The Torch



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

Pastor's Desk

St. Dominic Parish

Delhi Township, OH

June 2021

A big thank-you to Dr. Mary Ann Romanello, our school psychologist, who is retiring after 35 years of service to our St. Dominic school children and parents. Mary Ann has been a rock of stability for many of our students in times of family crises and personal problems. In my twenty years here, she has given me the comfort of knowing that our children would be well served by her professionalism, wisdom, and compassion. I will personally miss her sense of humor, her smile, and her advice!

We are also grateful for the service of Jeannine Roth, our Pre-school director, and Steve Burns, our Junior High social studies teacher. Jeannine has put our Pre-K program on the map with her creative leadership, and Steve has been a great teacher and role model in our school. May God bless you all in your retirement!

Remember our parish picnic at Stricker's Grove, Friday, July 23. More information in the July *Torch*. May all our summer projects, vacations, recreation, picnics, and fun give praise and thanks to God! Remember our parish family priorities! We followers of Jesus gather every Sunday to give thanks for God's blessings, to receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and then to go forth transformed and energized to bring God's Love to the world!

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.

Bruce Hodges, husband of Nancy Hodges and father of Bradley, Samantha, Daniel and Matthew Hodges.

Wayne Pfirrman, husband of Rosemary Pfirrman and father of Michael Pfirrman, Jeffrey and Alison Pfirrman, Petryna and Donald Nagel and Nicholas Pfirrman.

2021 High School Graduates

Every summer, in the *Torch*, we publish the accomplishments of our high school seniors. In the past the information has been forwarded to us from the local high schools and because of that, the information we have received is not always complete. This year, we want to change the way we collect this information. We would like to recognize **ALL** St. Dominic parishioners who are graduating from high school. If you are going to college or enlisting in the military, we would like to include that as well as any scholarships and special awards received. To keep up this tradition we need your help. We need the graduate, parents, or grandparents to send us the information.

What we would like you to send is:

- Student name
- High School
- College attending in the fall or branch of the Military
- Any awards received and Scholarships accepted

The information can be emailed to mariam@stdominicdelhi.org or call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 410. Please submit all information by Monday, June 14.

St. Dominic Vacation Bible School



We are looking forward to having our annual Vacation Bible School again!

This summer, VBS will be held July 26-30, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. each evening! The Vacation Bible School programs we have implemented are 100% Catholic! For the past several years we have focused on helping the youth in our parish build their faith. We have learned about the seven sacraments, the Mass, awesome saints, and the Vatican

all while having a fun time. This year, we will be using the program from Cat.Chat VBS: "Birthday Blast"! We will make crafts, learn some new songs, play games, and eat snacks all while learning more about our Catholic faith!

VBS is open to children ages 4 thru 4th Grade, with 5th thru 8th grade helpers.

Registration forms will be sent home soon and will also be available online and at the Parish Office. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more information!

VBS also needs many VIRTUS trained adults to lead groups from station to station, and to supervise the various stations! If you have completed Virtus, and are available each evening from 5:30-9:00 p.m., your help is needed. I promise it is easy and FUN!

If you would like to volunteer your time and talent, contact Linda Gardner at 513-451-3079 or lmcgardner2@gmail.com or contact the St. Dominic Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0. We have some wonderful parents who have already stepped up to help. If your child needs service hours, we will have spots for them to fill also.

2021 Guide Book and Directory

In the Fall of 2021, St. Dominic Parish will publish a new Guide Book and Directory that will contain important information about the Parish. Included in the book will be a listing of all the households that are registered in the Parish and all the Ministries that are available for you to join so that you may share your gifts with your parish family. Each household will receive a free copy.

UPDATE INFORMATION – We are updating the Parish records for our Guide Book and Directory. Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Have you gotten rid of your home phone? If you have made any changes in the last year, we need to update your record. School Families: Updates made through the school do not get updated in the Parish Office. Please make changes below and return to the Parish Office.

We realize that some parishioners might not want to have their name, address and phone number included in this Directory. If you do not return this form, we will include the information that we presently have. If you have notified the Parish Office that you no longer have a home phone and have given us a cell phone number, your cell phone number will be included in the Guide Book.

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We thank you for your cooperation! Please drop this form in the collection basket, deliver it to the parish office, or mail it to us so we receive it by June 11, 2021. If you have any questions, or would like to verify your name, address and telephone number listing, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. Thanks!!

