

The Torch



"Generations Growing in Faith for more than 90 years!"

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

January 2025

From Fr. Jim

An evangelizing parish is one where the faithful are clearly in a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ, and who give witness to that by being the presence and the love of Christ in their families, neighborhoods, parishes, sport fields, gyms, and workplaces! That kind of living is attractive. And here is the test of whether a parish is "good news," and dynamic! "Does anyone want to join us in this kind of living?" "Does anyone want to join us in this intimate companionship and following of Jesus Christ?"

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA) is our process for welcoming and celebrating people's entrance into Jesus Christ's saving death, Resurrection, and mission! The process reaches its climax at the Easter Vigil when the newcomers are baptized, confirmed, and receive their First Communion. Those adults who have been baptized in another denomination are received into full communion with the Catholic Church, are confirmed, and receive Communion for the first time!

For the past twenty-four years, we have truly been an evangelizing parish! Our faith, our worship, and our Catholic lives have attracted others. One hundred and eighty-four (184) adults have been baptized, confirmed, and received their First Communion! Three hundred and twenty-six (326) adults were fully initiated and received into full communion with us at St. Dominic, i.e. Confirmation and First Communion. What a tribute to the witness of St. Dominic parishioners! Deacon Mark has shepherded this process over these years. If you know of anyone interested in the Catholic faith, put them in touch with Deacon Mark.

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.

Terry Allgeyer, husband of Denise and father of Tyler LaHue-Allgeyer (Michelle), Lindsey Buelterman (Dan), Michael Allgeyer.

Mary Malone, wife of Tom Malone and mother of Patrick Malone, Michael Malone and his wife Dayna, and Coleen Williams.

William Bohan, father of Ana Maria (Adonis) Caneris, Yvonne Bohan, and Patrick Bohan.

Goldenaires

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, January 9 - Planning Meeting to plan events for the next six months for Mary Queen of All Saints Goldenaires. 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 of St. Dominic's Parish Center.

Monday, January 27 - Possible daytime event at Our Lady of Victory's Convocation Center.

Saturday, March 15 - Goldenaires Lent Talk with Fr. Ben at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch in O'Connor Hall.

Thursday, April 24 - Goldenaires trip to Belterra Park. Paid reservations required.

More information and details for each event to follow in the bulletin and Torch as the event gets closer.

Eulogy for Mary Malone

By Patrick Malone

First of all, we would like to thank Hospice of Cincinnati for their wonderful help and support these last couple of months, Dr. Metzger and his staff, and everyone at St. Dominic for their support and comfort.

Mary Cecile Malone, daughter of Alberta and Norbert Junker, sister to Judy, Steve, Kathy and Mike. Wife to Tom and mother to Pat, Mick and Coleen. Grandmother to Rachel, Shellbi, Brenden, McKenzie, Andrea and Cameron. Sister-in-law, aunt and friend.

These were the formal titles for Mom, but she was much, much more than that.

Here at St. Dominic, she was a Gym Teacher, Teacher's Aide, Coach, sang in the choir and even started the Guitar Mass. Father Bertke was the Pastor back then and it took a while for him to warm up to the idea, but in the end she played and sang at his funeral Mass.

She helped out anytime someone needed a volunteer. Be it big or small. All you had to do is ask.

For her, being a wife and mother were the greatest, fondest achievements in her life. Her and Dad had only two arguments I can remember and both of them ended like a scene in a situation comedy. Mom and Dad were a team, though he will admit she was the better handyman, Ms. Fix-it, project manager and even a better golfer.

There is not one room in their house that wasn't painted, wallpapered, tiled or furnished by her. She had a knack for fixing or building almost anything.

Everyone has told me how much they loved Mom's cooking. Her goetta is the best and she made Cincinnati-style chili as good or better than Skyline. Thank God she wrote most of the recipes down on paper, because she usually cooked things by scratch.

All these things, talents and traits showed us how to approach and enjoy life. It's not just the big things or the little things that make life fun, it's everything and how you deal with it.

For me, my Mom showed an abundance of patience and caring. How I turned out even halfway successful is a testament to her guidance and perseverance.

