

The Torch



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

**St. Dominic
Parish**

**Delhi Township,
OH**

December 2019

Pastor's Desk

Advent is upon us! We are in preparation for the great feast of Christmas, as we remember that Jesus Christ is coming again in glory! Signs of Advent here at St. Dominic are the Advent wreath, the liturgical readings about John the Baptist and from the prophet Isaiah, the liturgical songs, the purple banners in the Gathering Place and the purple vestments at Mass. We also know it is Advent because the Giving Trees have been out. We will be gathering the gifts on the weekend of December 14/15 this year, the third Sunday of Advent.

Once again, we will be having a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, December 10; beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. Come join the rest of us sinners as we celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness.

Mike Davis will offer his Advent evening of prayer, scripture, and music on Monday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in church. This is an excellent way to get into the true Christmas spirit! On Wednesday, December 4, the Mercy Alumnae Chorus will give a concert in Church beginning at 7:00 p.m.

We will begin our celebration of Christmas on Christmas Eve with our Masses at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. The White and Hillgrove families will again provide the music at the 3:00 p.m. Mass. At 5:00 p.m. we will have the children's Mass with the blessing of our Nativity scene and Christmas songs by our children's choir. Once again, this year, our final Christmas Eve Mass begins at 11:00 p.m. with carols by our choir beginning at 10:30 p.m. Christmas day Masses are at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas.

For the Holy Day Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we will have a 4:30 p.m. Mass on New Year's Eve, and a 9:00 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day.

The Wise Men have already left from the East! They are on their way! Can you believe it! God bless you and have a faith-filled Advent and Christmas Season!

Fr. Jim

May They Rest in The Peace of the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the following parishioners, as they have entered eternal life.

Lee Jesse, father of Dr. Michael and Barbara Jesse, Diane and Paul Zoecklein, Steve and Cindy Jesse and David and Tonya Jesse.

Rita Klapper, mother of Michael and JoAnn Klapper, Kathy Radley, Karen and Donald Forsee and Timothy Klapper.

Walter Lack, husband of Ruth Lack and father of Stephen Lack, Robert Lack and Kimberly and Larry McGowan.

John Ludwig, husband of Elizabeth Ludwig and father of Nicholas and Heidi Ludwig.

Mary Jane Mattei, wife of John Mattei Jr. and mother of Thomas and Joan Mattei, David and Peggy Mattei, Barbara and Joseph Mattei-Smith, Stephen Mattei, John and Eva Mattei and James and Andrea Mattei.

Early TORCH Deadline

Due to the Holidays, information for the January Torch needs to be received in the Parish Office by Friday, December 6.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

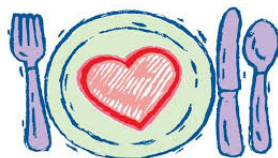
The Parish Office will have reduced hours during the holiday season. Please note these times so you can plan your business accordingly.

Monday, December 23	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24	8:00 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, December 25	Closed
Thursday, December 26 & Friday, December 27	8:00 a.m.-noon
Monday, December 30 & Tuesday, December 31	8:00 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, January 1	Closed
Thursday, January 2 & Friday, January 3	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



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



COMMUNITY DINNER

December 19

4:30 p.m. to

6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!



Advent Concert

Mike Davis' Advent Concert with Scripture and Prayer

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 p.m. in Church

SAVE THE DATE!

Morning of Recollection for CRHP

We are having a morning of recollection on Saturday, January 18 for those who have made Christ Renews His Parish. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon when lunch will be served. There will be witnesses, table discussion, and prayer. Those who have not made CRHP are welcome. Since we are providing lunch, we need to know how many will be attending. So please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 471-7741 ext. 0.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year it falls on a Sunday so we will celebrate on Monday, December 9. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Our mass times will be 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.



Christ Renews His Parish

MENS WEEKEND: February 29 and March 1

What is Christ Renews His Parish? 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. Jim or Carole to reserve a spot at 471-7741.



A Perfect Christmas 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.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.**



Each Advent John the Baptist calls us to repentance as we prepare the way of the Lord. We have a merciful and forgiving God! Come celebrate that gracious mystery with us! Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.



Giving Trees

Thank you to all who took a tag from our Giving Trees, or donated money to help pay for gifts. **Please return your wrapped gift/gifts with the name tag FIRMLY attached by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday December 15.** If you are available, we would love help loading the trucks and delivering the gifts to St. Leo Church after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. *Please help us by removing the orange suggestion/request tag before returning the gift.*

Another Way to Support St. Dominic

Are you age 70 ½ and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account, also known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to St. Dominic Parish. QCD's will satisfy your annual distribution requirement, (RMD), and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support St. Dominic Parish. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your investment advisor and/or your tax advisor as we cannot give specific tax advice.



