

The Torch



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St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

February 2018

Pastor's Desk

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lent is a season for the whole parish to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ. Are we truly following Him and learning from Him, or are we just going through the motions? We are offering many opportunities for spiritual growth during the Lenten season. Please check the Lenten insert!

Notice that we will be having special Lenten services on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning February 21. We have invited Fr. Norm Langenbrunner and Ms. Jean Hunt back for what will certainly be an enlightening series. On Tuesday, February 27, there will be Confessions from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. as part of the Archdiocese's program "The Light Is On." The first hour will be our traditional Lenten Penance Service. On Wednesday, March 21, the week before Holy Week, Mike Davis will perform his Concert on the Passion of Christ. We will have Stations of the Cross in Church at 6:30 p.m. on the Thursday evenings of our community dinners. There will be extra copies of "The Word Among Us" for your meditation on the Lenten Scriptures. All of this is to provide opportunities for us to have a grace-filled Lenten season!

Ladies of the parish, there is still time to join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal on March 10 and 11. A team of women from the parish and Fr. Chris 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 10/11

The CRHP women's team is preparing to offer to the women of the parish a gift of a renewal weekend. It is a blessing to see the effects of the renewal that Jesus Christ brings about in His people. We don't have to go somewhere else for our spiritual renewal. Ongoing spiritual renewal is the reason we organized parishes in the first place. Come join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal. Experience the Good News of Jesus Christ. This process is at the core of what we are about as a parish community. Take a risk and call and make a reservation to join us. Call Fr. Chris or Carole at 471-7741.

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.

Ralph Englert, Sr., father of Ralph and Linda Englert, Stephen and Donna Englert, Br. Christopher Englert, FSC, and Cynthia and Bob Dobbs.

Glenna Sharp, mother of Ronald Sharp, Denise and Michael Hickok, and Pam Laug.

Lawrence Brafford, husband of Beverly Brafford.

Ruth Rattermann, aunt of Mary Lynn and Joe Knochelman.

Richard Spencer, husband of Nora Ryan Spencer, and father of Wendy and Jay Bond.

Joseph Oliverio, husband of Donna Oliverio and father of Frank and Karen Oliverio, Steve and Patti Oliverio and David and Laura Oliverio.

Sarah Hopkins, daughter of Barbara Hopkins and Richard Hopkins.

Lori Winter, wife of Art Winter, Jr. and mother of Brittany Winter and Michael Winter.

Betty Hater, mother of Diane Dillmore, Gary and Jane Hater, Donna and Jay Linneman, Mark and Barbara Hater and Michael and Tootka Hater.

Helen Specker, mother of Richard and Linda Specker, Larry and Carmella Specker, Lou Specker, and Mark and Becky Specker.

Goldenaires

Belterra Park Casino – Tuesday, March 13. We're going up the river again to one of our favorite spots. Transportation has gone up again, therefore we will have to charge \$15 for bus riders. This includes the bus driver's tip. The cost is \$10 if you drive yourself and others. Perks are \$15 play on card and a free buffet. Please send in your reservation and payment to Maureen Vonderahe at 5659 Tree View Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238 or the Parish Office. *All checks must be made out to St. Dominic Goldenaires.* If you have gone with us before, that is all we need. If this is your first time, we'll need your proper name, address and birth date. We will leave the Park n' Ride on Delhi Pike at 10:00 a.m. and return about 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Mary Ann at 251-6144 or Maureen at 451-5657. **All reservations and payments are due by Tuesday, February 13.**

Giving Tree Update

Tags on our Giving Tree represented eight different schools or day cares. One group of tags represented Holy Family school children in preschool through 3rd grade. Because of the number of parishioners who donated money, we were ALSO able to provide a small gift (markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc.) to each of the 4th-8th grade students. We were also able to give three dozen umbrellas to Holy Family for students who walk home from school to borrow. Thanks to the generosity of our own parishioners.



School Registration

Registration forms for Preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8 are available on the school website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and in the school and parish offices. **Registration for all current and new students, including preschool, will be accepted through February 2, 2018.** Registration forms for current students came home on Friday, January 26. For additional information, or to arrange for a personal tour, please call the principal, Bill Cavanaugh, at 251-1276, ext. 420. EdChoice Scholarships are accepted, and financial aid is available.

JOIN US!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018



LAS VEGAS NIGHT



ST. DOMINIC GYM
8:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M.

(Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.)

Admission \$8/person \$15/2 people

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

MAJOR AWARD – FIVE PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

Adding up to \$2,000!!!

Tickets on Major Award ONLY \$3 – 2/\$5 – 10/\$20

TAKE AN EXTRA TICKET TO SELL TO YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS

Volunteers!



WE NEED DEALERS – If you would like to deal Las Vegas Night, please call Russ Lipps (921-3270), Dan Doll (227-0033) or Mark Caskey (305-8022).

LEND A HAND – SETUP FOR LAS VEGAS NIGHT
Friday, February 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



HORSE RACE SPONSORS – To help defray the cost of rental and other expenses, we are seeking individuals, companies, teams, clubs, etc., to sponsor a horse in the Horse Race Game for \$25. If you would like to sponsor a horse, call the Parish Office (471-7741) by February 14.

****WE NEED 100 SPONSORS****

Las Vegas Night proceeds are used to maintain our present facilities. The proceeds from this year's Las Vegas Night will be used for renovations to the school cafeteria. Your support of this event is crucial to maintaining our facilities!

Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, February 14 and Good Friday, March 30, 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.

CRS Operation Rice Bowl

Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. Catholics and other Christians observe Lent as a special time of prayer, fasting, and acts of charity in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection. We should look at the Lenten season as an extended retreat. Although our personal observance of Lent may seem to be a private journey, it takes place within the Church community, as the People of God seek spiritual renewal.

St. Dominic Parish is again participating in Operation Rice Bowl as a part of our Lenten observance. Operation Rice Bowl calls the parish community to pray, fast, and learn throughout the Lenten season. This program is offered by Catholic Relief Services, through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The funds raised through Operation Rice Bowl support both overseas and local projects that help families and communities produce more food, increase income, and escape the cycle of poverty. Twenty-five percent of the funds remain in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, funding projects in our community. In the past several years, our parish has come together in great support of Rice Bowl, and we hope you will participate again this Lent.

We ask that each family consider taking home a Rice Bowl kit. These kits will be available after all the Masses on the weekend of February 10 and 11. Each family will receive the “rice bowl,” a Lenten calendar with prayers, suggested activities, and ideas on how you may participate in Operation Rice Bowl in your home (there are Spanish calendars available upon request).

As many of you have witnessed over the past several years, Operation Rice Bowl is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to journey through Lent together with the larger parish family. At the same time, through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we also express our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who may be less fortunate.

Together, may St. Dominic Parish witness to the good news of Jesus Christ!
Deacon Mark



2017

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

In Memory of:

Bob and Mary Ammann

Don Ammann

Joe and Helen Auer

John and Andrew Backs

Mary Backscheider

Shari Besl

Urban Besl

Charles and Loretta Clark

Lorraine Damico

Jim and Anthony Day

Ruth DiMuzio

Austin Doll

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Unwin

Thomas Unwin

William B. Wells

Mimi, Jake and Sydney Wittich

Michael and Izzy

Our Deceased Family Members
 Members of the Tenhundfeld Family
 Members of the Klopp & Davis Families

Donors:

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 William and Nancy Backs * Barry and Kim Backscheider Family * Clinton Backscheider
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COMMUNITY DINNER

February 15, 2018

4:30 p.m. to

6:30 p.m.

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

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