

# The Torch



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

**St. Dominic  
Parish**

**Delhi Township,  
OH**

**October 2020**

## **Pastor's Desk**

Recollections from the summer of 2000 continued! I arrived at the parish 20 years ago, on Sunday, October 1, at 8:00 p.m. Steve Patton was locking up church and gave me a warm welcome. He helped me carry things to my room in the rectory. He turned out to be the welcoming committee.

That week, the school kids had a welcome celebration for me on the playground. They planted a young tree on the bank near Vitt and Stermer. Look at how it has grown! Birds of the air come and nest there! The tree was a symbol of the school motto: "A Place to Grow!" The celebration ended with an ice cream social. The kids loved it. I was touched! One kid remarked: "This sure beats school!"

I experienced God's invitation and challenge in the event! I told the children: "This tree will grow bigger. So will you! I hope we will all grow better! By learning more! By loving God and one another better! God will be present and active in our life together! We need to be in touch, and respond, and be grateful!"

The weekend of October 7/8, twenty years ago, I celebrated my first Mass at St. Dominic and preached at all the Masses. I introduced myself and thanked those I had already met for their warm welcome. Bill Rasmussen, the president of the Parish Council, and I worked out a commissioning service for me that involved Bill and the congregation doing the commissioning. I thought that was more appropriate than having the Dean from the St. Lawrence Deanery coming to do it.

In my preaching on that day I made these points: "My energy at first will go toward joining the parish, before trying to lead it. Listening and getting the feel of the life here at St. Dominic! Getting to know what goes on around here in the name of Jesus! Where people are finding life!

As pastor, I will count on the dynamic and active presence of God! God, alive and active in the events and circumstances of our lives, is the best thing we have going for us as a parish! God is in our midst, loving us, challenging us, and inspiring us. I have already experienced it! In your welcoming me, I have recognized God loving me. Telling me it is going to be alright. I said good-bye to friends in Washington. God will give me new ones! In your acceptance and trust of me without knowing me, I have recognized God inspiring me to be worthy of that trust."

As I look back on this first week and today, I have recognized your welcome of me as God's way of loving me! My prayer is that at some time you will be able to look upon my coming to St. Dominic as God's way of loving you!"

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.

**Frank and Nancy Harmon**, parents of Guy and Chrissy Harmon, Katie and Adam Braun and Jason and Rella Harmon.

**Lorraine Wendling**, mother of Gilbert and Mary Ann Wendling, Michael and Carol Wendling, Patricia and Terry Bartley, Lorraine and Brent Benson and Tina and Chris Licht.

## **Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office has new hours.

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon.

## **Bridge Marathon**

Due to the Coronavirus, and the school's need for O'Connor Hall, we will no longer have a Bridge Marathon. Because we could not give out the prize money from last year, we had planned to keep it for this year's Bridge Marathon. Now that those plans have changed, we are donating the money to St. Dominic School to help with all the added expenses due to the virus. Thank you very much to all who played in our Bridge Marathon this past year and all the preceding years.

## St. Dominic Parish Financial Report

July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020

	2019-20 Actual	2019-2020 Budget	Variance
<b><u>Church Revenues:</u></b>			
Sundays & Holydays Collections	\$ 993,436	\$ 1,025,000	(\$ 31,564)
One Faith One Hope One Love Rebate	\$ 14,542	\$ 24,000	(\$ 9,458)
Votive Candles & Masses	\$ 12,162	\$ 12,000	162
Interest Earned	\$ 11,828	\$ 18,000	(\$ 6,172)
Festival	(\$ 4,206)	\$ 75,000	(\$ 79,206)
PSR, Adult Ed., Youth, DRE, LPM	\$ 4,230	\$ 4,150	80
Donations	\$ 10,888	\$ 0	\$ 10,888
O'Connor Hall	\$ 5,986	\$ 7,500	(\$ 1,514)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,048,866</b>	<b>\$ 1,165,650</b>	<b>(\$ 116,784)</b>
<b><u>Church Expenses:</u></b>			
Payroll, Taxes & Benefits	\$ 474,732	\$ 505,783	\$ 31,051
Office Supplies, Insurance, Maintenance, Technology, Utilities & Janitorial	\$ 117,853	\$ 125,100	\$ 7,247
Assessment	\$ 106,512	\$ 108,000	\$ 1,488
Program Outreach	\$ 6,154	\$ 7,300	\$ 1,146
PSR, Adult Ed., Youth, DRE, LPM	\$ 10,969	\$ 11,326	\$ 357
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 716,220</b>	<b>\$ 757,509</b>	<b>\$ 41,289</b>
<b><u>School Revenues:</u></b>			
Tuition Revenue	\$ 1,526,315	\$ 1,547,471	(\$ 21,156)
State Reimbursement	\$ 138,318	\$ 150,000	(\$ 11,682)
Before & After Care	\$ 75,992	\$ 84,500	(\$ 8,508)
Milk Program	\$ 3,238	\$ 5,600	(\$ 2,362)
Donations/Other	\$ 28,285	\$ 24,200	\$ 4,085
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,772,148</b>	<b>\$ 1,811,771</b>	<b>(\$ 39,623)</b>
<b><u>School Expenses:</u></b>			
Payroll, Taxes & Benefits	\$ 1,873,265	\$ 1,885,803	\$ 12,538
Office Supplies, Insurance, Maintenance, Technology, Utilities & Janitorial	\$ 214,212	\$ 245,140	\$ 30,928
Before & After Care Program	\$ 56,423	\$ 83,917	\$ 27,494
Milk Program	\$ 5,320	\$ 9,758	\$ 4,438
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,149,220</b>	<b>\$ 2,224,618</b>	<b>\$ 75,398</b>
<b>Operational Results:</b>	<b>(\$ 44,426)</b>	<b>(\$ 4,706)</b>	<b>(\$ 39,720)</b>
<b><u>Capital Activity Revenues:</u></b>			
Fr. Grimmelsman	\$ 72,277		
Capital Donations	\$ 27,879		
Adopt a Student	\$ 17,880		
Other Donations	\$ 17,744		

