



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

January 7, 2018 – The Epiphany of the Lord

WELCOME: No matter how long you're planning to be in the neighborhood, please consider this your home. Fill out a registration form, found in the vestibule of the church, on the website, or stop by the parish office.



LISTENING DEVICE: If you are in need of a personal listening device at Mass, please ask the Music Minister or Priest.



OUR CHURCH IS OPEN:

Mon–Fri: 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; **Sat:** 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.;
Sun: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Note: The Church is closed after Mass on a Federal Holiday)

FELLOWSHIP WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS: Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Fridays - 8:00 a.m.

ST. PETER SCHOOL: "Founded in 1868, St. Peter School provides children with an education founded on love of God and service to others, characterized by Catholic values and academic excellence."



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CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS

WEEKDAYS

Mondays–Fridays: 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
(8:00 a.m. only on a Federal Holiday)
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.

WEEKENDS

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Vigil
Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

HOLIDAYS

5:00 p.m. Vigil; 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

DEVOTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

DEVOTIONS – Rosary Shrine of St. Jude

<http://www.rosaryshrineofstjude.org>
Phone: 212-535-3664

Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Mondays - Fridays
Veneration of the relic of St. Jude: Fridays,
following the midday Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

Thursdays: 4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays–Fridays: 11:55 a.m.; **Saturdays:** 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS –

Please Contact the Parish Office

Baptism: "Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks" (Code of Canon Law, 867§1).

Matrimony: A minimum of six months preparation is required by the Archdiocese.

Holy Eucharist at Home: When a fellow parishioner is in the hospital or unable to attend Mass.

Anointing of the Sick: Those facing serious illness or entering the hospital.



Please note that the first two rows of the center aisle of the church are reserved for individuals with disabilities.
The **entrance** for persons with disabilities is on Frontage Road on the south side of the church.

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St. Dominic Church is a Christ-centered, Roman Catholic, and Dominican parish for the people of Southwest, DC and beyond. Our mission is to preach the Gospel and make disciples, and glorify God through the Eucharist and the other Sacraments, build up the communion of the Church, and serve others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

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DOMINICAN FRIARS of the PROVINCE of SAINT JOSEPH

PARISH:

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Parochial Vicar: Father Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
Pastoral Associate: Brother Norbert Keliher, O.P.

PARISH STAFF:

Business / Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel
Administrative Assistant: Denise Marshall
Worship Coordinator: JC Cantrell

PARISH MINISTRIES:

Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Alice Serar
Lectors: Kathryn Aldridge
Music: JC Cantrell
RCIA: Father Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
St. Dominic's Cenacle: Father Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
Social Concerns, The St. Martin de Porres Society & Community Events: Cecilia Daly
Gardening Angels: Elysia Branson
Young Adults: Father Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Simon Ciccarillo, Patricia D'Antonio, Robert Davis, Olivia Hnat; Margaret MacLeod, Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David Stewart, Andrew Vasilie, Joe Wasiak

Parish Finance Council Members:

Simon Ciccarillo, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

Prior: Father Jacob Restrict, O.P.
Reverend Father: George Christian, O.P., Luke Clark, O.P., Thomas Davenport, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., Peter Fegan, O.P., Luke Hoyt, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., Edmund McCullough, O.P., Andrew Nicolichchia, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P.

Reverend Brother: Aquinas Beale, O.P., Leo Camurati, O.P., Timothy Danaher, O.P., Brad Elliott, O.P., Peter Gautsch, O.P., Humbert Kilanowski, O.P., Mannes Matous, O.P., Isaac Morales, O.P., Henry Stephan, O.P.

Brother: Patrick Foley, O.P., Ignatius Perkins, O.P.

PASTOR'S CORNER



We continue our celebration of Christmas with today's feast of the Epiphany. While most of the world has moved beyond Christmas and put everything away, we continue our joyful reflection on the love that God has for us through the sending of his Son. We are invited to approach the Lord Jesus and encounter – like the Magi – the God who comes to save us and fill our lives with hope and joy. The Magi offered gifts to the child and St. Odilo of Cluny has this insight about the gifts: "To offer gold is to proclaim Christ's kingship, to offer incense is to adore his Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his mortality." The offering of these gifts demonstrates that the Magi have come to believe in the divinity of the newborn child who has humbled himself to share in our humanity. We, too, have the opportunity to renew and deepen our faith in the Incarnation through regular prayer and meditation on the mysteries we have experienced.

