

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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A Message from Fr. Jim on his 50th Anniversary:

Thank you for your kind words and expressions of love on my 50th Anniversary of Ordination. I was ordained in St. Peter's, Rome on December 20, 1968. I did not return home until after exams in June 1969. When I returned, I had a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception at St. William on Sunday, July 20, 1969 (the moon landing happened that evening). Going through some old papers, I found my homily for that Mass of Thanksgiving. I believe the message is still relevant especially as it pertains to you, the people of St. Dominic, over these past eighteen years!

Homily – Mass of Thanksgiving – St. William, July 20, 1969

Every person, I think, at any given moment in his or her life can stop, reflect and say thank you to someone. Thanksgiving is one of those universal sentiments and perhaps the most used word in any language. And, precisely because it is such a common experience, we tend very often to take it for granted. We take for granted the fact that "who we are" depends on the people we have met, the people who have loved us and the people we have loved. We take for granted a very basic fact of psychology that unless a child is loved, he can never live a mature and fully human life. And, so, once we think about it, it is possible to make a long list of those to whom we owe thanks. We have heard this sort of thing done many times in the cliched line, "I want to thank all of those who made this possible."

But there is something different here this evening because we are believers; we do more than make a list. The difference is that our thanksgiving takes the form of the Eucharist (the Mass) in which we recognize and thank God, the source of all the love we have to be thankful for. And so, in this Eucharist we say, "Thank you God for loving us so much."

I used to think that the God we prayed to and thanked in this Church lived somewhere beyond the roof (the priests were always looking up there somewhere). Today, I realize that the God I thank is the God that exists between us and in us. And the love of God that I am thankful for is the love I received from Him through you. For the love of God comes to us through human hands and from human hearts. It has always been that way and It must be that way.

It was Christ who first showed us the fullness of the love God has for us. A man like us in everything but sin, He showed us by living a human life and by loving us with a human heart. How else would we have known God's love for us? The mystery of the Incarnation (God becoming man) is really the mystery of God's coming through human hands. There were human words and human actions and a human death. For those without Faith, those words and actions and that death were merely the idiosyncrasies of the son of a carpenter turned religious fanatic. But for those of us who believe, it was God's love coming through human hands.

And so too today, the love of God continues to come through human hands. Because we have received the spirit of Christ in some mysterious and very real way, the love we have received and the love we find ourselves able to give is really God's love.

This evening I thank God – not the God up there beyond the roof but the God right here among us – for the love He has shown through you. And I thank you for allowing that love to reach me. I thank God for the love He has shown me in the married love of the two people who gave me life and have nourished me. I thank God for the love He has shown me through a loving sister, through relatives, through friends, through a parish, and through the hands of the Bishop which made me a priest.

We can thank God with words and I can thank you with these words, and that is relatively easy. But we only really thank God and one another with our human lives. Lives in which we allow His love to reach other people. And so, in this Mass we thank God for loving us through human hands and human lives. And we offer again our own hands and our own lives to the completion of Christ's work on earth – showing our sisters and brothers the great love God has for them.

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.

Mary Yaeger, mother of Jay and Tammi Yaeger, Connie Gibbs, Michael Yaeger and David Yaeger.

Gerald Gillespie, husband of Joan Gillespie and father of Sarah and Brian Williamson, Jessica Gillespie and Pat and Abigail Gillespie.

Michael Sanker, son of Bob and Joan Sanker and father of Robert, Allison, and Megan Sanker.

Evelyn Koerner, mother of Nancy and Dean Getter and David and Jessica Koerner.

Sylvia L. Davis, mother of Jerome Davis, Deborah and Isidro Davis-Castano, Robert and Mary Davis, Marsha Davis, Teresa and Brennan Davis-Hayden and Michael Davis.

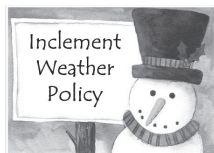
Michael Robb, father of Bill, James and Betsy Robb.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate our forty-two 8th Graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, November 27. Please pray for them as they continue this journey of Faith!

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

2019 Church Envelopes

The envelopes for 2019 have all been picked up or mailed. If you have not received your envelopes, please call the parish office at 471-7741. Also, if you normally do not use envelopes, but would like to begin using them, please call to request them. Happy New Year!



The CRHP women's team is preparing to offer to parishioners the gift of a renewal weekend on March 23-24. 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, call and make a reservation to join us. Call Fr. Jim or Carole at 471-7741.

