

# The Torch



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St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

November 2019

## Pastor's Desk

November is a month-long celebration of the communion of saints and the remembrance of those who have gone before us. As a parish, we have lost parents, children, grandchildren, husbands and wives, grandparents, brothers and sisters. We continue to grieve the loss of their physical presence in our lives. In faith, we trust that we will be with them again one day in the heavenly kingdom of God. They are with us when we as the Body of Christ offer our worship and thanksgiving to God in the Eucharist. I especially experience their presence in the silence after we have received Christ in the Eucharist. When we are in that silence, may I suggest that you be aware of your communion with Jesus Christ and your loved ones who are also in that communion with Him.

On Wednesday evening, November 6, we will celebrate our Memorial Mass for all those who have died during the past year. We lost some giants and pillars of the parish. All are welcome to join us. This can be a very healing gathering for those who have lost loved ones during the past year. Our Bereavement Ministers, Gene Johnson and Jim Dickman, help us to celebrate a very moving liturgy.

November is also the month we give thanks for all God's blessings. Meister Eckhardt, the great Dominican mystic, has said: "If the only prayer you ever pray is 'Thank You,' it would be enough." Our thanksgiving needs to be more than just a pious thought of gratitude. It needs to be expressed by what we do with all of God's blessings. We have been blessed as a parish family! Our parish family is a blessing! The saints among us are a blessing! The most important thing we do as a parish is to gather each weekend for Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" is from the Greek and means "to give thanks!"

Say a prayer for our eighth graders who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will receive the sacrament on Tuesday, December 3. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be with us for the celebration. Say a prayer too for our second graders who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, November 18. May they experience God's mercy on that night and throughout their lives!

An early Happy Advent wish to you! It starts Saturday afternoon, November 30! The Giving Trees will have already been up. The Giving Trees will go up the weekend of November 23 and 24 (the weekend before Thanksgiving). This will help you take advantage of sales on Black Friday. The gifts are due back on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15! The three kings are on their way!

Fr. Jim

### Memorial Mass

On Wednesday evening, November 6 at 7:00 p.m., all members of our parish who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way at our Memorial Mass. We encourage all families, friends, and fellow parishioners to join us in song and prayer.

## 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.

**Dave Binzer**, son of Joan Binzer and brother to Joe, Tom (Janis Riestenberg), Carol Ambach and Jane and J. Harry Moore.

**Jean Inman**, mother of Stanley and Maryanne Inman, Marjorie and Ronald Walther, Marilyn and Jim Korb, Barbara and Wayne Ward, David and Cheri Inman, Susan and Mike Hemphill and Dan and Becky Inman.

**Rita Riestenberg**, mother of Ronald and Mary, Janet and Pickle, Kenneth and Diane and Linda and Larry.

**Jean Burke**, mother of Daniel, Jr. and Joan Burke and David and Kathy Burke.

**Lorraine Lamps**, mother of Thomas Lamps and Mary Anne Luning.

**Robert Porta**, husband of Joan and father of Denise and Mark Rodgers, Patrick and Sandra Porta, Sandy Porta, Robert Porta and Tracy and Dan Gilday.

## Grief Support Program

Our grief support program is presented by Fr. Chris to help anyone who has lost a loved one in death. It runs for four weeks, with each session containing an educational/formational component, as well as time for participants to share and listen. Each subsequent session will build on the previous one, so plan on being there for all sessions, please. No new participants will be accepted after the initial session. The program begins on Monday, November 25 and is scheduled for consecutive Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Faith Sharing Room of the Parish Center. If you have any questions or would like to register, call Fr. Chris at 471-7741, ext. 419.

## Parish Office Thanksgiving Closing and Inclement Weather Schedule

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Thanksgiving and on Friday, November 29. Please plan any business or key pickup accordingly.

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.*



### Advent Family Night

Start a new Advent tradition! Join us on Monday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall, where each individual or family will make a fresh Advent Wreath and share a Potluck Dinner. We will provide activities for all ages to be used during the Advent season. Bring your family's favorite dish to share and a pair of yard sheers for the greenery. Not interested in making a wreath? Come and share your Advent traditions with our growing group! If you attended the event in the past, please bring your tray for the wreath. RSVP to Meg Morris (meg.morris@uc.edu or 403-0720) is appreciated but not required.

### Early Torch Deadline

Please note the early Torch deadlines. Information for the December Torch must be submitted by Wednesday, November 6. Information for the January Torch must be submitted by Monday, December 9. Thank you.



### Church Envelopes

This year, we are planning to distribute the 2020 Church envelopes in the Gathering Place after the weekend Masses around the middle of November. Please see the bulletin for additional instructions about how/when to pick them up.