In fact, the praying of the *Angelus* is a continuing devotion that draws our attention to the Incarnation and Birth of Christ. The *Angelus* is a prayer practice rich in doctrine and devotion. This practice commemorates the mystery of the Incarnation by reciting certain versicles and responses with three Hail Marys and a special concluding prayer. It is recited morning, noon and evening. The church bells ring--three tolls for each of the invocations and then it peals for one minute. When the bell is heard, people are invited to stop their work and pray.

The text of the prayer is as follows:

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary . . .

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for one another.

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

This week we celebrate the final day of the Christmas season ending on the Feast of the Epiphany. As we recall the Three Magi bring gifts to the infant Jesus we are reminded that each of us has gifts and presence to offer Jesus each day. As you are making New Year's Resolutions, resolve to focus more on your relationship with God in prayer and to use your gifts to help others this year. Visit our parish website to learn more about opportunities for weekly prayer and how to get more involved in our community.

ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

A weekly group of discipleship for adults.

Tuesday, January 9

- 6:45 p.m. — Adoration & Confessions
- 7:25 p.m. **Discussion on:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Maryalice Locke)

Visit our website: www.stdominiccenacle.org

Email us: cenacle@stdominicchurch.org

ST. DOMINIC'S YOUNG ADULTS

For all young adults in their 20's and 30's

Thursday, January 11

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confession (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — Discussion: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Visit our website: www.stdominiccenacle.org

Email us: www.sdya.net

POINSETTIA GIVEAWAY!

We will be giving away all of the Live Poinsettia plants **after** the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday January 9. Check with Ed Von Hagel after Mass to identify those that are available. Tuesday morning any that remain will be placed near the handicap entrance. Please leave the reusable plastic trays since we will need those at Easter. What ever plants are still in the church at the end of the day on Tuesday January 9 will be thrown away.

PUT AWAY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND CLEAN UP!

The Christmas Season is over. We will begin putting away Christmas decorations on Wednesday January 10 starting after the 8am Mass. Any help at either time period is appreciated.

WORSHIP

The Christmas Season Continues—the Feast of Epiphany

To search for something is to look intensely for a person, a thing, or even an intangible object that we hold as valuable. The stakes of the search increase as we go through life. As children we search for hidden friends playing "hide and seek." As teenagers our searching centers on acceptance. Adults search for the right job and the right mate. In our searching we encounter signs and clues along the way—some right before our eyes and some hidden. In our searching and discovery we are often accompanied by wise and faith-filled people.

As described by Matthew, the three kings (also called the three wise men) searched tirelessly for the King whose star they saw "rising in the east." If the hymn "We Three Kings" reminds you of camels crossing the desert, that's exactly what the composer intended!

Perhaps their combined wisdom is best displayed by their lack of obedience to Herod's urging them to return after finding the babe. Instead, after honoring the child and mother with their gifts and songs of praise, "they returned home by a different route."

In 2018, since the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 7, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to Monday, January 8. Ordinary time begins on Tuesday, January 9.

ATTENTION WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND ACOLYTES, LECTORS, USHERS, AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Reminder: Vacancies often occur each week due to changes in volunteer availability. Lectors, Acolytes and EMHCs continue to be needed at many weekday and weekend masses. If you are able to fill a vacancy, please use the MSP website or app to volunteer for one of the ministerial vacancies.

The February thru mid-April (Lent-Holy Week-Easter) schedule for Liturgies and Masses will be drafted next week. Please update your "profile" with the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) web-site (or your MSP smartphone app) with any dates you anticipate you will not be able to serve (very important for scheduling Lay Ministers for Holy Week/Easter). By updating your profile information, we can avoid scheduling you when you are not available.

Please contact JC Cantrell by e-mail if you have questions. (music@stdominicchurch.org).

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center— Please leave your donation for the Capitol Pregnancy Center in front of the pulpit. We appreciate your generosity.

St. Dominic Church will work with the Knights of Columbus to support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in the next year. This is an exciting opportunity to provide outreach to our neighbors in the Southwest. We will start by holding regular collections of non-perishable items on the last weekend of the month. The first food drive will be the weekend of January 27/28.

In response to the new Planned Parenthood in DC, a pro-life community drawn from five local parishes was formed called the Proverbs 24 Community. This is an active and trained pro-life community begun last year among our parishes that encourages people to give witness to life in three different ways: walkers, prayers, and cooks. For more information, contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

Coats for Kids: Thanks to your generosity, children in the Southwest area are getting new coats. Our parish raised more than \$2,000.00 for the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. More information will be available in next week's bulletin.

