

# The Torch



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

St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

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## Pastor's Desk

By the time you get this issue of the *Torch*, we will probably 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!

Ladies of the parish, please prayerfully consider this invitation to join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal on March 23 and 24. A team of women from the parish and I will be offering a Christ Renews His Parish weekend. If you have been putting this off, perhaps "now is the acceptable time, now is the time of salvation!" Call the office to reserve a spot. Fun, laughter, prayer, scripture, witness, good food, community, inspiration! Join us. It will be a weekend and a Lent you will not forget.

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. 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!"

Fr. Jim

## Christ Renews His Parish



### *Women's Weekend - March 23 & 24*

*What is Christ Renews His Parish and what happens on these CRHP weekends?* Christ Renews His Parish is a program designed to bring parishioners together in Christ. The process includes some group discussion, some prayer together, and some reflections by team members on such subjects as: The Father's Loving Care for us, Renewal, Discipleship, etc. There is an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We celebrate the Eucharist together. In a relaxed atmosphere, you can expect a new awareness of God's many blessings in your life and an opportunity to respond to Christ's call to a closer and deeper relationship with him. Call Fr. Chris or Carole at 471-7741 to reserve a spot.

## 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.

**Eleanore O'Malley**, mother of Colleen and Dave Connitt, Michael and Marjorie O'Malley, George and Linda O'Malley and Daniel and Kerri O'Malley.

**Geraldine "Jerry" Shields**, mother of Debra and Pete Wade, Susan Bell, Tracey and Tom Barth, Matt and Louise Shields and Kathy Shields.

**Krysten Michelle Pasqualetti**, daughter of Kelly Heller.

**Agnes Oevermeyer**, wife of Gerhard Oevermeyer, mother of Mary and Bill Holian, Monica and Steve Carson Oevermeyer, Martin and Cheryl Oevermeyer and Margaret and Pat Maus.

**Jerry Koehne**, husband of Barbara Hinterlong Koehne and father of Richard and Terri Koehne, Christopher and Lori Koehne, Maria and Joe Coogan, Jerome Alexander Koehne, Michael and Jane Hinterlong, Michelle and Bobby Angel and Martin and Ronda Hinterlong.

## 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 9/10 and March 16/17. 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 \$500 to \$4,000. Tickets are \$5 each. All money that the council raises with this raffle will be used for charitable works in the parish and community. Some of the funds from last year's raffle were used for the following: \$250 to purchase and stock the Domestic Church booklet kiosk, \$200 for Christmas gifts for the clergy and parish office, \$100 donated to the seminary in honor of Fr. Jim's 50th anniversary, \$100 to Honor Flight Tri-State, \$66 to rent the Giving Tree delivery trucks, \$200 to help purchase an ultrasound machine for Pregnancy Center West, \$200 to St. Dominic's Vacation Bible School, and \$200 to various youth programs. In total, over \$2,200 will be distributed from last year's raffle and we hope to do even more this year. The Knights thank you in advance for your support

## St. Dominic Education Commission

The St. Dominic Education Commission is seeking at least 3 candidates for a three-year term beginning next academic year. The time commitment is 1 meeting per month during the school year, in addition to volunteering at the January School Open House, the February Las Vegas Night, and the Parish Festival. There are also additional opportunities to serve on subcommittees of the Commission as they arise. If you are interested, please contact Peter Gibbs, Chair, at 481-0896 or pgibbs81@yahoo.com, or Kim Luebbering, Vice Chair, at 919-8219 or kaoverberg@hotmail.com prior to April 8. 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.



## St. Dominic Festival 2019

Plans are underway for this year's Festival. Mark your calendars for Memorial Day Weekend, May 23, 24, 25 and 26. It will be a weekend full of fun! We will still have our popular Baskets and More and Silent Auction items, plus a lot of great food and games for both kids and adults.

### Exciting and NEW Entertainment for the 2019 St. Dominic Festival

- Thursday, May 23, we will start the Festival off with a Texas Hold'em tournament. Cost \$50 to buy in.
- Friday night, May 24, will be an adult ONLY night (21 years and older). The band, *The Naked Karate Girls*, will be playing.
- Saturday, May 25, *Oh Brother Band* will play early followed by *Model Behavior* to end the night.
- Sunday, May 26, 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!

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 21. 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](mailto:Schloemer7@gmail.com) for more information.

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

Sincerely,  
Gary Schloemer, Mark Caskey and Tony Tedesco

## Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

**Ash Wednesday, March 6 and Good Friday, April 19, 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.

## St. Dominic St. Vincent De Paul Society

Thank You to all the parishioners of St. Dominic. Because of your generous donations, from October through December of 2018, the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society helped 72 families, made up of 237 adults and children, in our service area which includes Delhi, Sedamsville and Riverside.

Remember that our SVdP Conference has NO overhead, personnel or office expenses. Every cent that is donated to the St. Dominic SVdP Society is used to help our neighbors. If you wish to make a donation “In honor of” someone, there are envelopes and donation cards at all the entrances to St. Dominic Church. The gift will be acknowledged by a handwritten note to the recipient. The honoree will know you have honored them with a gift to help the needy in our area.

Our total receipts for the fourth quarter of 2018 were \$18,876.31 from the poor box collections, the parishioner, schoolchildren and member donations. Parishioners donated \$1,031 by using the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes included with the St. Dominic Parish envelopes. As always, we thank the St. Dominic schoolchildren for all the food that they donate each month to help us feed our neighbors.

The St. Dominic SVdP Society used your generous donations to provide \$13,891 in aid to our neighbors during the months of October through December of 2018. The breakdown is as follows:

Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 4,435
Duke Energy	\$ 3,282
Water Bills	\$ 1,503
Food and Remke & Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 2,846
Beds, Walmart Gift cards and other Services	\$ 1,82

The St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society also sent a check to the Franciscan Mission Office to have Masses said for the seventeen (17) parishioners who died from the beginning of October 2018 and the middle of January 2019.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic Conference

## **2019 St. Dominic Parish Lenten Activities**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - Wednesday, March 6**

6:10 a.m., Communion Service with Ashes

7:30 a.m., Mass with Ashes

8:15 a.m., Mass with Ashes

7:00 p.m., Mass with Ashes

### **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 – 8:45-9:45 a.m. in Church

### **LENTEN CONCERT**

Monday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. in Church

Mike Davis' Inspirational Concert on the Passion of Christ

### **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)**

Women's Weekend – March 23/24

Weekend retreat for spiritual renewal.

### **THE WORD AMONG US**

Magazine with daily reading and meditations for Lent.

### **RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Monday, April 1 – Parish Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 8:45-9:30 a.m. (or by appointment)

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Begins Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall

Seven consecutive weeks covering The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Thursday, April 18 – Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 19 – The Passion of Our Lord, Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 20 – Easter Vigil, 8:45 p.m.

(No Confessions Saturday Morning)

### **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

April 21

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 21, 2019  
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.*

Mark your calendar!  
The April Community Dinner  
has been moved to  
April 11, 2019  
5:00-6:30 p.m.

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