

The Torch



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Faith for more than 75 years!"*

**St. Dominic
Parish**

**Delhi Township,
OH**

May 2019

Pastor's Desk

Our St. Dominic Festival is fast approaching. I continue to be amazed at how much organization, hard work, and collaboration go into this annual event. We are blessed each year by many generous people who chair the booths and work the Festival. All of this is coordinated by Gary Schloemer, who is our Festival chairman again this year.

Please support our Major Award ticket sales. Tickets have been mailed out to parishioners.

First Prize this year is \$10,000.00 in cash. Second Prize is \$1,000.00 and Third Prize is \$500.00.

The chances are \$20.00 each or Buy 5, Get one free! Only 2,000 tickets will be sold.

We count on our Festival as a significant part of our yearly budget which funds our educational and spiritual programs at St. Dominic. The success of the Major Award plays a major part in the overall success of our Festival. Please support our Major Award this year and plan on joining us on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend for fun and games, rides and food and music and fellowship.

On Thursday night there will be a Texas Hold'em tournament with a buy-in cost of \$50.00. Friday night is an adult-only night (21 and older). The band for that night is the popular Naked Karate Girls. We will have our popular Baskets and More and Silent Auction booth (Please consider making a donation to this booth.) and Mike Davis will perform early on Sunday. On Sunday, plan on coming for a pulled pork dinner in O'Connor Hall. There will be fun and games and good food for all!

Life is a Festival! Come join us at St. Dominic!

Fr. Jim

St. Dominic Parish Festival

See the Festival insert in this edition of the Torch for our Festival hours, nightly entertainment, Baskets and More Booth, Texas Hold'em Tournament, and more.

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.

Carolyn Robben, mother of Bettie and Tom Reynolds, Beverly and Michael Vietti, Dianne and John Wilder, Kimberly and Steve King and Ron and Melissa Robben.

Marlene Averbeck, mother of Thomas Averbeck, Christine and Dennis Hock, Carol and Michael Groh, Mary Thompson, Dave and Lynne Averbeck, Debbie and Chris Keller, Bob Averbeck and Diane and Jeff Makin.

Terry Fraley, brother of Ron and Betty Fraley and Connie and Richard Belmont.

Bob Henninger, husband of Kathy Henninger and father of Michelle and Jay Korb and Jeff Henninger.

Bernard Wendling, father of Justin and Nicole Wendling, Amanda and Don Lavoie, Alyssa and Seth Brooks and Chelsea Wendling.

Joseph Allen, husband of Mary Allen and father of Joseph and Julissa Allen, Daniel and Allison Allen, Sarah Joy and Daniel Fisher, Joe and Abbe Lanzillotta, Jennifer and Richard McCollum Lanzillotta and Katie and Christopher Cowans.

Geraldine Brown, mother of Debbie and Peter Williams, Don and Ann Brown, Kathy and Melvin Morgan, Gary and Sheree Brown, Colleen and Mark Lawrence, Scott and Debbie Brown, Maribeth Samoya and Larry Kutzleb, Jim and Wendy Brown, Jr., and Karen and Andy Maines.

Carolyn A. Robben Eulogy

We lost a pillar of our parish last month. Carolyn Robben was everybody's mom. It is inspiring to see how her children honored her with words of remembrance at her funeral.

– Fr. Jim

Mom, Mamma

Thank you all for being here today to honor our Mother, Mamma (the name she was called by her grandchildren) and Friend, Carolyn (Leussing) Robben who was born to Martha and Stanley Leussing on October 16, 1935.

She and her sister, June were raised in Norwood, Ohio. They spent many childhood days at a summer cottage playing tennis and ping pong and making lifetime friends. The legacy of cottage park is still carried on by her nephew, Ed Imm and his family.

While attending St. Matthew School, mom met her best friend Dolores Hoff, who eventually became her sister-in-law, Dolores Robben.

In 1955, this Norwood girl, named Carolyn fell in love with a Delhi boy, named George. They married on October 6, 1956 and over the years, the nest was complete with five robin birds.

Mom was supportive to the family business. She was a loving and faithful wife, daughter and mother. Many evenings were spent doing wedding consultations with future brides and their mothers at the kitchen table of our family home. She enjoyed working on the financial books behind the scenes of the florist business; definitely letting our father shine. Mom was our connector for the family.

At family parties or on Sunday afternoons, you could find Mom wanting to play a good card game of Five Hundred or Polish Hearts with her family and friends. Her favorite game was Chinese Checkers; no one could beat her. Mom enjoyed this game the most because it gave her quality one on one time with her children and grandchildren.

A star has five points and Mom has five children. She always made us feel like a star that shined bright. She had the biggest heart for the love of God and family. Thank you, Mrs. Sunshine for being our star. We love you and promise to stay together as a family and now you can square dance with Dad in heaven.

