volunteer with children, according to the Archdiocesan policy. If you have not completed the most recent bulletin, which was assigned in December and due in January, please do so as soon as possible.

Even if you only volunteer during a single sports season, or at certain times during the school year, it is important to keep the account in an active status.

If you did not get the bulletin, check your spam, or junk mail. You can also sign into your account at www.aocsafeenvironment.org. Go to the *Training* Tab and click on the *Due* link to see which bulletins are due and their due date.

If you have questions, please contact Deacon Mark Bardono, Safe Environment Coordinator, at deaconmark@stdominicdelhi.org.

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Wednesday, March 15

5:00-6:00 p.m.*

**Please note the new end time.*

We hope to see you there!

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