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

Are there items cluttering up your home that you know would be of use to someone else? Don't you wish there was an easy way to connect your items to those who want them, without going out of your way? You're in luck! St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in the parking lot after all the Masses on June 26 and 27 to accept your tax-deductible donations of gently-used clothing and household items. Clear your clutter by bringing items you no longer use and help needy families. Receipts for tax purposes will be provided.



2021 Wedding Anniversaries

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2021 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. To request a certificate, go to https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/center-for-the-new-evangelization/marriage-family or call the St. Dominic Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 and we

will request one for you. The deadline to request a certificate is June 10. These certificates will be sent to the St. Dominic Parish Office. We will keep them until our Anniversary Mass celebration in October.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS – In addition to receiving a certificate from Archbishop Schnurr, married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to attend the Golden Anniversary Mass on August 8, 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Registration for the Mass occurs during the certificate request (above).

ST. DOMINIC ANNIVERSARY MASS – Here at St. Dominic we will also celebrate our Anniversary Couples. This usually takes place in October at 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you will be celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th or 75th Wedding Anniversary in 2021, please contact the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 no later than June 10.

St. Dominic Parish Family Picnic



Who? All Parishioners Are Invited!
What? Free Admission
Where? Stricker's Grove
When? Friday, July 23
Look for more information in the weekly bulletin
and the July TORCH.

Home Communion

We are hoping to resume Home Communion in the next few weeks. In an effort to better serve our parishioners, we are asking you to contact the parish office:

- If you are interested in taking Communion to someone who is homebound, hospitalized or in a long-term care facility. Please call 513-471-7741, ext. 0 or stop by and let us know if you are interested in this ministry.
- If you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Communion, please call the office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.
- If a relative or friend would like to bring Communion to you, please call the office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 and we will make arrangements with them. If there is an emergency or you are in need of a priest, please call the office.

This will only be possible if both the Eucharistic Minister and the individual wanting Home Communion are vaccinated. If you have a pix and/or a "Communion of the Sick" prayer book that you are no longer using, please return it.

St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus News

On July 2, 2021, the St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus will celebrate their 9th anniversary as a council. In those nine years, we have donated over \$34,000.00 in funds and thousands of hours of service to our parish and community. One of the highlights of our service this past year was distributing over \$2,000.00 in Kroger gift cards to parish families struggling due to the pandemic. In our nine years, we have given over \$5,800.00 to special needs children, \$12,000.00 to faith programs, \$6,500.00 to community activities, \$2,500.00 to Pro-Life, and \$2,500.00 to Youth activities. We post our charitable giving on our bulletin board in the Gathering Place. If you have purchased raffle tickets from the Knights and would like to see where your donation is going, feel free to stop by and see what our distributions for the fraternal year have been.

The Knights are always looking for good men to join them in their mission of charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism. We hold our business meeting the first Tuesday of the month and a social meeting the third Tuesday of the month. The social meetings are normally guest speakers or family events that are open to the entire family. We encourage new members to propose fresh activities, and to reinforce our commitment to parish and community service. If you have any questions about how you can become part of the largest Catholic men's fraternal society in the world, you can pick up an informational packet at the racks located at the doors of church or contact Ken Gardner at 484-4714. The council is also looking for former members who would like to renew their membership or parishioners who belong to other councils which they are no longer active in. You can learn even more about the Knights by visiting kofc.org/join or visit the St. Dominic-Delhi Council Facebook page.

Requirements for Those Volunteering with Children

LIVE TRAINING SESSION – All volunteers are required to attend one VIRTUS live training session. You can attend this training at any location at a date/time that works best for you. Pre-registration is required. Find training locations, registration details and steps to create your VIRTUS account at www.VIRTUS.org.

SELECTION.COM BACKGROUND CHECK – This is initiated through your Virtus account. Click the "Toolbox" tab at the top left, then click the Selection.com background check link. The \$25 fee for this can be paid by credit card or "token" at the time of your online request. Contact the organization for which you volunteer to get information on obtaining a token for payment.

MONTHLY VIRTUS BULLETINS – There will be bulletins emailed to you monthly, along with a question that needs to be answered. Please verify that your current EMAIL address is what's listed in your VIRTUS account. *If you have missed 3 or more monthly bulletins you are not in compliance and may not volunteer with children*. We monitor compliance monthly.

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Mark at deaconmark@stdominicdelhi.org.

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