For Mick, Mom was always caring and understanding of our interests, activities and troubles. Not judgmental but concerned. Helpful, encouraging, involved in our love of sports or history. Listening and advising in our relationships and situations in life. Guiding us on our way through life.

For Coleen, family vacations were always a learning experience and fun at the same time. Whether it was Washington D.C., Mammoth Cave, Niagara Falls, a fort, a beach or a battlefield, Mom was Dad's co-pilot with her giant road atlas and cooler full of everything you could imagine. If Grandma Junker came with us they would sing and harmonize. Mom could harmonize with everybody and anything.

She would sew anything we needed. She had so many talents. She wrote manuscripts about Knights and history like they make movies about today. She should've gone to college, yet she was extremely intelligent and well spoken. While Dad was away on the road all week, Mom ran the house and us kids. We treasured the times she'd hang out with our aunts when we were younger, laughing, talking and being silly.

Mom loved being a grandmother. She wished she could have spent as much time with them as she had with my brother, sister and I. Grandpa kiddingly says that she did. But that was her unique gift. Caring, helping, giving and doing for others.

As you may know, Mom had dementia for the last few years. It started gradually, almost unnoticed. But as it progressed she maintained her positive outlook toward things. She didn't give up or give in. I loved the way she would tell you how to push her wheelchair even though she didn't know which way we were going. She never complained or griped about her condition. Even when her verbal skills began to diminish, she would answer with funny catch phrases like: "I reckon," "If you say so," "Whatever," "So far, so good," and our favorite "Tah-Dah." I think that was the last thing she said before she passed.

Lastly...we will miss Mom because her mere presence stabilized us no matter what condition she was in.

Thank you, Mom

Parental Preparation for Infant Baptism

Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own Baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next session is scheduled at St. Dominic on Sunday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m. (after the 9:30 a.m. Mass) in church. Contact Julie Vaughn at 513-347-8825 or religioused@mqas.org to let us know that you will be attending the Baptism preparation. To schedule a Baptism at St. Dominic or if you have questions about Baptism at St. Dominic, please call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

Bible Study with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris

Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris will continue studying the Gospel of Luke during Lent. Look for more information in the February Torch and bulletins.



Giving Tree

Thanks to everyone who took a tag from our Giving Trees and returned gifts so beautifully wrapped. Through your efforts you have helped many children and families have a nice Christmas. Special thanks to the team of elves who wrote out the tags and suggestions. For those who were not able to take a tag – thank you for donating money so the elves were able to shop. May God bless all of you for your generous time, effort, and cash donation in making it a better Christmas for so many people you don't even know.

A Prayer for the New Year

*Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.*

*Thank You for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*

Amen

Men's Society November Lottery Winners

Congratulations to all the winners!

11/01 #608 Elaine & Robert Murphy	11/12 #529 Jodi Logan	11/22 #593 Constance Burns
11/02 #793 Arlene Martin	11/13 #575 Terry Doherty	11/23 #500 Kathy Wohlfrom
11/04 #124 Paul Fellingner	11/14 #792 Joe Wanger	11/25 #631 Joan Buzek
11/05 #324 Ed Backscheider	11/15 #071 Kathy Wohlfrom	11/26 #733 Tina Back
11/06 #408 Otto	11/16 #986 Robin Mills	11/27 #212 Amy Stevens
11/07 #125 Paul Fellingner	11/18 #339 Janet Venneman	11/28 #768 Len Hausman
11/08 #525 Nicki Berning	11/19 #686 Blank	11/29 #449 Brandon Thompson
11/09 #097 David Wandstrat	11/20 #104 Betty Fraley	11/30 #105 Betty Fraley
11/11 #555 Betty Fraley	11/21 #171 Terry Doherty	

From Fr. Ben

My Dear Friends,

I am sorry to tell you that we will have a slight change to the Friday Daily Mass Schedule. Beginning on January 3, we will have Mass at 8:15 a.m. **only**. There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass on Friday mornings. The 8:15 a.m. Mass will be the permanent daily Mass time on Friday, and during the school year, this will be the school and parish Mass. There will still be a 6:10 a.m. Communion Service Monday-Friday.

