

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Sunday, June 28, 2020*



*In Appreciation  
for Your Priestly Service*

*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## THIS WEEK:



**Sunday, June 28**

*CHAT & SAY GOODBYE TO FR. HYACINTH*

- 3:30pm — Outside of Priory (weather permitting)



**Sunday, June 28**

*POWWOW WITH THE PASTOR*

- 7pm — Zoom Meeting (link to meeting on website)



**Tuesday, June 30**

*CENACLE GOING AWAY PARTY FOR FR. HYACINTH*

All are welcome.

- 7pm—8:30pm — Priory Front Lawn



**THURSDAY, JULY 2**

*YOUNG ADULTS GOING AWAY PARTY FOR FR. HYACINTH*

- 7pm—8:30pm — Priory Front Lawn

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

## CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17;  
Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;  
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
24 June 2020



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Dominic Church,

There's no easy way to say this, but I have important news to reveal. To cut to the chase, I am being reassigned. I know this will come as a complete shock, and I'm so sorry that I have to tell you this news in this way. What happened is that there was need for a new pastor at St. Gertrude's, our Dominican church in Cincinnati. Fr. George Schommer, our previous pastor, was chosen for that position. This in turn opened up the need for someone to replace him as pastor at St. Patrick's in Philadelphia, where he has been for two years. Our provincial and provincial council chose me for that position. This created a need for a new pastor at St. Dominic's to replace me and that replacement will be Fr. Jordan Turano, O.P., effective July 8.

It's with great sadness that I tell you all this. I was certainly not seeking a new assignment, and I have loved being and serving at St. Dominic's. It will be really tough for me to leave, since I have grown quite attached to all of you, to the church, to the community of friars, and to Washington, DC. I have been here five years, three as parochial vicar, and two as pastor, and I have loved all my time here. It is also the place where I began being a pastor of a church. Such a grace-filled experience it was and is.

So, when am I leaving? This will also come as a shock, but very soon. It is all happening so quickly and is overwhelming. This will be tough for me and you. I will need to move to St. Patrick's in Philadelphia on Friday, July 3. And so, that means that this Sunday (June 28) will be my last as pastor in the parish. It pains me to say this, since it is so soon, and there's hardly any warning or time to say goodbye. It's also in the midst of our present Covid-19 situation and our city's gradual reopening. Nonetheless, I will make as much time as I can to connect with you all before I leave. There will be 4 opportunities:

- This Sunday, June 28, I will sit outside our priory in a chair between 3:30 and 5pm. Anyone may come in that window of time to chat and say goodbye.
- I'll have my last "Powwow with the Pastor" this Sunday online via a Zoom meeting. Details will be given in the News for Parishioners email, as well as on the homepage of our website.
- I'll have a farewell for St. Dominic Cenacle on Tuesday evening, June 30, from 7 – 8:30pm on the lawn in front of the priory. We'll meet in person, but it will be outside with spaced-out chairs for precautions. Everyone is welcome.
- I'll do the same for St. Dominic's Young Adults on Thursday, July 2. Again 7 – 8:30pm.

Also note that many if not all of our RCIA candidates will receive their sacraments this Sunday, June 28 at the 10:30am Mass. *(Continued on back page.)*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR (CONTINUED)

Fortunately I will only be two and a half hours away, and I will be coming back for weddings and other special occasions. You are all certainly welcome to visit me here at St. Patrick's in Philadelphia. You can easily reach me by email ([hyacinth.cordell@opeast.org](mailto:hyacinth.cordell@opeast.org)) or my cell (401-286-5534), and here will be my new address should you wish to write me an old-fashioned letter:

St. Patrick's Church  
242 20th St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

I will miss you all tremendously. I will also continue to pray for you. Please welcome your new pastor with open arms when he is announced. Please also pray for me. I will need it! There's a lot of work to be done in Philadelphia. I made a vow of obedience, and I go in obedience. While leaving St. Dominic's will be really difficult for me, I am committed to being the best shepherd I can be, with God's grace, for the people of St. Patrick's Parish in Philadelphia. May the Lord sustain us all and help us to ever advance to him, wherever we may be or go.

I entrust you all to the tremendous love of God our Father, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to the healing grace and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, to the maternal solicitude to the Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, and to the prayers of St. Dominic and all the Dominican saints. God bless and keep you all. Thanks for all your support through these years. Thanks for teaching me many things. Thanks for the time and the many grace-filled opportunities to work together. Thanks for your understanding, and for your commitment to the future of the parish. Prayer and blessings!

-in Jesus, Mary, and Dominic,

*Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.*

Fr. Hyacinth

NOTE: Fr. Jordan officially joins us as Pastor on Wednesday, July 8th but will begin his duties on Saturday, August 1st.

*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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