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4551 DELHI PIKE, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45238



October 1, 2023 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:30 p.m.				
Sunday	7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,				
	11:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.				
Weekday Mass	MonThurs. 7:30 a.m.				
	Fri., 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.				
Saturday, 8:15 a.m. followed by Marian Devotions					
and Apostalate for the Dying					
Holy Communion	Service MonFri. 6:10 a.m.				

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Janet Esmail 6:45 p.m. Rosary in Church TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 - WEEKDAY 6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Kellie Ruhe WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 -SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI 6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Members of the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Adoration THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 – WEEKDAY 6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Lenora Helmers FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - WEEKDAY 6:10 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 a.m. Special Intention 8:15 a.m. Intentions of the Vesper Family SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 -OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 8:15 a.m. Joan Sanker After Mass: Marian Devotions and Apostolate for the Dying 2:00 p.m. Koncelik/Luebbe Wedding 4:30 p.m. Charles Backscheider (BR) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners 9:30 a.m. Officer Tim Unwin II:30 a.m. Steve Goldrainer 7:00 p.m. Klopp Family Intentions

FR. BEN'S COLUMN

"Put out into the deep"

"Do not worry about me. If one serves God, one is happy anywhere." These are the sentiments of the leper priest Saint Damien of Molokai in a letter from Hawaii to his mother in Belgium. His devotion to the Lord led him to places he had never heard about and to a people he would live and die for. That's why he is a wonderful example for all priests, indeed, for all people. In Ireland on the 29th of September 1993, the Feast of the Archangels, I was ordained to the priesthood, 30th September, the Feast of St. Jerome, I celebrated my first Mass in Dublin, and my Second Mass on the Feast of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower. Two things I have in common with these feast days: I have always had a devotion to the Angels and I'm just as irritable, irascible, and short-tempered as St. Jerome, but not as smart.

I don't want to take a sentimental journey about thirty years of priesthood here in this column. But I do want to say a few things about my experience as a priest. An elderly priest once told me that many of the priests he knew tried to manipulate their own assignments, and did, and generally got the assignments they wanted. He then reflected how most of them were never happy; they were always looking to the next assignment; the grass was always greener on the other side; they were always manipulating to stay ahead. He, on the other hand, had decided that he was simply going to take whatever assignment he was asked to undertake. He said that he was happy in every assignment he had. And it was true. He was genuinely a content and happy priest. A good man, a holy man, kind and compassionate.

I have no doubt that if it was left to me, my life would have been very different. A priest puts his life into the hands of others, usually the bishop, we call that obedience. In that, he really takes his chances. I have been fortunate in my priesthood, although sacrifice is asked for, the rewards, even here on earth, have been truly treasures to treasure. I was raised in a good and happy home, formed in an Irish monastery, studied philosophy in Dublin, theology in Rome, and post-graduate theology here in the United States. I have served at parishes in Dayton, Sidney, eighteen years at our seminary in Cincinnati, as parish priest at Our Lady of Victory, and now as pastor of the five parishes in our family of parishes, Mary, Queen of All Saints. Each assignment has been its own reward. I realize that I have been very fortunate to have had great places to minister, surrounded by good priests, outstanding staff who supported me, and people of faith who have been generous, appreciative, and tolerant. All of this has allowed me to have a wonderful experience, great joy and happiness as a priest.

In some ways, it seems like it has only been thirty years and it has gone by so fast. In other ways, it feels like it has been thirty years and I feel the weight of work and time. To be honest, I don't see myself as having made great sacrifices to be a priest because priesthood has been such a joy and grace for me. I love being a priest. I love celebrating the Holy Mass, baptizing children, anointing the sick, hearing confessions, celebrating marriages and being part of great communities with great people. I have been surrounded by men and women, priests, and laity, who are the most talented, gifted and generous people you can imagine. I have beenfited from their talents, knowledge, wisdom, expertise, patience, and goodness. How fortunate I have been – and continue to be. I give thanks to God, and His Blessed Mother Mary, every day.

