

# SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH

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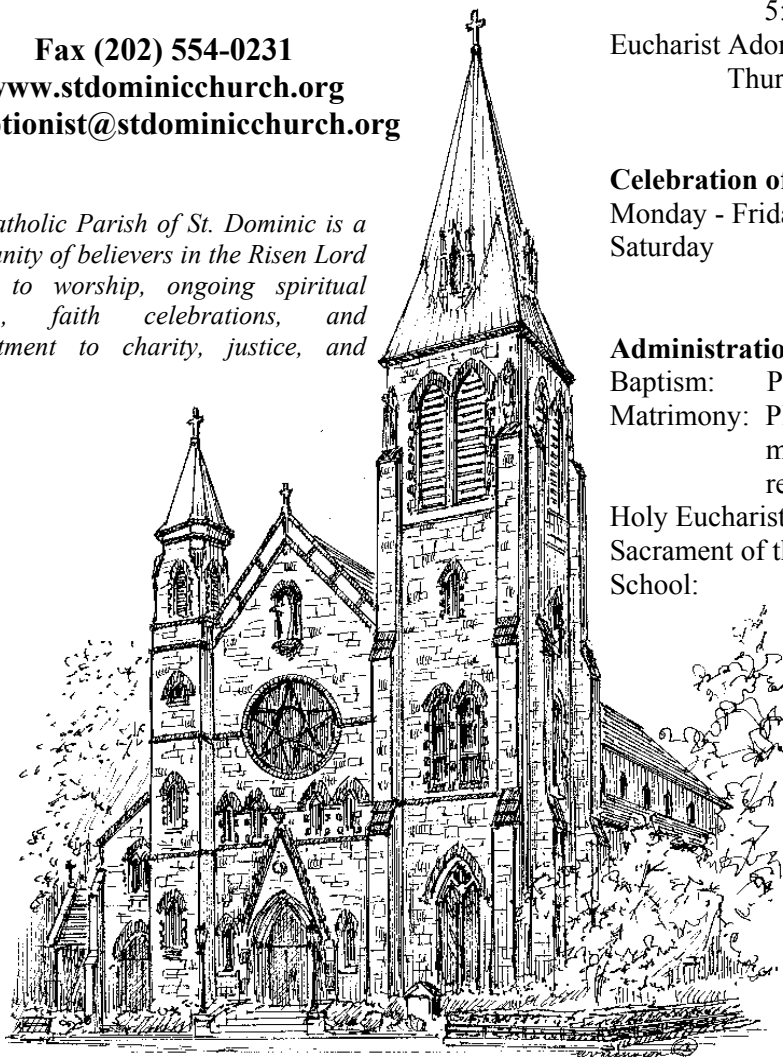
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*The Catholic Parish of St. Dominic is a community of believers in the Risen Lord called to worship, ongoing spiritual growth, faith celebrations, and commitment to charity, justice, and peace.*



## Parish Staff

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.  
Parochial Vicars: Father Andrew Nicolicchia, O.P.  
Father Gerard Lessard, O.P.  
Business / Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel  
Administrative Assistant: Denise Marshall  
Receptionist : Marlene Mattison  
Worship Coordinator: J.C. Cantrell  
Finance Council Chair: Ann Von Hagel  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Sun.

## Celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Saturday: 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m. (Vigil of Sunday)  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. (Spanish),  
and 5:15 p.m.  
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. in the Church  
8:00 a.m. only on a Federal Holiday  
Holydays: 5:15 p.m. Vigil, 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and  
5:15 p.m.  
Eucharist Adoration and Holy Hour:  
Thursdays, 4:45 p. m. - 5:45 p.m.

## Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday 11:55 a.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Upon request at the Priory

## Administration of the Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.  
Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office. A  
minimum of six months preparation is  
required by the Archdiocese.  
Holy Eucharist at Home: Contact the Parish Office.  
Sacrament of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.  
School: St. Peter School  
422 Third Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 544-1618  
Jennifer Ketchum, Principal

## Bulletin Deadline

Monday noon, in writing, to the Parish  
Office, with your name and telephone  
number on the copy. When Monday is  
a holiday, deadline is the preceding  
Friday.



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**Pastor's Corner**



In this season of colds and flu, we often have need of going to the doctor for diagnosis and assistance. When the cough lingers and the over-the-counter medicines are not helping, we determine that we need something more powerful and so we go to

see the doctor. We put our trust in this physician that he/she will provide the correct remedy to restore us to good health.

