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St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
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Pastor's Desk

We begin the season of Lent early this year with Ash Wednesday on February 17. 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? Lent is an opportunity to renew our relationship with God! We will have a Christ Renews His Parish II on Saturday morning, February 20, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. This will be an online Zoom gathering, and since we can only accommodate 100 participants, you will have to register. Karen Brandstetter, our religious education coordinator and her husband Pat Cusick will give a witness, followed by quiet reflection questions and feedback to the large group. Fr. Chris will end the morning with a guided meditation. To register, contact the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

Fr. Chris and I will again be offering the series given by Bishop Bob Barron on "Catholicism." We will have more information on this soon. Please check the bulletin or website.

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!" Confessions are on Saturday mornings, 8:45 to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment. On Tuesday March 9, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., Fr. Chris and I will be in the church for Confessions. I will be in the cry room, and Fr. Chris will be in the priest's sacristy.

Remember the Super Split-the-Pot Drawing on Saturday, February 27, to help support the parish!

Fr. Jim

Word on Fire Engage



Exciting News for You! Thanks to Flocknote, we will be able to share with you some exciting Lenten Reflections/Challenges this Lent. We encourage you to participate and draw deeper into the Faith. In addition, you now have access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library. You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

If your email and/or phone number is not already registered with the parish, or if you would like to add additional addresses, please register at stdominicparish2.flocknote.com or by texting StDominic to 84576.

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 Meyer, mother of Donna and Tom Harmeyer, Mike and Colleen Meyer, Jim and Mary Meyer, Dan and Cheryl Meyer, Patti and John Getha, Jeannette Mascari, Bill and Mary Ann Meyer, Richard and Gina Meyer, Joyce Lake, Sandra Meyer, Kim and Kevin Smith and Jennifer and Dan Dugan.

Arthur Delconte, father of Diana "Dee" and Jo DelConte, Anthony DelConte, Kristina DelConte, and Greg and Kelly DelConte.

Fran Fields, mother of Mike and Linnie Fields, Mark and Connie Fields, Marcia and Bill Buelterman, Maureen and Brian Monk, Joe and Penny Fields and Maria and Brett Stratmann.

Jim Wohlfrom, husband of Kathy Wohlfrom and father of Jeff and Sandy Wohlfrom, Jennifer and Mike Schutte and Anne and Kevin Giglio.

Jerred Szary, father of Hudson, Addison and Milo Szary

Anna Autenrieb, mother of Dale and Donna Autenrieb.

Richard Harding, husband of Carol Harding and father of Tricia and Rob Winterman, Kristi and Bryan Thomas, Mark and Bridgit Harding and Shannon and Tom Mullen.

Frieda Knolle, mother of John Knolle, Sharon and DJ Morrell and James and Monica Knolle.

George Bredestege, Sr., father of George and Angela Bredestege, Michael and Trina Bredestege, Jeannette Bredestege, and Martha "Marti" Bredestege-Gardner.

Patricia Scherch, mother of Gregory Eilers and Tracy Eilers.

George Bruner, father of James Bruner.

Carole Hermes, mother of Krista Werbil, Erik Hermes, Anne and Frank Laske Volkmann and Tyson and Julie Hermes.

Mildred Kampman, mother of Don and Dottie Kampman, Diane and Doug Wechter.

Heather Chapman, daughter of Sylvia and Mike Chapman and sister of Chapman and Michael Chapman, Jr.

St. Dominic Super Split-the-Pot

All parish families should have received a mailing containing tickets for the St. Dominic Super Split-the-Pot. This drawing will take place on Saturday, February 27 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Your participation in this raffle will help to alleviate the loss of revenue by not having a Festival in 2020, and our cancellation of Las Vegas Night, which usually takes place the last Saturday of February. The tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You can drop your tickets in the collection basket if you are attending Mass in person, or you can mail them to: St. Dominic Parish, 4551 Delhi Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45238. You can also purchase your Super Split-the-Pot tickets online using WeShare (You do not have to sign up for online giving to purchase raffle tickets through WeShare). To purchase online go to www.stdominicdelhi.org, click on the "Green" online giving button on the left side of the page. Scroll down to *Super Split-the-Pot*.

Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Good Friday, April 2, are days of abstinence from meat and days of fast (that is, limited to a single full meal). Regarding Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled:

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with an uplifted and clear mind. Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (Canons 97 and 1252).

Regarding the obligatory days listed above, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, or “substantially,” the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more, rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion.

Operation Rice Bowl

Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. Catholics and other Christians observe Lent as a special time of prayer, fasting, and acts of charity in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection. We should look at the Lenten season as an extended retreat. Although our personal observance of Lent may seem to be a private journey, it takes place within the Church community, as the People of God seek spiritual renewal.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. And it’s an opportunity for our parish/school to come together as a community and practice the works of mercy with our neighbors and our brothers and sisters around the world. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the stories of communities in Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste where CRS is at work. We’ll be invited to eat simple, meatless meals from these countries. Through the stories, we’ll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching – and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond. We will reflect on how we are called to recognize the suffering Christ in the most vulnerable members of our global human family. We will see how our Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving can provide for those worldwide who are most in need, especially those who are hungry and lack proper nutrition. I’m excited to take this journey with our parish/school community, and to connect the prayer and reflections of each of our families to our global community of faith.

We ask that each family consider taking home a Rice Bowl kit. These kits will be available after all the Masses on the weekend of February 13/14. Each family will receive the “rice bowl,” a Lenten calendar with prayers, suggested activities, and ideas on how you may participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home.

Process for a Personal Lenten Reflection on Baptism

by Fr. Jim Walsh

STATEMENT ABOUT BAPTISM FROM OUR TRADITION:

Through Baptism we share in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. (i.e. His death and resurrection)

FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- What is the history of death and resurrection in your own life story?
- Have there been times in your life when something died (changed) and new life resulted?
- Right now in your life story, is the Lord Jesus calling you to die to some part of yourself (change something in your life)?
- Do you have any images or suspicions as to what the new life might be like as a result of that death?

If you are doing this reflection with someone, talk to them about whatever of their reflection you feel comfortable talking about.

PRAYER

Gracious God, You have called us to be a light and a leaven in the world by the way we live. We have said yes to the following of Jesus. Help us during this season of Lent to come to a greater understanding of what following Him means. Give us a renewed commitment to that call and the generosity and courage to live it faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Christ Renews His Parish

Mark your calendar! We are having a Christ Renews His Parish II, Morning of Reflection on Saturday morning, February 20, the first Saturday of Lent.

It will be a Zoom gathering! The morning will include some witnessing by parishioners, some prayer, a guided meditation, and some discussion, if we can do some chat rooms over the internet! You don't have to have made CRHP to participate! Please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 to register for this event.

Confessions During Lent

We will not have a Lenten Penance service this year, but on Tuesday March 9, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Fr. Chris and Fr. Jim will be in the church for confessions. Fr. Jim will be in the cry room, and Fr. Chris will be in the priest's sacristy. Additionally, confessions are heard on Saturday mornings from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m., or you can call the parish office and make an appointment.



School Registration

School Registration forms for Preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8 are available on the school website at www.stdominic-k-8.org and in the school office. Priority registration for all current students, including preschool, and siblings of current students will be accepted through February 19, 2021. Registration forms for current students were sent home on Friday, January 29. 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. For questions regarding Registration and EdChoice call the school office at 251-1276, ext. 422.



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Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021

6:10 a.m., Communion Service & Ashes
7:30 a.m., Mass & Ashes
8:15 a.m., Mass & Ashes
7:00 p.m., Mass & Ashes

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