## Mother of Mercy Alumnae Chorus

The newly formed Mother of Mercy Alumnae Chorus will be holding a Christmas Concert here at St. Dominic on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! The Mother of Mercy Alumnae Chorus (MOMAC) seeks to preserve the musical and cultural traditions of Mother of Mercy High School. Our goal is to pass on Mercy's musical legacy in spirit, song, and love.



## Giving Trees

November: A Time for Giving Thanks

Here at St. Dominic we have a unique way of showing our thanks to a gracious God for all the many blessings He has bestowed upon us this past year. It's by participating in our annual **Giving Tree** program.

The weekend of November 23 and 24, three trees will be at the church doors with tags decorating them that designates a person on the westside of town who, without help from us, would have a meager Christmas. Some of the children are from our own parish, others from St. William and St. Leo parishes. There are some adults included this year from within our parish boundaries also.

The gifts need to be returned the weekend of December 14 and 15 so that they can be delivered on December 15 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please consider helping to make Christmas a little brighter for someone who may be a stranger to you.



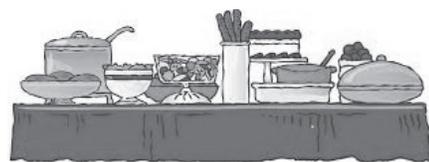
## COMMUNITY DINNER

November 21, 2019, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

*Please note: Our Community Dinner begins a half-hour earlier (4:30 p.m.) in the months of November, December, January and February.*

## Goldenaires



**Goldenaires Annual Dinner** – Saturday, November 16. O'Connor Hall will be opened at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 and includes appetizers, wine, soft drinks, hot tea, coffee, dinner and dessert. Our entertainment will be Mike Davis. Please make checks payable to *St. Dominic Goldenaires* and send it to Mary Ann Schehr, 4307 Valence Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238. Reservations must be made no later than November 9. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

## A Perfect 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.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.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.**

## School News

**ST. DOMINIC PTO BOOK FAIR - A book is a gift you can open again and again.** ~ Garrison Keillor  
The St. Dominic PTO FALL BOOK FAIR returns in November! This year, the Fall Book Fair will be held in the former Auxiliary Lab in the SCHOOL LIBRARY. The Fall Book Fair will be open Saturday, November 9 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 10 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We will have evening hours on Tuesday, November 12 before and after the PTO meeting.

You can browse the titles we have in stock and see the wonderful Library that our school has to offer! We will have an assortment of books for you to choose from ~ you will find fantastic adventure tales, classics, how-to books and cookbooks! There is something for everyone! Our fair will have the newest DOGMAN release and the much-anticipated DIARY OF A WIMPY KID - WRECKING BALL (release date November 5, 2019) plus MUCH MORE. With the Holidays fast approaching, books make wonderful gifts for family and friends of all ages - and many gift tags on the St. Dominic Giving Tree contain book requests - what a great way to get your shopping done early! Support of our PTO Book Fairs assist our school by providing needed books and supplies to the classrooms and our School Library. We hope to see you at the Book Fair! Can't make it to the Fair? Visit our bookfair online: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stdominicschool10>. We also accept donations to the All for Books campaign to help our teachers and library.

**ST. DOMINIC TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM** - Supporting the tuition credit program is easy with Kroger community rewards and AmazonSmile.

*The Kroger Community Rewards Program* was designed to support organizations by simply using your Kroger Plus Card! If you are not already enrolled, sign up right away to start earning rewards for the St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program. Your purchases will begin earning rewards within 7-10 business days after registering your Kroger Plus Card.

- 1.) Sign in or create an account at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com).
- 2.) Click on Enroll Now.
- 3.) Under "Find Your Organization" enter 80206 (St. Dominic R. C. Parish School).
- 4.) Click on school name.
- 5.) You'll receive confirmation that you've enrolled.

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If you have any questions or need help registering for either program, contact Rachel Lahni at 310-0045 at [rachel@lahni.com](mailto:rachel@lahni.com). Thank you for supporting the Tuition Credit Program.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** - The Box Tops for Education program is going electronic this year! Download the Box Top app on your smart phone. Link the app to St. Dominic School. Upload your receipts using the app within 14 days of purchasing Box Top products. This instantly earns money for St. Dominic School - no clipping or cutting involved! Thanks for your help in earning money for St. Dominic School!!

## St. Dominic Men's Scholarship Golf Outing 2019

We had another successful year due to the generosity of our Door Prize Donors and Hole Sponsors.  
Please patronize our Donors and Sponsors!

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I prefer my donation remain anonymous