The Gospel reading today about the healing of the paralyzed man reveals to us that Jesus is the healer of both soul and body. He first healed the soul of the man by forgiving his sins. By doing so, Jesus indicates the priority of the healing that is to be sought and desired. This prioritization corresponds with his mission of coming into the world to save sinners and to reconcile them with the Father. “[Christ’s] healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the ‘sin of the world,’ of which illness is only a consequence”(CCC 1505). Following the spiritual healing that came to the paralyzed man through the forgiveness of sins, Jesus then heals his body to reveal to all who would believe that he has the power and the authority to forgive sins.

As we begin the season of Lent this coming Wednesday, we enter into a season of grace that provides many opportunities for us to be healed within our souls. Certainly, these graces are available to us throughout the year, but the season of Lent engages our mind and heart in the ongoing work of conversion so that we may experience in our lives the dying and rising of Jesus. “The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick”(CCC 1421).

Sacramental confession is the ordinary way for each of us to experience the love, mercy, and power of Jesus to heal our souls. Here is what we learn from the Catechism: “Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless

physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession. There are profound reasons for this. Christ is at work in each of the sacraments. He personally addresses every sinner: ‘My son, your sins are forgiven.’ He is the physician tending each one of the sick who need him to cure them. He raises them up and reintegrates them into fraternal communion. Personal confession is thus the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church” (CCC 1484). The personal acknowledgement of oneself as a sinner in need of God’s mercy and forgiveness disposes us to the healing power of Jesus.

Let us not forget the honesty and humility with which we approach the medical doctor or specialist. We reveal all of our symptoms, we answer his/her sometimes intimate questions, and we strip naked and make ourselves vulnerable to looks and probings that we would not allow to anyone else. We do all this because we want to be well; we want to be healthy. The same honesty and humility should accompany our approach toward the priest who is the instrument Christ has ordained to bring healing to our sick souls. The full acknowledgement of what we have done and what we have failed to do – not hiding whatever is shameful – enables us to receive the healing Christ offers for our souls. And just as we regularly visit the doctor for a check-up, we should regularly go to confession and keep our souls healthy and vibrant.

The Lord says to us through the prophet Ezekiel: “As I live, says the Lord God, I swear I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked man, but rather in the wicked man’s conversion, that he may live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! Why should you die, O house of Israel?” (33:11) The Lord Jesus came that we may have the fullness of life. This life comes to us when we put our faith in him as God, confess our sins, and receive his mercy and grace in the sacraments.

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**Ash Wednesday** is this week on February 22. Please see the schedule of Masses elsewhere in this bulletin. The distribution of ashes occurs within Mass only.

**Adult Faith Formation** opportunities are abundant during the Lenten season here at St. Dominic. Please see the schedule of offerings elsewhere in this bulletin.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available throughout the Lenten season. Our parish will be participating in the annual Archdiocesan program entitled “*The Light is On for You*”, which offers time for

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confession on Wednesday evening throughout the Archdiocese. In our parish, the Wednesday evening confession time is 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. In addition, we will maintain our regularly scheduled times on the weekdays and on Saturday. The full schedule for confession is posted on the confessional doors.

**Eucharistic Adoration** within the context of a Holy Hour continues every Thursday afternoon from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. in the church. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed during this time of quiet prayer in the presence of Our Lord. “In his Eucharistic presence [Christ] remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us”(CCC 1380). Including Eucharistic Adoration in our regimen of prayer is a worthy devotion that deepens our relationship with Christ and brings many graces into our lives.

Let us pray for the grace of conversion for ourselves and for others.

Fr. Schommer, O.P.



**Observances and Programs for Lent**

Ash Wednesday: February 22, 2012

Distribution of ashes within Mass at the following times: 7:30, 8:20, 11:30, 12:15, 5:15

Wednesday evening simple supper and Scripture reflection: February 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4

**SEEK THE LORD!** Is a special opportunity to join with others in an experience of the Lord Jesus while preparing for the readings for Mass on the following Sundays of Lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, members of Saint Dominic Church and friends of the parish are invited for soup and bread at 6:30 p.m. and then, at 7:00 p.m. to prayerfully read the scriptures for Mass for the following Sunday, to reflectively meditate on their meaning, to follow the meditation with prayer, and to spend a few moments in contemplation of the Lord as experienced in the readings. Father Norman Haddad, O.P., former pastor of Saint Dominic Church and experienced retreat director, will host the evening and will offer guidelines on how best to proceed.

Location: Parish Meeting Room, Lower Level.

Thursday daytime lecture series: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**“The Five Sorrowful Mysteries: a weekly meditation on the passion of Christ.”** with Bro. Reginald M. Lynch, O.P.