I especially want to thank my parents (my Dad died over two years ago now) and brothers and sisters because, although you might not think this was a sacrifice, they have always accepted that I have to be where God wants me to be doing the work God wants me to do. For them, it has been a loss to have a son, brother and uncle living so far away. For me, it has been a sacrificial separation called for by answering God's call. They have never pressed me to return to Ireland and Dublin, but I know they feel the loss greatly. I want to thank them for all they did to help me become a priest and for supporting me in my priesthood. Fr. Damien was a good man and an outstanding priest. He wasn't a leper when he went to Molokai, he became one because he lived with and "smelled like the sheep" as Pope Francis would say. There is no doubt in my mind that given an opportunity to make different decisions and save himself from leprosy, Fr. Damien would have made the same choices and chosen the same path. What I have realized over these thirty years is that being a shepherd is the greatest gift God can bestow on us. Being a shepherd is a wonderful way to live and a blessing in life and for life. Although not always easy, being a shepherd is a joy. I think almost every parent understands what I am saying. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives and thank you for all you do to help me in my priestly ministry of serving God and serving you, God's beloved sons and daughters.

There is only one way to live as a priest – totally committed. I would appreciate prayers to make sure that that's what I do as your priest.

– Fr. Ben

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of James Pardol who died this past week. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

SYNOD IN ROME

The Synod in Rome begins this week. Representatives of the Church, bishops, priests, religious and laity will be discussing where the Holy Spirit might be leading us today. Please pray for the success of the Synod.

– Fr. Jim



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JIM AND FR. CHRIS

Fr. Chris and Fr. Jim will begin their fall Bible Study this Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. There will be six sessions on the Gospel of Mark. Bible Study runs until November 21 with no class on October 17 and 31. Call 513-471-7741, ext. 0 to register. If you are unable to join us on Tuesday evenings, we will be recording the session each week. We will email the recording on Wednesday or Thursday to those on our Word on Fire email listing. If you are not signed up for the Word on Fire emails, you can sign up at www.stdominicparish2. flocknote.com.

ST. DOMINIC ANNUAL PET BLESSING

Join us on Saturday, October 7 for our Annual Pet Blessing! Bring your pets, big or small, as we celebrate the wonderful companions God has given us following in the way of St. Francis of Assisi. Meet in the parking lot near the grotto at 9:45 a.m. – the Blessing begins at 10:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL MASS

On Thursday evening, November 2 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. If you will be attending the Mass to remember a loved one who was not from this parish, please call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. o by October 19 to have them included.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Special Collection this weekend

Each October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are invited to contact the Parish Office to register. We ask current members to notify us of any change of address, telephone numbers or other important, relevant information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church. Anyone who is sick or elderly and in need of physical or emotional healing can come to this sacrament which will be communally celebrated annually. Those who would like to receive the sacrament before a hospital stay or surgery are invited to call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also available to those who may be near death by calling the parish emergency line. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

CONSIDERING ENTERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

RCIA is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. The process provides for different levels of entry. To obtain more information, call Deacon Mark Bardonaro at 471–7741, ext. 415.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

SACRAMENT

OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active parishioner for six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Scheduling must take place at least six months in advance of the wedding. Weddings are not scheduled during Advent or Lenten Seasons. A marriage preparation program is required.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office to request this service.

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH

PARISHIONERS FOR LIFE

"40 Days for Life" is a nationwide prayer vigil that began Wednesday, September 27. The prayer vigil takes place on the sidewalk in front Cincinnati's abortion mill on Auburn Avenue near Christ Hospital. St. Dominic parishioners are encouraged to fill in hours every Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the next few weeks leading up to the election. This continuous prayer vigil for 40 days is a peaceful, legal event occurring at the same time in hundreds of cities throughout the world. Contact Marty Berning for more information at 513-680-0046 or just go to the sidewalk and pray for those who need your voice. Visit www.40daysforlife.com.



ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS!

The following special collections are taking place in October if you wish to contribute to them via your Online Giving account.

