

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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Pastor's Desk

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 6. 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? 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 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 Parish 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

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.

Carmen Miele, father of John Miele and Karen and Jeffery Lucas.

Carol Stewart, sister of Jim and Rose Marie Dickman.

Joe Backscheider, husband of Barbara Backscheider and father of Richard and Michelle Backscheider, Lawrence Backscheider and Robert Backscheider.

Tim Doran, husband of Vicki Doran, father of Katelyn Doran and Rebecca Doran and son of Marilyn Doran.

Charles Dirr, husband of Patricia Dirr, father of Jennifer Dirr, Becky and Jerry Sweet, Sherry and Mike Barry, Kim and Eric Maguire, and Michael and Brittany Collins.

John (Jack) Fields, husband of Frances Fields and father of Mike and Lynn Fields, Mark and Connie Fields, Marcia and Bill Buelterman, Maureen and Brian Monk, Joe and Penny Fields and Maria and Brett Stratmann.

Stephen Oliverio, husband of Patti Oliverio and father of McKell and Tyler Quattrone and Michael Seaver Oliverio.

Stephen Cook, father of Stephen J. and Shawnta Cook, Lara and Darrell Cooper and Angie and Charlie Shafer.



Christ Renews His Parish

Women's Weekend - March 23 ¶ 24

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. Jim or Carole at 471-7741.

2019 St. Dominic Pictorial Directory

Everyone is invited to participate in a new parish Pictorial Directory. Universal Church Directories will be taking portraits on the following dates: March 26-30, April 3-6 and June 4-8. To schedule your session, you can sign up in the Gathering Place after all the Masses on February 23 & 24. Beginning March 1, you can schedule your photography session online or by calling the Parish Office. To schedule online, go to Universal Church Directories website at www.ucdir.com, click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling," enter our Church code **OH2162** and password **smile4**. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. You can call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment. Everyone who is photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a directory and there is absolutely no obligation for you to make a purchase! See the flyer included in this newsletter for more information.

Eulogy for Joe Backscheider

By Ashly Henderson, granddaughter

I would like to start with one of my favorite poems:

*A million times we needed you,
a million times we've cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
no one else could ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
Part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Ashly and Joe is my Grandpa. He truly was an amazing man and for those of you who knew him, knew that he was nothing short of this. He loved his beautiful wife of 55 years and his three boys dearly. He spoke often of his sister and brothers and his grandchildren and great grandchildren that were sure to keep him on his toes. He loved to talk about his past and his passion for cars and all I know is that by the end of the conversation you will know what the make, model and engine was of every car he drove.

He had jokes for days and that smile was contagious. Skyline was always on the menu and he predicted the weather like it was his job. He was simple. Give him a button-down or a white tee with his air-conditioned shoes and he was good to go. If you talked about family vacation, you better believe he was ready to pack up and head out, but do not forget the mascot! When we would return and get settled in, he just could not resist to say, "Did we leave yet?" as our time always seemed to fly by. Our week felt like days and our days like minutes. We enjoyed every second.

I could go on for days about what he means to our family, but he was so much more than I could ever describe. I think the one thing our family can agree on that sticks out the most is that he was a "fighter." He put up the fight of a lifetime and never backed down. Not once did he give in.

He believed in his God and his Church. He believed that all things happen for a reason and he was never one to question (unless he was questioning Grandma to see her reaction). He had all the faith in the world that his life was in God's hands and for that very reason he knew he was safe. He knew one day God would call him home and his pain would disappear, and although he would be leaving his loved ones here on earth, he was sure to be greeted by the loved ones he has lost.

If Grandpa was here today and could say one last thing, I believe that he would look Grandma in the eyes and say, "Thank you, I love you, and please do not be sad." Grandpa knew that you loved him unconditionally and because we believe in the Lord above, this is not the end. Hold on to those memories that you cherished together, hold on to your faith, you also are a fighter and have an army beside you.

As we leave here today, he would want us to celebrate his life. Remember his kind and humble spirit, remember his smile that went ear to ear. Remember to fight through your struggles and to never give in. Remember that jeans with holes better be ½ off and polka dots don't go under white pants. Think back to all the good times and know that he is home now. He will be waiting for us with arms wide open as God calls upon the rest of us. But until that day...Dance like no one is watching, sing like no one is listening, laugh until it hurts and smile just because. He will be right here every step of the way.



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

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.
 Saturday: 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.
 Call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, to register.

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.

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

School Registration



Registration forms for Preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8 are available on the school website at www.stdominicedelhi.org and in the school office. **Registration for all current and new students, including preschool, will be accepted through February 19, 2019.** Registration forms for current students came home on Friday, January 25. 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.

Christmas Flower Donations

Thanks to the following parishioners who made donations toward our beautiful Christmas flowers to decorate the church: Muhlenkamp Family, Jim and Joyce Beckenhaupt, Paul and Fran Rappoport, Gloria Mueller, Linda Grant, Phyllis Herbst, Dorothy Poettker, Carol Hater Family, Sylvia Bruno, Helen Maly, Rosemary Kuley, Paul and Carol Tenhundfeld, Victor and Stephanie Loze, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ammann, Dennis M. Dressler, Wanda and Dave Conner, Abner Lawn Care, Robert and Diane Doll, Abner and Amend Families, Sue Hinkel, Grace Pedoto, Karen Best, Maureen and Paul Huschart, Joan Stoner, Barry and Kim Backscheider Family, Judy Tensing, John and Peggy Klopp, Debbie Braun, Leslie Thompson, Joyce and Eric Lockwood, Jeanne and Steve Hart and Watson Family. The donations were made in memory of the following:

Craig Muhlenkamp	Jean and Albert McCarthy
Mimi, Jake and Sydney Wittich	Vince Stoner
Marvin and Mary Albers	Mary Backscheider
Mary Jane Thieman	Richard and Margaret Tensing
Dick Mueller	Members of the Klopp & Davis Families
Linda Fisher	Schramm and Hofmann Families
Marv and Mary Lou Grant	Deceased Members of our Family
John R. Herbst	Damico Family
Joe and Helen Auer	Tenhundfeld and Williams Families
Louis Poettker	Ethel Loze
Ruth DiMuzio	William and Mary Schiller
Bob Hater	Shirley M. Dressler
Audrey and Cyril Jansing	James Brodbeck
Rose Ida and Carl Stadtmiller	Harold Niehaus
Thomas Unwin	Jerry and Melva Pfaffinger
Jerry, Jim and Greg	Stan and Thelma Lockwood
John Luebbe	Barb Nolan
Bill and Nancy Remke	Hayes and Clark Families
Judy Jump	Ted and JoAnn Kahle
Mary Yates	Madie Hart
Austin Doll	Sandra Luebbe
Don and Jeanine Heron	Mary and Mike Kayse
Frank Hinkel	John Backscheider
Don Ammann	Joe Backscheider
	Jinny and Bill Strasser

JOIN US!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

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/two 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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084CAFAD2AABF85-stdominic3>

Volunteers!



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: Las Vegas Night volunteers can sign up to work using the link above. Most shifts are only 2 hours!

WE NEED DEALERS - If you would like to deal Las Vegas Night, please call Russ Lipps (921-3270), Dan Doll (227-0033) or Jason Shattuck (477-8162) or sign up online using the link above.

LEND A HAND – SET UP FOR LAS VEGAS NIGHT
 Friday, February 22, 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 13.

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

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COMMUNITY DINNER

**February 14, 2019
4:30-6:30 p.m.**

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

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