A lecture on one of the Sorrowful Mysteries will be given Thursdays after the midday Mass during the season of Lent. Beginning with the agony in the garden, we will walk with Christ through this holy season, gradually approaching the hill of Calvary, which is the source of our life and salvation.

Location: Parish Conference Room, Lower Level. Entrance at 630 E Street, SW.

Friday evening lecture series on **The Sorrowful Mysteries** presented by the Dominican student brothers from the Dominican House of Studies in NE Washington: February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**The Agony in the Garden:** What is the agony in Gethsemane? Christ three times prays, “Let this cup pass from me,” showing the strength of the human will to live; yet, he accepts in his human nature the divine plan. Through the acceptance, not only does Christ become our savior, but he also shows us how to face suffering for the sake of the Kingdom. We will reflect on this mystery, and use it as our guide for Lent and the whole of the Christian life.

**The Scourging of Jesus:** The scourging at the pillar is one of the more gruesome and seemingly gratuitous scenes in Christ’s Passion. How should we understand the brutal physical torture that Christ underwent, and what particular insight does this mystery offer for our growing closer to Him?

**The Crowning with Thorns:** The coronation of Jesus Christ by a jeering crowd of Roman soldiers exposes the mystery, even the scandal of his kingship. Adorned by a crown of thorns, having donned the threadbare cloak of an infantryman and bearing naught but a reed as his scepter, Christ reveals once and for all that he is a different sort of king.

**The Carrying of the Cross:** The carrying of the cross is addressed briefly in the Gospel books. There is much to be seen in these short descriptions of the actions of Christ as well as in those of Simon of Cyrene. This talk will also address the connection between the Blessed Virgin Mary and the passion of her Son.

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**The Crucifixion:** No moment is more critical. No decision is more crucial. Here at the foot of the cross, we must make a choice. Is this the Son of God?

Location: Parish Meeting Room, Lower Level.  
Entrance at 630 E Street, SW.



Norita Brown, Patricia Dodson,  
Mark Russell Davis, Mary Dwyer,  
... Pat Feeney, Frank Fernandes, Mary  
Hewitt, Marilyn Jarvis, Melissa  
Mulvihill, Cheryl Mobley, Amy Phipps, Jody Raskind-  
Phillips, Lenny Sarmiento, Mary Davis Williams, Hattie  
Wilson, and the sick of the Parish and Priory.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday:** **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
[80] Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25  
Ps 41:2-5, 13-14 2 Cor 1:18-22/  
Mk 2:1-12
- Monday:** [341] Jas 3:13-18/ Mk 9:14-29  
Ps 19:8-10,15
- Tuesday:** [342] Jas 4:1-10/ Mk 9:30-37  
Ps 55:7-11,23
- Wednesday:** **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
[219] J1 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2  
Mt 6:1-6,16-18, Ps 51:3-6a,,12-14,17
- Thursday:** [220] Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25 Ps1:1-4,6
- Friday:** [221] Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15 ,  
Ps 51:3-6a,18-19
- Saturday:** [222] Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32, Ps 86:1-6

**“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.”** Masses may be offered for the deceased and the living throughout the liturgical year. The parish has a calendar of Mass times available for your individual requests. You may visit the parish office during office hours to schedule your requests. The customary offering is \$10 for each Mass, which supports the daily living expenses of the Dominican Friars.

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

<b>Sun. Feb. 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Andrea Troanovitch (D)
10:45 a.m.	Richard P. Branson (D)
12:15 p.m.	For the People of the Parish
5:15 p.m.	Shrine
<b>Mon. Feb. 20</b>	
8:00 a.m.	For the intention of the month
12:10 p.m.	<b>No Mass - Federal Holiday</b>
<b>Tue. Feb. 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Connie Ryan (D)
12:10 p.m.	Dominican Friars St. Gertrude
<b>Wed. Feb. 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Connie Ryan (D)
8:20 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m.	Fr. Greg Fay, O.P. (D)
12:15 p. m	Fr. Andrew Newman, O.P (D)
5:15 p.m.	Fr. Kurt Pritzl, O.P. (D)
<b>Thu. Feb. 23</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Connie Ryan (D)
12:10 p.m.	Sam LaHood (L)
<b>Fri. Feb. 24</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Connie Ryan (D)
12:10 p.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sat. Feb. 25</b>	
12:10 p.m.	Connie Ryan (D)
5:15 p.m.	For the People of the Parish

**Pray for Our Military ...**

1Lt James Cantrell IV, USAF, stationed at Nellis AFB, Nevada, son of JC & Mary Lou Cantrell