October – Capital Improvement October – St. Dominic Education Fund

October – World Mission Sunday

October I – Respect Life Sunday

October 22 – St. Vincent de Paul

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Invitations were mailed last week to parishioners celebrating their 25th, 4oth, 5oth, 55th, 6oth, 65th or 7oth Wedding Anniversary in 2023. We will honor the couples at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 15. A short reception will follow the Mass for family and friends in O'Connor Hall. If you did not receive an invitation, let us know so we can include you in the celebration. Please RSVP by October 7 at 513-471-7741, ext. o if you will be attending and your number of guests.

JOIN CATHOLICS ACROSS OHIO IN PRAYING



4-DAY ROSA RY ayeVENAthe protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of Issue I.

Catholics across Ohio are praying a 54-day Rosary Novena for the defeat of Issue I. This week, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the

Rosary will be prayed Sunday and Monday followed by nine days of praying the Glorious Mysteries.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with Novena Prayer by scanning the QR code below or going to www.pray540hio.org.



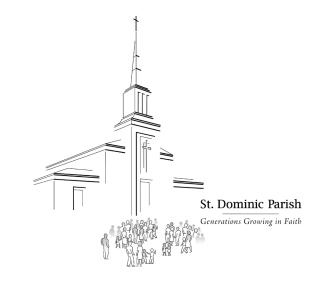
GOLDENAIRES

ANNUAL DINNER – Saturday, November II, 5:30 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. Join us for hors d'oeuvres, wine, soft drinks, dessert, and dinner (catered by Humbert's Meats). Our entertainment is Denny Duval, head-line Piano Bar Entertainer with Holland Cruise Line and Jaggs Steak House. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please send your check made payable to St. Dominic Goldenaires, with the names of those attending and your phone number to: Judy Tensing, 625 Covedale Avenue, #2, Cincinnati, OH 45238. There is limited space, so get your reservation early, but they must be <u>received</u> no later than Friday, November 3.

DESSERTS, DETECTIVE AND DRONES – Monday, October 9: Come have dessert, then watch what the new drone can do to aid our police department. Hear what's happening in Delhi and the great success rate the police are having with solving issues, as well as what you can do to protect yourself. Meet the new advocate who started the school supply collection and works not only with the schools, but can also aid you in finding solutions to problems you may be experiencing.

NO CHARGE to attend (split-the-pot tickets will be available), but RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED by October 4 (to prepare enough dessert for everyone). Please call 513-922-6993 and leave your name and the number of people coming with you.

Looking forward to seeing you in O'Connor Hall (located under the parish offices – elevator available) on October 9. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU.

Please remember St. Dominic in your will and estate planning. Our legal title is St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASU	URE				
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023					
Weekly Collection:	\$	11,972.00			
WeShare Online Giving:	\$	4,585.00			
Total:	\$	16,557.00			
Thank you for your support of our Parish.					
May the Lord continue to bless you in your generosity!					

MARY, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS NEWS

JOIN US FOR THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE – Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m. in St. Dominic Church. Learn about the man and the life of the third Gospel author, and the only one to capture events like the Annunciation and the Presentation, all while praying a short Rosary! Led by Dave Staples, School of Faith. The program will last about 40 minutes.

HOXWORTH BLOOD DRIVE – The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus will host a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 4 from II:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. To schedule an appointment, visit www.hoxworth.org/groups/stdominickofc or call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910. All donors will receive a Halloween T-shirt! Please park in the lower level parking lot and enter O'Connor Hall from there.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Ist Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 7 & 8

	LECTORS	MASS COORDINATORS	SERVERS SCHEDULE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER CAPTAIN
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Pat Cusick	Pat Cusick	Lillie Thai Andrew Tuemler	Karen Brandstetter Peggy Cappel	Connie Ashby
7:30 a.m. Sunday	BC Charles	Amy Luken	Emery Charles Tucker Charles	Paul Backscheider Amy Luken	Bobbi Honnert
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Debbie Henderer	Joan Wichmann	Leni Sullivan Hannah Walter	Renee Kandra Evan Kandra	Sr. Maureen Heverin, SC
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Paul Brinker	Joe Kruessel	Ultan Delaney Ella Kruessel	Joan Buzek Beth Weaver	Lisa Autenrieb
7:00 p.m. Sunday	Christelle Middendorf	Christelle Middendorf			John Klopp

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