Beginning January 1, 2025, the Daily Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Holy Mass

7:30 a.m. Monday - Thursday

8:15 a.m. Friday - Saturday

Thanks for your support and prayers.

Fr. Ben

Communion Service

6:10 a.m. Monday - Friday



St. Dominic School Alumni

Calling all Blackhawks, young and young of heart: Please join us at our Alumni Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We invite all alums to come tour the school and see how it has changed over the years. You are sure to run into some classmates you haven't seen in a while, and memories from old are sure to abound. Be a part of the celebration as we reminisce about those students and faculty who came before us and share words of encouragement and wisdom with those still to come.

Once a Blackhawk, always a Blackhawk!

Hope to see you then!



St. Dominic School Open House

BE A BLACKHAWK! Join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. All are welcome! Come meet the staff, see what the students have been working on academically, and participate in a variety of interactive experiences. For more information, visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi-school.org or call 513-251-1276. If you are a prospective family, come check us out or contact us to set up a personalized tour. We accept Ohio EdChoice Scholarships for K-8 students and Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grants and ODJFS Child Care Vouchers for Preschoolers.

St. Dominic School First Trimester Awards

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Students in grades 4-8 are eligible for this award. These students demonstrate the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in school, on the playground and the parish. These students show thoughtfulness to others, respect the differences in others, demonstrate the ability to make good choices in difficult situations, respect property and authority figures, show forgiveness toward others and participate appropriately in Mass. Congratulations to:

4th grade: 4A Allison Niermann and Emmanuel Hernandez Martinez; 4B Adam Tuemler and Evelyn Griffith

5th grade: 5A Joshua Coleman and Campbell Chouteau; 5B Eldana Amanuel and Mason Clark

6th grade: 6A Mera Lothes and Hayley Flaspohler; 6B Betelihim Ghirmatsion and Matthew Schlanser

7th grade: 7A Rylie Chouteau and Sean Homan; 7B Aubrey Moore and Andrew Tuemler

8th grade: 8A Dominik Koch and Lauren Childs; 8B Ella Kruessel and Luke Bizaillon

THE KIND FRIEND AWARD

Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade are eligible for this award. These students regularly go out of their way to be nice to others, do nice things, listen attentively to their friends, are aware of others feelings and show loyalty to their friends. Congratulations to:

Kindergarten: KA Emma McDonald and Lincoln Stockelman; KB Aria Griffith and Luca Dehner

1st grade: 1A Jeilyn Nolasco Roblero and Naomi Ghirmatsion; 1B Wilhelmina Tuck and Xyla Davis

2nd grade: 2A Eva Mayer and Ivy Thomas; 2B Rozlin Giles and Kyler Johnson

3rd grade: 3A Haper Buck and Johnathan Burkhardt; 3B Mia Lopez Velazquez and Charlie Crusham

POLITE AND CARING AWARD

Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade are eligible for this award. These students are always polite, act in ways they know are right and safe. Congratulations to:

Kindergarten: KA Audrey Crusham and Anthony Marchioni; KB Ava Maxwell and Jeremiah Moser

1st grade: 1A Aria Prewitt and Owen Koch; 1B Frankie Georgiton and Melahar Tekle

2nd grade: 2A Colton Perkins and Nora Schroeder; 2B A'Ziah Carter and Trey Stahlheber

3rd grade: 3A Kenzie Rafferty and Ethan Jacobson; 3B Simon Stenger and Karalya Lerdo

HONOR ROLL

Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to earn first and second honors each trimester of the school year. Students earning first honors have received all A's in their academic subjects, and no 1's in behavior. Students earning second honors have all A's and/or B's in their academic subjects and no 1's in personal behavior. Here are the students who earned honors this trimester. Congratulations to:

4th grade

FIRST HONORS: Abel Ayalew, Allie Crusham, DJ Evans, George Gibbs, Emmanuel Hernandez Martinez, Mya Kimball, Steven Love, Stella Mayer, Allison Niermann, CeCe Schroeder