We need several people to help us put Las Vegas ticket sheets in the January *TORCH*. This would be a good opportunity for a retired person, a Boy or Girl Scout, or a student who needs service hours. If we get several people, it can be done in a few hours. We will need you to be available one morning right after Christmas, depending upon when the final *TORCH* is returned to the Parish Office. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, or Bob Murphy at 451-5047. THANKS IN ADVANCE! (If you have helped in the past you do not have to respond. You will receive a call asking for your help as soon as we know when the *TORCH* will be ready.)

Wedding Anniversaries



On Sunday, October 20, St. Dominic Parish honored parishioners celebrating their 70th, 65th, 60th, 55th, 50th, 40th or their 25th Wedding Anniversary during 2019. Our anniversary couples joined by family and friends, were recognized and received a special blessing during the 9:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Reverend Chris Lack. A reception followed in O'Connor Hall. Each couple was presented with a certificate congratulating them on their years of marital commitment. St. Dominic Parish would like to congratulate the following couples. May God Bless you and smile upon your holy union.

70th ANNIVERSARY COUPLE

Matthias & Charlotte Ahr

65th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Edward & Sylvia Cole
John & Mary Jane Mattei
Fred & Marjorie Winkelman

John & Charlotte Lewinski
John & Rosalee Segbers

60th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Richard & Agnes Frey

James & Arlene Martin

55th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Ralph & Joyce Bischoff
James & Bonnie Forbeck
Thomas & Frances Heyob
James & Christine Logan
Edward & Ann Mullins
Frank & Betty Thesing

Joseph & Martha Crabb
Richard & Carol Harding
Jerome & Kathryn Link
Orlando & Maruska Marcheschi
Paul & Frances Rappoport

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Raymond & Linda Barber
J. Robert & Mary Lee Busam
Curtiss & Cynthia McLane
Michael & Jeanne Molloy
Frank & Marie Salem

Thomas & Ruth Ann Bittner
Jeffery & Mary Cain
Ray & Linda Meyer
Donald & Joyce Reverman

40th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Albert & Janice Audette Jr.
Ralph & Linda Englert
Lawrence & Joanne Smith

Christopher & Deborah Beck
Terrence & Deborah Hauck

SILVER ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Terry & Michelle Connor
Mark & Helen Lamping
Philip & Jennifer Rolfes
Douglas & Sharon Zang

Gary & Diane Hess
Paul & Julie Murray
James & Lisa Sullivan

St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic Conference

Thank You to all the parishioners of St. Dominic. Because of your generous donations, from July through September 2019, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Dominic helped 67 families, made up of 225 adults and children, in our service area which includes Delhi, Sedamsville and Riverside.

Remember that the St. Dominic SVdP Conference has NO overhead, personnel or office expenses. Every cent that is donated to the St. Dominic SVdP 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 SVdP's total receipts for the third quarter of 2019 were \$9,485.00 from the poor box collections, the parishioner donations, the schoolchildren, and the member donations. Parishioners donated \$6,077.00 by using the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes included with the St. Dominic Parish envelopes. SVdP thanks all the people who so generously remembered their friends and loved ones by donating to SVdP.

As always, we thank the St. Dominic School children for all the food and other items that they donated to help us with our neighbors. The toilet paper, toiletries and cleaning products including laundry and dish detergent are especially welcome as our neighbors who need help cannot use Food Stamps to get these items.

Because there were funds left over from previous quarters, the **St. Dominic SVdP was able to provide \$10,414 in aid to our neighbors during the months of July through September of 2019.** The breakdown is as follows:

Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 3,640.00
Duke Energy	\$ 3,482.00
Water Bills	\$ 1,418.00
Food and Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 1,524.00
Beds, Walmart cards, Masses and other Services	\$ 150.00
Twinning with other parishes	\$ 200.00

The St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society has sent a check to the Franciscan Mission Office to have Masses said for the seventeen (17) parishioners who died between mid- July and mid-October 2109.

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



CHRISTMAS FLORAL DONATIONS

This Christmas Season we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of decorating the church. Please consider honoring your special loved ones by helping us to prepare a fitting and very beautiful place to welcome the Lord.

Donors and their loved ones will be listed in the bulletin and *The Torch* soon after Christmas.

You may place your donations in the Sunday Collection. Please mark your envelope as "Christmas Flower Donation" or bring your gift to the Parish Office. Please submit all donations by Friday, December 13.

Name: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

☐ I wish to have my gift noted in the bulletin and The Torch

☐ I prefer my donation remain anonymous

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HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24
3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – Children’s Mass

11:00 p.m. – Final Mass on Christmas Eve
(Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Tuesday, December 31
4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1
9:00 a.m.

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