<b>Schedule for Lectors &amp; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Sat. Feb. 18 - Vigil</b>		
5:15 p.m.	Alice Serar	Marie Scheessele
	Dolores Malata	Cecilia Daly
<b>Sun. Feb. 19– Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Doris Stukes	Tess Ocampo
		Dominican Brother
10:45 a.m.	Tony McCormack	Mary Healey
	Mauro Farinelli	Elysia Branson
		Dominican Brother
5:15 p.m.	Doris Stukes	Doris Stukes
		Bill Daigneault
		Marian Daigneault
<b>Wed. Feb. 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		
5:15 p.m.	Joe Davis	Nicole Robinson
	Doris Stukes	Andrea Hunt
		Ed Dever
<b>Catechesis</b>		
<b>Mary Moran, Maryalice Locke, Co-Chairs</b>		

**Winter Bible Study**  
**Sundays 3:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**Parish Meeting Room**

**Feb. 19 – The First and Second Letters of Peter**

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**Social Justice & Community Service  
Cecilia Daly, Chair**

The Archdiocese, Catholic Charities, and the Capital Area Food Bank are holding the *Share in Hope Food Drive* the weekend of March 3/4. Grocery bags will be distributed on February 25/26. Because of the food drive, our regular collection of practical items for the Joseph P. Kennedy Early Head Start Program will be postponed until March 31.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities in the DC area, we are forming a community service group that will meet on the last Saturday of the month. In addition to serving at S.O.M.E., we will discuss interest in other missions, such as visiting hospitals and nursing homes, writing to our incarcerated brothers and sisters, tutoring children, etc.... Please join us at noon on Saturday, February 26, in the parish meeting room to exchange ideas and get organized. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a salad or dessert to share. If can't make the meeting please contact Cecilia by calling the parish office or emailing social@stdominicchurch.org

The Catholic Relief Service is asking parishioners to participate in the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl. Proceeds will be used to support CRS operations in the United States and all around the world. Rice bowls will be available at all Masses next Sunday.

The Daily Reflections on St. Dominic Church-Washington DC Facebook page are in both English and Spanish. We also have up-to-date schedule information, including RCIA classes, Bible study, adult education classes, and the religious movie seminar. Please share your photos of St. Dominic's baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, and weddings.

<b>Stewardship</b>		
<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>2/12/2012</b>	<b>\$4,166.80</b>
<b>Deficit Reduction</b>	<b>2/12/2012</b>	<b>\$614.00</b>

During Lent we are reminded of our call to be stewards with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. At St. Dominic Church we appreciate your gifts, regardless of how they come. Many of our parishioners have been using our electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*, to give their gifts of treasure. *Faith Direct* is an excellent way to support the parish while reducing the administrative costs of envelopes and saving our wonderful staff and volunteers precious time.

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To enroll in the *Faith Direct* program you may pick up an enrollment form in the parish office or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **DC117**.

I hope you will consider participating in this great program as it has been a wonderful means of support for our parish family. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Schommer, O.P.

*The Little Sisters of the Poor* will be coming to our parish on Ash Wednesday to request our assistance with their mission in caring for the Elderly Poor. The Sisters will be at the doors of the Church after each Mass to accept voluntary gifts of support. Thank you for your kindness to them. Thank you for all you are doing for us. God bless you!

**Facilities Calendar**

<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>Sun. Feb. 19</b>		
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	GED Class	Parish Mtg. Room
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	English Class	Parish Mtg. Room
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Parish Mtg. Room
6:30 p.m.	Movie Seminar	Parish Mtg. Room
<b>Mon. Feb. 20</b>		
<b>Federal Holiday Office Closed</b>		
Noon -1 p.m.	No AA Meeting	Parish Mtg. Room
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	K of C Meeting	Parish Mtg. Room
<b>Tue. Feb. 21</b>		
Noon -1 p.m.	AA Meeting	Parish Mtg. Room
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Inquiry/RCIA Classes	Parish Mtg. Room
<b>Wed. Feb. 22</b>		
Noon - 1 p.m.	AA Meeting	Classroom Room
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Music Rehearsal	Church
<b>Thu. Feb. 23</b>		
Noon - 1 p.m.	AA Meeting	Parish Mtg. Room
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	Project Rachel	Parish Mtg. Room
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Music Rehearsal	Church
<b>Fri. Feb. 24</b>		
Noon - 1 p.m.	AA Meeting	Parish Mtg. Room

**Community Information**



**Movie Seminar**

**Feb. 19: The Prisoner - Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins (1955) 93 minutes**