**Capital Expenditures:** Through the generous and amazing support of our parishioners, we were able to provide just over \$60,000 in financial assistance to our school families. Additionally, we continued to replace aging floor tiles in several classrooms and hallways; we integrated the computer classroom and auxiliary lab within the main school building which required specialized wiring and electric upgrades; last summer, we replaced the deteriorated main driveway from Delhi Road to our main parking lot; we resealed the entire parking lot, including restriping; we provided a safe and secure fenced play area and a paved walking path on the Pedretti side of our school building for our younger students; we replaced a boiler condensate tank & pump; replaced & upgraded our main computer file server for the school and parish office; upgraded the lighting in the Sanctuary of church; due to the success of Las Vegas Night, we were able to replace the windows in the Art Room; and we were able to replace the carpet and paint in the preschool nap room.

**Payroll Protection Program:** St. Dominic Parish participated in the CARES Act Payroll Protection Program. During the suspension of Mass, and the continuing dispensing of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, our Sunday collections have been affected. Additionally, with the loss of our summer festival, our overall resources have not met our needs. The PPP loan has provided much needed cash flow to the parish. We will apply for loan forgiveness prior to the end of the year.

## Parking For 7:30 a.m. Massgoers On School Days

You can continue to park where you do in the upper parking lot. There will be some spaces marked off by cones for "No Parking." Parking over by Vitt, Stermer and Anderson is open but you may have to wait to get out after Mass. When you leave Mass, be careful getting to your car as school cars will be coming from the direction of the school entrance, where the children will be having their temperatures checked in their cars. When you exit on to Delhi Pike, you will only be able to turn right! Right turn only between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on school days!

Churchgoers who normally park in the lower lot will have to park somewhere else as the Before School Program parents will be dropping off their children in O'Conner Hall.

## Memorial Mass

On Monday evening, November 2 at 7:00 p.m., all members of our parish who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way at our Memorial Mass. Look for more information in the weekly bulletin.



## Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th Wedding Anniversaries in 2020 will be honored at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 18. Invitations to the Anniversary Mass will be mailed to parishioners celebrating those anniversaries. If you did not receive an invitation and will be attending the Anniversary Mass, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 by Wednesday, October 7.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children

St. Dominic's RCIA process continues year-round. Because of this, adults and children can begin at any time. Most who come to the Catholic Church as adults do so because God has called them through other people. If you know someone who may be interested in the Catholic Faith, ask him or her to call us, or ask if he or she would like for you to call and make the first "contact." While new Inquirers can join St. Dominic's RCIA process at any time, because of our lingering "school year mindset," many people begin to consider inquiring about the faith as the new school year begins. Now is a great time to reach out and mention becoming Catholic to someone you know who may be considering it! Contact Karen Brandstetter 471-7741, ext. 481 or [kbrandstetter@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:kbrandstetter@stdominicdelhi.org) for more information about St. Dominic's RCIA.



## A Perfect Gift

Christmas is coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for the person in your life who is hard to shop for.

Pavers are the gift that lets your mother, father, grandparent, child, or spouse know how cherished they are. Order forms are available at the doors of church and on the parish website at [www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.org) (Click on Ministries/General Parish Ministries/Gathering Place Walkway).

You can also stop in the Parish Office to order a paver.

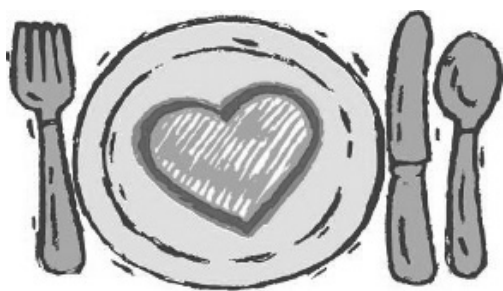
The 4 x 8 bricks allow 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.

The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.

If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

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**COMMUNITY DINNER**  
**The Community Dinner**  
**has been canceled for the**  
**remainder of the year.**

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