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR 2017-2018

Sundays 6:30 p.m.

Parish Meeting Room

January 7: Polycarp— *Garry Nation, Eliya Hurt, Rusty Martin (2015) 94 minutes*

January 14: The Seventh Seal— *Max von Sydow, directed by Ingmar Bergmann (1957) 96 minutes & introduction 3 minutes & afterward 10 minutes (Swedish) Winner of the Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival.*

PARISH COMMUNITY

If you are interested in more opportunities to socialize with fellow parishioners, we need volunteers to help organize social events, such as Heritage Day, the parish picnic, spaghetti suppers, etc... For more information, contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

CHURCH HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE

We will clean the church next Saturday, January 13th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

We are also looking for people to help manage our monthly cleaning. Ideally, we would have several volunteers to commit to coordinating at least 3 times a year. Please help maintain our beautiful, historic church. If you are interested, please email social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

History: *The wooden figure to the immediate left of center of the altar is St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-74), the preeminent theologian and philosopher. He is shown holding the traditional symbols of a teacher: the open book and a pen. The shining sun on his breast is the emblem of his special role as a teacher of doctrine. His feast day is celebrated on January 28th.*

ST. PETER SCHOOL

St. Peter parents, alumni, community and friends: Please mark your calendars for the upcoming St. Peter 150th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 21. As our school turns 150 years old this year, we are putting plans in place for this historical celebration. If you are an alum or former student, please visit the St. Peter webpage to register your information. www.stpeterschooldc.org. In addition, be on the lookout for fun alumni content to be posted soon on the newly created St. Peter Alumni Facebook page.

2018 - PARISH CALENDAR - JANUARY 2018

JANUARY	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 7	All Masses 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Baby Item Collection Lay Dominican Fraternity Meeting Religious Movie Seminar	Church Chapel/Parish Mtg. Room Parish Meeting Room
Monday 8	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday 9	6:45 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour followed by Meeting	Church & Parish Mtg. Rm
Wednesday 10	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus – O'Boyle Council	Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 11	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Holy Hour Young Adult Holy 1/2 Hour, / Meeting	Church Church & Parish Mtg Rm
Friday 12			
Saturday 13	9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.	Church Cleaning	Church
Sunday 14	All Masses 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.	Second Collection-Church Missions within the US Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Jan 7	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
5:00 PM	New Year Novena
Mon, Jan 8	
8:00 AM	New Year Novena
12:10 PM	Deceased Members of the Scimeca Family
Tue, Jan 9	
8:00 AM	New Year Novena
12:10 PM	Deceased Members of the Torrelli Family
Wed, Jan 10	
8:00 AM	New Year Novena
12:10 PM	Nora Irwin
Thu, Jan 11	
8:00 AM	Deceased Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Springs of Bridgeport
12:10 PM	Rita Mellody (D)
Fri, Jan 12	
8:00 AM	Jim Sullivan (L)
12:10 PM	Kenneth Brzonkala (D)
Sat, Jan 13	
9:00 AM	Buff & Mollie Morrow (D)
5:00 PM	Ken & Lou Chisholm (D)

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Requests can be made for the living or deceased, in intercession or thanksgiving. Requests are made at the parish office. The suggested offering is \$10.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Barbara Dever, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannon, Mary Hogan, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Pat Lyles, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Mary McMorrow, Rose Montas, Tomas Ramirez, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Sandra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY



For Peace in the World

SANCTUARY LAMP

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week can be made in the parish office. The suggested offering is \$15.00

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	12/31/2017	\$6,094.00
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TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017

Offertory Collection	\$26,031.00
Christmas Collection	\$18,526.00
Offertory-Faith Direct	\$11,886.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	\$3,299.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection Faith Direct	\$1,450.00

FAITH DIRECT

I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donations of your choosing.

Already using Faith Direct? Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC117**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
Fr. George Schommer, O.P.

POOR BOX

Donations to the parish Poor Box can be made by using the envelope in your packet, Faith Direct, dropping it off at the parish office, or by giving it to one of the priests. Your generosity enables the parish to assist the poor with grocery cards, rent assistance, utility assistance, etc. Please note that money put into the receptacle at the votive candle racks does not go to the Poor Box.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Please remember St. Dominic Church in your will and estate planning. Your thoughtfulness will enable the parish to continue its presence, ministry, and outreach in Southwest Washington.