Giving Tree

Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Tree project this season. Especially to those who: cut out tags; decorated tags; wrote the suggestions or requests on the tags; strung tags; put the tags on the trees; took tags; bought, wrapped and returned gifts; sent in money to help purchase gifts; provided trucks for the gifts; helped load the trucks; unload the trucks; sorted and made certain every child had a gift; and to those who couldn't afford to help this year, but prayed for our success. As you can see this is NOT a one-person operation. Thanks to ALL for your help.



Goldenaires

Save the date! Saturday, February 2, 2019. The Goldenaires invite everyone to Breakfast and Conversations with Fr. Chris from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Bring your Church questions and concerns. Hot breakfast buffet. (Pastries courtesy of Vitt, Stermer and Anderson Funeral Home) The cost is \$5 and can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office. *Make checks payable to St. Dominic Goldenaires.* Contact Marie at 910-3938 with any questions about the event.

Men's Society November Lottery Winners

November 1 - #475 Norb Priestle
 November 2 - #515 Vincent Schirmer
 November 3 - #315 Molly Martini
 November 5 - #743 Ron Kruse
 November 6 - #073 Unsold
 November 7 - #811 John Cook
 November 8 - #078 Diana Koch
 November 9 - #295 Patty Bardonaro
 November 10 - #089 Bob Dietrich
 November 12 - #125 - Patrick Cusick
 November 13 - #901 - Mary DePaoli
 November 14 - #695 - Linda Grant
 November 15 - #364 - Albert Harnist

November 16 - #748 - Unsold
 November 17 - #705 - Lois Scherer
 November 19 - #973 - Gary Ott
 November 20 - #690 - Mike Liderbach
 November 21 - #103 - Stan Lape
 November 22 - #733 - Craig Melvin
 November 23 - #300 - Muriel Cook
 November 24 - #377 - Paul Fellingner
 November 26 - #656 - Ron Sanker
 November 27 - #268 - Rob Bruning
 November 28 - #539 - Steve Patton
 November 29 - #519 - Sharon Ochs
 November 30 - #889 - Unsold

2019 Pictorial Directory

EXCITING NEWS! - As we announced earlier, we are working on a new pictorial church directory for 2019. We will begin to schedule early in the new year for photography appointments in March and April. Look for more information in the January and February bulletins and the February *Torch* about how to schedule a photography appointment. We would also like to invite you to take candid photos of parish activities, liturgies and sacraments and email them to us for possible inclusion in our directory. Photos can be mailed to parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org.

Las Vegas Night

The parish Las Vegas Night for capital improvements will be held in the gym on Saturday, February 23, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Our major award is a VERY important part of this event and your support is appreciated.

MAJOR AWARD PRIZES

1st Prize \$1,000.00

2nd Prize \$500.00

3rd Prize \$300.00

4th & 5th Prize \$100.00

We are asking each family to buy or sell some of the major award tickets. Ticket prices are: \$3 each, 2 for \$5, and 10 for \$20 (whole sheet).

Additional tickets will be available in the Parish Office or at the doors of church in February. Returns can be made to the Parish Office, (by mail if necessary), deposited in the collection basket, or at the doors of the church in February.

If you wish to volunteer the night of this event, contact Jason Shattuck at 477-8162 or the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. If you would like to deal, you can contact Russ Lipps at 921-3270 or Dan Doll at 227-0033. If you would like to sponsor a horse for \$25, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

St. Dominic School Open House



OPEN HOUSE AT ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As part of this year's celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Dominic School is inviting all parents, grandparents, friends, relatives, and the Delhi community to an Open House on **Sunday, January 27, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

Current preschool, kindergarten and 1st-8th grade students and their families can meet the staff, view the students' work, enjoy refreshments hosted by the PTO and take a self-guided tour of the building between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. A drawing for tuition credits will also

take place. Please come and share in our pride of St. Dominic School as we celebrate this year's theme, **"Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed."**

Prospective families of students in grades 1-8 will receive a guided tour of the school with a member of the Education Commission starting at 12:30 p.m. outside the school office. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and see the classrooms of interest to them as part of their tour.

Prospective Preschool, Kindergarten, and grade 1-8 parents are invited to a very special evening on Thursday, January 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet the teachers, see the classrooms and tour the school with a member of our Education Commission. We look forward to meeting you!

Financial Assistance For 2019-2020 School Year

The application process for applying for financial assistance for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. If you have a high school student next year, and you have applied for assistance through FACTS, you do not have to complete the application for your St. Dominic student, as long as you have selected St. Dominic as one of your schools. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE SELECTED ST. DOMINIC AS ONE OF YOUR SCHOOLS.