SECOND HONORS: Nick Allgeyer, Dakota Borros, Kellie Cain, Ireland Cook, Amira Cruz Ibarra, Noel Franco Rios, Evelyn Griffith, Lily Hafner, Lydia Hinton, Joe Kruessel, Jay Peelman, Declan Sorrell, Adam Tuemler, Brayden Twilling, Isabella Zerilla

5th grade:

FIRST HONORS: Mary Goins, Addison Miller, Cora Rimmel, Quinn Nauman, Isabella Oberiko, Lillian Rich

SECOND HONORS: Lexi Bass, Campbell Chouteau, JJ Nester, Lily Osterhage, Conner Rafferty, Gibson Stenger, Maddox Thomas, Sophia Thomas, Izzy Williams, Eldana Amanuel, Scarlett Brower, Mason Clark, Oliver Durban, Mikayla Kimball, Nova Mabjish, Christopher Nixon, Jayden Prost, Emi Schotte, Evelyn Stahlheber, Jerry Valladares, Jace Wells

6th grade:

FIRST HONORS: Millie Fahrian, Hayley Flaspohler, Mera Lothes, Rocco Servizzi

SECOND HONORS: Marken Aklilu, Mika Aklilu, Brandon Anderson, Jr., Kenny Blackmore, Jalynn Borros, Paige Criswell, Fernando Cruz Garcia, Noah Daniel, Betelihim Ghirmatsion, Juan David Hernandez Martinez, Erin Jones, Alex Lahni, Courtney Landers, Hannah Lynn, Isla Matibiri, Parker Mayer, Judith Oberiko, Houston Rivera, Lucas Sand, Ma'Riyah Sanks, Matthew Schlanser, Cruz Tennyson, Robel Ververis, Kylie Whittle, Karalina Wilson

7th grade:

FIRST HONORS: Gabby Gaskins, George Goins, Avery Grosjean, Reece Montgomery, Aubrey Moore, AJ Nauman, Tyler Pennekamp, Morgan Rimmel, Andrew Tuemler

SECOND HONORS: Rylie Chouteau, Camila Cruz Garcia, Daniel Franco Rios, Michael Harris, Sean Homan, Aliyah Mabjish, Averi Mullins, Brynn Raley, Jonah Riesenbeck, Andrew Starkey, Joslyn Stokes, Hannah Walter, Abby Williams, Audrey Wilson

8th grade:

FIRST HONORS: Ultan Delaney, George Pepples, Kent Sokolis

SECOND HONORS: Brysen Bishop, Lauren Childs, Owen Gentile, Charlie Gibbs, Sammy Hafner, Valerie Hernandez Velazquez, Josie Hollander, Ella Kruessel, Peyton Lewis, Caleb McKeon, Grace Schotte, Gianna Servizzi, Kai Tennyson, Olivia Tolliver, Conner Watson, Isabella Wilson

YOU MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

**ST. DOMINIC
LAS VEGAS
*Night***

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 - MIDNIGHT

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 P.M.

ST. DOMINIC GYM

\$10 per person or \$15 a couple

Volunteers

WE ESPECIALLY NEED DEALERS. If you would like to deal, you can use the signup link, scan the QR Code or call Jason Shattuck at 513-477-8162.

All other volunteers can use the link or QR Code to sign up.



VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR SETUP ON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

SIGN-UP LINK: bit.ly/4gAcJV1

Horse Race Sponsors

To help defray the cost of rental and other expenses, we are seeking individuals, companies teams, clubs, etc. to sponsor a horse in the Horse Race Game for \$25.00. Please call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741 by February 5 if you would like to sponsor a horse.

MAJOR AWARD RAFFLE

1st Prize -\$10,000.00 | 2nd Prize - \$1,000.00 | 3rd Prize \$500.00

Chances \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00

All parish families will receive six Major Award Tickets in the mail. Major Award Tickets can also be bought online at www.stdominicdelhi.org. Click on the GREEN "Online Giving" button on the left side and scroll down to Major Award Drawing.

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Join us
Wednesday, February 19
4:30-6:00 p.m.
for our next Community Dinner.
(We will not have a Dinner in January)
We hope to see you there!!

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