

The Torch



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Pastor's Desk

You will be receiving this at the beginning of Lent. 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!

Fr. Chris and I will be offering sessions on the Tuesday evenings of Lent. We will be using the series given by Bishop Bob Barron on "Jesus, Priest, Prophet, and King!" Five Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. 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, 8:45-9:30 a.m., or by appointment. Please note that on Monday, March 14 and Monday, March 21 we will have a Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00 p.m., with Adoration and Confessions. I will be in the cry room, and Fr. Chris will be in the priest's sacristy.

Please see the schedule of Lenten opportunities on pages 3 & 4.

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.

Barbara Backscheider, mother of Richard and Michelle Backscheider, Lawrence Backscheider, and Robert Backscheider.

Trisha Baker, wife of Doug Baker and mother of Abby, Maddie and Charlie Baker.

Robert Younger, husband of Monna Lee Younger and father of Robert and Lisa Younger, Jr., Sharon and Stan Lape, Thomas and Natalie Younger and Ronald and Kim Younger.



St. Dominic Festival 2022

Mark your calendars! Our Festival will be held July 29-31 this year. You will see some changes this year from past Festivals. Look for more information in future publications of *The Torch* and bulletin.

Words of Remembrance

These are the Words of Remembrance given at the funeral of Mary Ann Mason. They were given by Will, her grandson who is a sophomore at LaSalle. These are beautiful and inspirational words from one of our young believers.

– Fr. Jim

Hello, my name is Will Malarkey. I am Mary Ann's first grandchild. Grandma's faith-filled life inspired me to write this.

The Book of Romans says, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." The deeper meaning of this quote is that God wouldn't do anything against us because He loves us with all His heart. This was a quote my grandma never stopped emphasizing and lived by. She was always a very holy woman as she read me the Bible often when she came over to our house.

One of my best memories with her was after a sleepover, going to church with her and Emily here at St. Dominic, listening to Fr. Chris preach. I remember sitting here after Communion anticipating the Frisch's breakfast bar. Grandma always knew how to make us happy after Mass.

Another memory I have of her was being my Confirmation sponsor. I remember how happy she was that night even though at the time, she wasn't feeling well. She was so proud of me.

Other than being a holy woman, Grandma loved to entertain her grandchildren. I remember going putt-putting with her. Afterwards, she always took us to Graeter's. Her favorite flavors were either Chocolate, Chocolate Chip or Raspberry Chip.

Another activity she loved doing with me was playing Scrabble. We would always be neck in neck. It usually would come down to the last couple words. But the quality about my grandma that separated her from everyone else was that she didn't care about winning or losing unless she was playing against my mom. Grandma cared that her grandchildren were happy while we played. That was one of Grandma's best traits. She never put herself first. She put the people she loved most first.

Baking and cooking skills were another one of Grandma's best traits. Some of my favorites were her homemade noodles, Hanky Pankies, pancakes, pumpkin cake, and donuts. There was just something different about her when she baked and cooked. Her mood, attitude, and even body language changed. She was always happier, and her smile widened. For her, it was a getaway from whatever was bothering her.

Often when Grandma saw me, she would say, and I quote, "I remember when you still lived in the condo and every time I walked through the door, your face lit up, and you ran to the door to give me a hug. I'll always remember that." As I've gotten older, this has meant much more to me.

While I am sad you are gone, I love knowing you got to meet Jesus. You always loved talking about how great He was. You were one of the first people to ever tell me about Jesus. From you holding me in your arms at birth to celebrating Christmas with me just a few weeks ago, you were always there for me. I miss you Grandma. I will patiently wait for the day when we are united in Heaven. I will live a life of holiness as you did and will think of you as my Guardian Angel. I love you, Grandma.

St. Dominic Men's Society

The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus will be selling chances for the "K of C Super Cash Bonanza" after all Masses the weekends of March 12 - 13 and March 19 - 20 at the doors of church. This is a statewide raffle with over \$100,000.00 in prizes awarded to twenty-five winners. First prize is \$49,680.00 (payable over ten years), second prize is \$18,780.00 (payable over five years), and third prize is \$12,720.00 (payable over five years). There are another twenty-two cash prizes, all paid out when won, ranging from \$500.00 to \$4,000.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. All money that the council raises with this raffle will be used for charitable works in the parish and community. Over the past twelve months, the Knights have distributed almost \$7,000.00 in charitable donations from our fundraisers. You can see a list of all our donations on the bulletin board located on the left wall of the Gathering Place. If you are not able to attend Mass and would still like to support this program, email us at stdominicdelhi.kofc@yahoo.com, and we will get tickets to you. The Knights thank you in advance for your support.



LENT 2022

Wednesday, March 2	Ash Wednesday, Communion Service with Ashes, 6:10 a.m.; Mass with Ashes, 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 3	Confirmation, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 8	Bishop Barron's <i>Priest, Prophet, King</i> with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Session runs for five consecutive weeks)
Saturday, March 19	Goldenaires Morning of Recollection on St. Patrick and St. Joseph with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, followed by a boxed lunch. (See Goldenaires for more information.)
Monday, March 14 & 21	Holy Hour, Adoration and Confessions followed by Benediction, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12	Mike Davis' Lenten Concert in Church, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, March 2 and Good Friday, April 15, 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.