To begin the application process, go to: www.factsmgt.com. In the upper left corner of the page, click on "Parent Log In." If you applied for assistance last year (2018-2019), your login credentials will be the same. If you are utilizing FACTS for tuition payment processing for this current school year, your login credentials are the same. Click on the link, "Apply for Financial Aid." The instructions for completing the application are relatively intuitive, however, if you experience any issues, please contact FACTS at (866)412-4637.

Awards will first be granted through the Catholic Education Foundation (The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith One Hope One Love Campaign). CEF awards will be announced in February 2019. St. Dominic will announce Parish awards in the Spring of 2019. The deadline to apply for assistance is January 31, 2019 for CEF and St. Dominic Parish Awards. **No exceptions can be made!** You will need your 2017 tax return information. You will also have to upload pages 1 & 2 from your 2017 tax return as well as copies of any 2017 W-2's.

St. Dominic PTO Book Fair

The 2018 St. Dominic PTO Bookfair was a success – thank you for your support and patronage. Final sales numbers are not all in due to the online fair, but from our on-site fair we were able to provide close to \$1,100 in new books and materials to our amazing St. Dominic Teachers! We also are able to give over \$1100 more to our library in new equipment, furniture and/or books. So, thanks again and HAPPY READING!

FIRST TRIMESTER 2018-2019 HONOR ROLL

8th Grade

First Honors

Lucy Becker
Bailey Broxterman
Megan Childs
Kaitlyn Dudley
Claire Gibbs
Allison Shattuck
Emma Walter

7th Grade

First Honors

Brandon Catanzaro
Carter Sokolis
Ella Vatter

6th Grade

First Honors

Grace Awad
Sophia Bass
Emery Charles
Arielle Fahrian
Eddie Jones
Michael Montgomery
Ben Railey

5th Grade

First Honors

Leah Becker
Casey Broxterman
Colin Broxterman
Caitlin Childs
Alex Coffman
Mary Gibbs
Chase Goins
Carmen Morano
Kaylee Whitacre

4th Grade

First Honors

Mariah Cook
Tyler Homan
Raegan Montgomery
Jennifer Piening
Emma Raley
Claire Siebel
Josh Smith

8th Grade

Second Honors

Alicia Burke
Collin Carrithers
Teagan Charles
Grace Ellis
Makayla Grahm
Nicholas Gutzwiller
Lindsay Hasselbeck
Shelby Logsdon
Dominick Ruoff
Mimi Vu
Grace Wade
Gabby White

7th Grade

Second Honors

Brayden Bass
Tyler Biggs
Hayley Cook
Thomas Hater
Gino Hockenberry
Ryan Kunz
Ethan Lipps
Thomas Roth
Nick Tallen
Jayden Teal
Carson Telger
Nick Wade

6th Grade

Second Honors

Catherine Barron
Mairead Beverley
Ella Gorczyca
Johnny Hafner
Sami Hasselbeck
Kaitlyn Kruessel
Nick Liderbach
Elizabeth Lipps
Anna Murphy
Adrianna Russ
Adam Schloemer
Carson Siebel
Leni Sullivan
Bella Sweeney
Austin Tettenhorst
Nora Utley
Payton Watson

5th Grade

Second Honors

Jackson Bogner
Riley Bryant
Brock Bryson
Simon Burke
Carter Carrithers
Josephine Cox
Caleb Dreiling
Alex Dugan
Zach Hartung
Eva Hater
Seb Hignite
Megan Hogel
Elizabeth Kennedy
Wyatt Krommer
Kara Lively
Shelby Luebbering
Connor Muhlenkamp
Courtney Muhlenkamp
Payton Rampello
Josh Sanders
Lucas Schroer
Madison Siemer
Jadyn Smith
Brady Telger
Hank Utley
Josh Walter
Aubrey Weller
Lizzie Williams
Isaiah Zerilla

4th Grade

Second Honors

Camren Anderson
Liam Barrons
Bryce Bezold
Anna Bogner
Trinity Brock
Tucker Charles
Elliott Durban
Will Fetting
Hayden Gorczyca
Skylar Grouse
Rocco Hockenberry
Caleb McComas
Sierra McMahan
Lily Michel
Nathan Niehaus
Evan Roark
Joey Starkey
Andrew Tallen
David Wandstrat

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COMMUNITY DINNER

January 17, 2019
4:30 p.m. to
6:30 p.m.
In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see
everyone there!

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