Ironically, on the day of mom's passing, a storm was coming (and she does not like storms); both my sister from Columbus and my siblings here saw a rainbow. We knew that this was a sign that mom was received in heaven and found her pot of gold.

Mom, Mamma – Carolyn A. Robben – A woman of Faith

Mom or mamma was a woman of extraordinary faith. She strived to instill a love and respect for the Catholic faith within each of her five children's lives and their families. Mom's faith was steadfast. She lived it and shared it.

Growing up, first thing in the morning, mom reminded us to say our prayers and shared with us what saint's feast day it was, so we knew when the nuns asked in religion class. Thank you, mom, for helping us get that extra credit in religion.

Frequently, she would lead us in a family Rosary. In later years, she and dad would pray a decade for each of us and our families, according to the day of the week. Bettie on Monday, Beverly on Tuesday, Dianne on Wednesday, Kimberly on Thursday and Ron on Friday. Just recently, she provided us with four Lenten prayers for her family to recite during Lent.

She encouraged us to incorporate faith not just in our lives, but in the moments of every day. As her health declined, her faith did not. When mom could not attend daily Mass, she turned on EWTN to participate in the daily Mass and pray the Rosary. If any of you called her at that certain time, she may have said, "It's time for the Rosary, call me later"; and we did.

We would like to commemorate mom or mamma in a special way;

We asked ourselves "What would mom or mamma do for that special occasion?" – with a pen in her hand and a dictionary by her side, she would compose a poem that contained two lines that rhymed. We felt that it would be most fitting to do the same:

*Dear Father in Heaven, we give you today,
mother, grandmother and friend, who's faith never strayed.*

*She counted all her blessings from God above
Because her heart felt; YOU were her FIRST LOVE!*

*Her gentle soul, who longed to see YOUR face.
In the hope, that she would dwell in Thy Holy Place.*

*Now she is resting, safely in your arms,
Where there is no more suffering and no harm.*

*We thank you Lord for You are good,
Your love is everlasting.*

*Love and prayers,
Bettie, Beverly, Dianne, Kimberly, Ron & Families*

*In Mom's Bible, we found a handwritten note that said: To my children, grandchildren and their spouses
Don't Cry – Be Happy – I am Happy, too!*



2019 Wedding Anniversaries

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2019 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Visit the Office for Marriage & Family Life at www.catholiccincinnati.org, click Ministries and Offices, click Marriage and Family Life or call 421-3131, ext. 2601 before June 21 to request your certificate.

These certificates will be sent to the St. Dominic Parish Office. We will keep them 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 2019 are invited to a Golden Anniversary Mass on August 3, 2019, 4:30 p.m. at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Bishop Joseph Binzer, 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 2019, please contact the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, no later than June 15.



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 (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.

A Mother's Prayer

*Dear Father in Heaven, I ask for Your Touch.
Bless all my family, we need You so much.
Grant us Your wisdom to choose what is right.
To walk in Your pathways of truth and light.
Strengthen our family with faith to hold fast,
To cherish and nurture the treasures that last.
Teach us to love, to forgive and to share,
in the realms of the spirit, to thrive and to dare.
But most of all, Lord, when our journey is through,
Bind us together, forever with You.*

St. Dominic St. Vincent De Paul Society

Thank You to all the parishioners of St. Dominic. Because of your generous donations, from January through March 2019, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Dominic helped 53 families, made up of 171 adults and children, in our service area which includes Delhi, Sedamsville and Riverside.

Remember that St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Conference has NO overhead, personnel or office expenses. Every cent that is donated to the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul 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.

St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul's total receipts for the fourth quarter of 2019 were \$9,773.00 from the poor box collections, the parishioner donations, the schoolchildren, and the member donations. Special "Thanks" to Steve Walter. Because of Steve's initiative and determination, the Parker Hannifin Corporation made a generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the St. Vincent de Paul at St. Dominic. Parishioners donated \$2,258.00 by using the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes included with the St. Dominic Parish envelopes. As always, we thank the St. Dominic School children for all the food that they donate each month to help us feed our neighbors.

Because there were funds left over from previous quarters, SVdP at St. Dominic was able to provide \$12,058.49 in aid to our neighbors during the months of January through March of 2019. The breakdown is as follows:

Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 2,678.00
Duke Energy	\$ 4,512.29
Water Bills	\$ 1,897.87
Food and Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 2,272.51
Beds, Walmart cards, Masses and other Services	\$ 197.82
Twining (we helped St. William's SVdP)	\$ 500.00

The St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society has sent a check to the Franciscan Mission Office to have Masses said for the fourteen (14) parishioners who died between the end of January 2019 and early April 2019.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic's Conference



St. Dominic Vacation Bible School

We are excited to say that plans are underway for our summer Vacation Bible School. VBS is for children in grades K-4 and will be held July 8-12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will be using the Cat Chat program again! There are plenty of volunteer positions for Virtus trained adults if you would like to help that week. Contact Linda Gardner at 451-3079 or lmcgardner@fuse.net if you have any questions. We are looking forward to helping the kids have some fun while connecting with our faith in a fun, lasting way. We hope your child can attend.

Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program

The St. Dominic Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program has helped many families attend our exceptional school who may not have been able to afford the full cost of tuition. We have set our tuition rate for the 2019-2020 school year at \$3,250, net of any parish investment, etc. As in the past, we welcome any monetary gift to the program, however, we have established gift levels as described below for those who wish to sponsor a student:

Platinum Level Gift of \$3,250	Sponsors a student for an entire school year
Gold Level Gift of \$2,438	Sponsors a student for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school year
Silver Level Gift of \$1,625	Sponsors a student for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the school year
Bronze Level Gift of \$813	Sponsors a student for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school year

Please consider a contribution to this vital program by participating in any of the levels described above, or please feel free to contribute any amount you are able. For additional information, or to make a contribution, please contact the parish business manager, Charlie DeZarn at 471-7741, ext. 417. Thank you for your consideration in contributing to our Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program.

Requirements for Those Volunteering with Children

As a reminder, all volunteers are required to attend one VIRTUS live training session. You can attend this training at any location at a date/time that works best for you. Preregistration is required. Find training locations, registration details and steps to create your VIRTUS user account at www.VIRTUS.org.

The second requirement for volunteers is to complete an online background check request. Payment for this is by credit card or "token" at the time of your online request. Contact the organization for which you volunteer to get information on obtaining a token for payment. To initiate the online background check, sign in to your VIRTUS.org user account, click the "Toolbox" tab then click the selection.com background check link. Contact Lisa McDonald at lisam@stdominicdelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 428 with questions.

Second Trimester Honor Roll 2018-2019

1st HONORS

8th Grade

Lucy Becker, Bailey Broxterman, Megan Childs, Kaitlyn Dudley, Claire Gibbs, Alli Shattuck, Emma Walter, Gabby White

7th Grade

Brandon Catanzaro, Thomas Hater, Carter Sokolis

6th Grade

Grace Awad, Catherine Barron, Arielle Fahrian, Eddie Jones, Nick Liderbach, Michael Montgomery, Ben Railey, Adrianna Russ, Bella Sweeney

5th Grade

Leah Becker, Jackson Bogner, Casey Broxterman, Colin Broxterman, Caitlin Childs, Chase Goins, Eva Hater, Shelby Luebbering, Carmen Morano, Connor Muhlenkamp, Courtney Muhlenkamp, Peyton Rampello, Kaylee Whitacre

4th Grade

Liam Barron, Bryce Bezold, Anna Bogner, Will Fettig, Rocco Hockenberry, Tyler Homan, Francesca Lanter, Sierra McMahan, Raegan Montgomery, Jennifer Piening, Emma Raley, Claire Siebel, Andrew Tallen

2nd HONORS

8th Grade

Kristin Bizaillon, Alicia Burke, Collin Carrithers, Teagan Charles, Kamara Chowning, Grace Ellis, Gabriela Flores, Nickey Gutzwiller, Makayla Grahm, Caroline Hafner, Lindsay Hasselbeck, Shelby Logsdon, Andrew Rolfes, Dominick Ruoff, Mimi Vu, Grace Wade

7th Grade

Emma Bechtel, Tyler Biggs, Hayley Cook, Kaylee Finkelstein, Nick Fitzsimmons, Ethan Lipps, Thomas Roth, Nick Tallen, Jayden Teal, Ella Vatter

6th Grade

Zach Barnes, Sophia Bass, Mairead Beverley, Emery Charles, Ella Gorczyca, Johnny Hafner, Sami Hasselbeck, Alisa King, Rebecca Klayer, Kirra Koch, Raegan Korb, Kaitlyn Kruessel, Anna Murphy, Adam Schloemer, Carson Siebel, Leni Sullivan, Austin Tettenhorst, Nora Utley, Payton Watson, Lexi Wilhoit

5th Grade

Melania Bauer, Riley Bryant, Simon Burke, Carter Carrithers, Alex Coffman, Caleb Dreiling, Mary Gibbs, Zach Hartung, Megan Hogel, Elizabeth Kennedy, Wyatt Krommer, Kara Lively, Layne Rayls, Josh Sanders, Luke Schroer, Madi Siemer, Jady Smith, Brady Telger, Hank Utley, Josh Walter, Lizzie Williams, Isaiah Zerilla

4th Grade

Camren Anderson, Tucker Charles, Mariah Cook, Tadhg Delaney, Rachel Ford, Hayden Gorczyca, Skylar Grouse, Brody Korb, Caleb McComas, Lily Michel, Nathan Niehaus, Evan Roark, Josh Smith, Joey Starkey, Zach Thompson, David Wandstrat, Bo Williams

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COMMUNITY DINNER

May 16, 2019
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In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see
everyone there!

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