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:

- 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.

Join Us at The Wailing Wall

As we begin Lent this year, we are carrying much suffering from this past year. As members of the global community still reeling from the pandemic, we have been confronted daily with the loss of individual lives around the world and the suffering of those who are sick from the virus. We know people who have been sick with the virus, perhaps we have had it ourselves or a family member and many loved ones have suffered through the virus in hospitals and nursing homes without the comfort of family and friends. Many of us have been literally “on the outside looking in” through windows to have some connection with our family members in those institutions. We still see the images of the overwhelmed healthcare workers and first responders who are caring for the sick and the dying. We continue to see loss of jobs as well as the closing of many businesses, as well as the visible holes in the work force providing many needed services. We have witnessed lines upon lines of people waiting, waiting for hours in some cases, first, for testing for the Covid-19 virus, now also waiting to receive the vaccine to fight the virus, and to our collective dismay and disbelief, lines upon lines of our fellow Americans waiting for food to feed their families!

As a global community, we have lost over 5.75 million lives; as a nation, we have lost over 900,000 lives; each one a son or daughter, father or mother, aunt, uncle, friend, cousin, grandparent, a loved one to someone! Most importantly, each one a child of God, our brother or sister in the Lord! Our world, our country and the Body of Christ has been deeply diminished with this pandemic!

In our country, there have been many other instances and events of great loss or suffering. We have much that saddens us, so much to grieve, as individuals and as the Body of Christ. So, as we begin our Lent this year, we invite you to bring your sorrows to our parish “Wailing Wall.” For over 2,000 years, Jewish people and believers of all faiths have taken their lamentations to the “Wailing Wall” in Jerusalem, and left their prayers of grief and sorrow literally, in the wall. We invite you to do the same. On the wall in the Gathering Place, we have started to create a Wailing Wall that represents all the burdens and sorrows that we offer to God with our grief. This Lenten season, we ask our Lord to take our sorrow and the sorrows of our world and transform them with the new life of the Resurrection! You will see that our school children have already started to create our Wailing Wall by writing on paper “stones” what saddens or burdens them and what they hope for during Lent. Your prayers can join theirs as we build our Wailing Wall. When you come to church, you can fill out a “stone” and add it to the Wailing Wall. You can also send your prayers into the parish by emailing them to: kbrandstetter@stdominicdelhi.org, and we will complete a stone for you and add it to the Wailing Wall.

The Fast Life

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
 Fast from fear of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
 Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies.
 Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
 Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
 Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.
 Fast from negatives; Feast on encouragement.
 Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
 Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion.
 Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.
 Fast from gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
 Fast from problems that overwhelm;
 Feast on prayer that sustains.
 Fast from anxiety; Feast on faith.

St. Dominic's Lenten Prayer

*Lord Jesus, during this Lenten season,
 Help us to change our hearts and follow
 You as disciples:
 Teach our hearts Your Good News
 Renew our hearts with Your grace.
 Lead our hearts with Your light.
 Fill our hearts with Your love.
 Open our hearts to the needs of others.
 Gather our hearts to be one with You and
 live as Your people,
 now and forever, AMEN.*

-Author Unknown

St. Dominic Goldenaires

Our first activity for 2022 will be a Morning of Recollection with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris on Saturday, March 19. We will learn about St. Joseph (Feast Day March 19) and St. Patrick. There will be time for a Q & A when they are finished. The Morning of Recollection is from 10:00 a.m.-Noon with a box lunch from Humbert's immediately following. Cost is \$8.00. You may pay at the door or drop your envelope with your payment at the Parish Office. We hope to live-stream this but hope you will choose to get together in person as we slowly come out of Covid restrictions. Advanced reservations are required by March 14. Please call Marie at 513-910-3938 to reserve a place and leave your sandwich choice.

Save the date for these upcoming events!

Belterra Park - April 21 – You will receive \$35.00 free play on your card. Unfortunately, they no longer have a buffet, so lunch is on your own. We'll be taking reservations later in March. More information can be found in the bulletin or by calling Mary Ann (513-251-6144) or Maureen (513-451-5657).

Mother of God Basilica Tour – May

Annual Picnic in the Park – June 14.

More information will follow in future publications of *The Torch* and bulletin.

St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program

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- 1.) Click on Enroll Now
- 2.) Under "Find Your Organization" enter 80206 (St. Dominic R. C. Parish School)
- 3.) Click on school name.
- 4.) 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 513-310-0045 at rachel@lahni.com. Thank you for supporting the Tuition Credit Program.

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The Community Dinner is BACK!!!

Join us
Wednesday, March 16
5:00-6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!!

*Please look for updates or changes on the
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or in the weekly bulletin.*

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