

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

December 2022

From Fr. Jim

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 10 and 11 this year, the third Sunday of Advent.

Please join us on Tuesday evening, December 13, for an hour of Adoration in church. Fr. Chris and I will be hearing Confessions during that time, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Mike Davis will provide an inspirational Advent evening of prayer and music on Tuesday evening, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in church.

All our Christmas Masses will be livestreamed! We will begin our celebration of Christmas on Christmas Eve with Masses at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. The White and Klug families will again provide the music at the 3:00 p.m. Mass. The 5:00 p.m. Mass will be a school family Mass. Our final Christmas Eve Mass is at 10:00 p.m., with carols by our choir beginning at 9:30 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 and no 7:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

We have no idea of what 2023 will bring! Beginning the new year, this prayer of St. Teresa of Avila might be of help. "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone is enough!"

God's blessings to you this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

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.

Donald Borgman, husband of Linda Borgman and father of Amy (Steve) Matthews and Matthew (Laura Bertleff) Borgman.

Charlotte Harpring, wife of Donald Harpring and mother of Julie (Carmen) Roser and Kathy (Nick) Kaufman.

Mary Froehle, wife of Jim Froehle and mother of Mary Beth Claus (David), Jean Leisure, Mark Froehle, John Froehle (Maria), Paula Froehle (Todd), Bob Froehle (Chris), Bill Froehle (Lanie), Kathy Morman (Rich) and Brian Froehle (Nikki).

Marcia Rehage, mother of Erica (Andrew Bardgett) Rehage and Craig Rehage.



Family Of Parishes

Earlier this year, we introduced you to the priests that will be ministering to our family of parishes. We would also like to share with you over the next couple months a little history about the five parishes that make up our Family of Parishes.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

February, 1834 – The Roman Catholic Society of Delhi Township was formed when the Catholics of Delhi gathered at Philip Owen's house. In August 1843, Adam Emge deeded land on Rapid Run to the church and donated the lumber to build the first church and school. Fr. John Martin-Henni was assigned as the priest for St. Stephen Church; twelve children attended school in church to learn German, religion, arithmetic, reading and writing. In 1852, the church was disassembled and moved to land donated by Blaise Schwietzer and Johann Gerteisen on Neeb Road, and the church was reassembled. In

1853, the cornerstone for the first brick church was laid, the new church was named "Maria Zum Siege," German for Our Lady of Victory. In 1871, land behind the church was dedicated for a cemetery. The first brick school building was built in 1899. (This school remains on the property. It is the back half of the library building.) In March of 1908, the wrecking of the church built in 1853 began and was completed on October 23, 1908. The building of the new school began in April 1959. In 1962, a convent was built for the Sisters of St. Francis. This building is now used as the Parish Office. In 1972, the 1908 church was evacuated, and all Masses were celebrated in the East Wing of the school building. The church built in 1908 was demolished in 1977. The first Mass in the new church was held on March 23, 1980. In 2002, the Convocation Center was built. In 2016, the inside of the church was renovated to include a center aisle, new tiled floor design, a permanent baptismal area, and a large choir section.

Fr. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh was named pastor in July 2018. Our Lady of Victory has 1,100 families registered and 477 children attending Our Lady of Victory School. Victory has a vibrant and varied life and is fortunate to have many engaged and involved parishioners who move Victory forward. They make Victory a great community and a lovely Catholic presence on the west side of Cincinnati.

Early Torch Deadline

Due to the Holidays, articles for the January *Torch* need to be received in the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 6. Thank you.

Parish Office Holiday Hours and Inclement Weather Hours

The Parish Office will close at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 22 and reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

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. 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, 2022

NO 6:10 a.m. Communion Service

7:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 8 in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Las Vegas Night 2023

SAVE THE DATE! The parish Las Vegas Night for capital improvements will be held in the gym on Saturday, February 25, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun evening. Look for volunteer opportunities and more information in the January *Torch*.

Advent Concerts

Mark your calendar!

Mike Davis' Advent Concert with Scripture and Prayer

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 p.m. in Church.

Mercy Alumnae Choir

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 p.m. in Church



Giving Trees

Thank you to all who took a tag from the Giving Tree. Remember to firmly attach the tag to your gift before returning it on the weekend of December 10 and 11. *All gifts need to be returned by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 11.*

If you were unable to get a tag but would still like to participate in this worthwhile program, a monetary donation is very much appreciated and will allow a member of our team to purchase items on your behalf. Donations can be made online through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click the *Online Giving* link on the left side (scroll down to *Giving Tree*). Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office or placed in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and dropped off at the parish or school office. Thank you.



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 or in the Parish Office.

The 4 x 8 bricks allow 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.00.

The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.00.

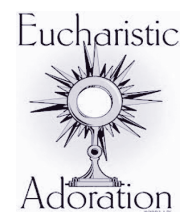
You can also order bricks/pavers online through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click the *Online Giving* link on the left side (scroll until you see *Gathering Place Walkway Bricks*).

If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

The bricks are ordered twice a year; once in January and once in July.

Advent Holy Hour

Come spend an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in church for Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction. Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris will also be hearing Confessions during this time.



Wedding Anniversaries

On Sunday, October 23, St. Dominic Parish honored parishioners celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 65th Wedding Anniversary during 2021. Our anniversary couples were recognized and received a special blessing during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Each couple received a certificate from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 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.

65TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Robert & JoAnn Hanekamp
Thomas & Mary Wainscott

Robert & Joan Sanker

60TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

James & Joyce Beckenhaupt
Andrew & Janet Harvey
William & Mavourneen Kiely
John & JoAnn Pohlkamp

Tom & Catherine Foster
Jerome & Mary Jones
Dennis & Lucille Lundy

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Raymond & Diane Blazer
Herbert & Mary Brafford
Gene & Ann Johnson
Tim & Karen Knoll
Robert & Carmen Ratterman
Joseph & Joyce Shoemaker

Donald & Linda Borgman
John & Patricia Burden
Gregory & Deborah Kelley
Timothy & Peggy Lacher
Jerry & Gail Reynolds
Tom & Nancy Ward

40TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Robert & Marilyn Cohen
Ronald & Betty Fraley
Kenneth & Linda Gardner
William & Linda Kasper
Jerry & Denise McAdams
Gregory & Mary Presutto
Paul & Susan Schock
Dutch & Sue Witte

Daniel & Gail Corbett
Gregory & Sharon Frey
Douglas & Teresa Harnist
Thomas & Joan Mattei
Michael & Katie Meese
Richard & Patricia Reverman
Mark & Jennifer Williams

SILVER ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Mark & Sandra Bailey
Randall & Stephanie Ellis
Rex & Michelle Howard
Anthony & Mary Jean Roach
Mark & Angela Utley
Kevin & Beth Weaver

Daniel & Jennifer Dugan
Brian & Christine Gilligan
Brian & Christine Longbottom
Michael & Angela Schmidt
Hung & Kimberly Vu

Another Way to Support St. Dominic

Are you age 70 and a half 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. QCDs 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.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m. – Final Mass on Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31

4:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, January 1

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass



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. You can also make your donation through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click the *WeShare* link on the left side. Please submit all donations by Friday, December 9.

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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Join us on
Wednesday, December 14**
4:30-6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

***The dinner this month is on the
second Wednesday of the month***

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