



St. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

September 10, 2017 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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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: Carrie Yauch

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:

Patricia D'Antonio, Robert Davis, Timothy Fouts,
Olivia Hnat; Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David
Stewart, Doris Stukes, Andrew Vasile, Carrie
Yauch

Parish Finance Council Members:

Bill Fagan, Jackie Griffin, John Michetti,
MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

Prior: Father Carleton Jones, O.P.

Reverend Father: George Christian, O.P., Thomas
Davenport, O.P., Barnabas Davis, 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 Nicolicchia, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski,
O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P., Raymond Vandegrift, O.P.

Reverend Brother: Aquinas Beale, O.P., Leo Camu-
rati, 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

In the second reading for the Mass today, St. Paul quotes the Old Testament teaching, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Doing so is the fulfillment of the law. Such is the life of being disciples of the Lord Jesus, living in the grace of the Holy Spirit and manifesting the Kingdom of God in our world. The world has witnessed the practical expression of love in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Thousands of people have extended helping hands and resources to the people affected by the storm. Here in our own parish, the collection last weekend for the victims of Hurricane Harvey netted just over \$2,000 – a very generous contribution and reflection of love and compassion for the needy. Thank you to all who supported this collection. You may still give through Faith Direct; or by indicating "Hurricane Harvey" on the memo line of your check. And, with Hurricane Irma bearing down on South Florida, we may be asked to help once again as natural devastation wreaks havoc in the lives of so many people.

Another expression of love is found in the concern we have for someone's salvation. The prophet Ezekiel and Jesus today remind us of the responsibility we have to "warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way" (Ez 33:9). Pope Francis can help us understand how this is done: "Fraternal correction is a mark of the love and communion which must reign in the Christian community; it is, rather, a mutual service that we can and must render to one another. To reprove a brother is a service, and it is possible and effective only if each one recognizes oneself to be a sinner and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. The same awareness that enables me to recognize the fault of another, even before that, reminds me that I have likewise made mistakes and I am often wrong."

The love of God has been poured into our hearts – first as mercy and then as generosity. May the Holy Spirit guide, inspire and empower our expression of love in meeting the material and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters – close to home and parish; and far away.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL WUERL ON DACA

"I fully support and echo the statement made by my brother bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. I find it very regrettable and harmful that the Trump Administration made the decision to end the DACA program in its current form. I join those who urge that Congress moves swiftly on a permanent solution that ensures these young people can remain in the only homeland they have ever known."

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Do you know someone who is interested, or might be open, to becoming Catholic? Or, do you know someone who hasn't received Confirmation or First Communion? R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for these persons. RCIA is a grace-filled journey which begins with a period of initial inquiry followed by a guided initiation into the fullness of our Christian and Catholic Faith. **Classes begin Monday evening, September 11, from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in our parish meeting room.** Please encourage anyone who may be interested to contact Fr. Hyacinth at vicar@stdominicchurch.org

ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

A weekly group of discipleship for adults, in our parish.

Tuesday, September 12

6:45 p.m.—Adoration with Confession:
7:25 p.m. Discussion on Parish Ministries Presentations

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, September 14

- 7 p.m.—Adoration with Confession (Church)
- 7:40 p.m.—Discussion on Piety

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY NEXT WEEKEND

As recommended by the Archdiocese of Washington, our parish "commissions" the service of all staff and volunteers with a formal "commissioning ceremony" each year. This year, the commissioning ceremony (ies) are scheduled at each of the weekend Masses (16-17 September); and will also take place the 8:00 Mass on Monday 18 September and the 12:10 Mass on Friday 22 September.

Those to be commissioned are all lay liturgical ministers, Parish Council members and Finance Council members. Although you are strongly encouraged to attend and participate you are not required to do so. You are commissioned by virtue of the priest's intention even if you do not attend. The commissioning ceremony is simply a method for our parish to acknowledge and demonstrate appreciation for the service of our parish volunteers and staff members. Please make every effort to attend.

PARISH LAY MINISTRY: CALLING ALL SINGERS!

During the summer, as is common across cultures and nations, many take well-deserved time-off from work and other activities. We are grateful for all our parish

volunteers (Ushers, Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Music Ministers) who volunteer year-round — and those who "filled the vacancies" of those who were/are away. We pray all have safe travels, and return renewed as summer comes to its end.

We actively seek new members of the parish to volunteer and to serve as Lay Ministers of the Mass. Perhaps now is a great time for you to volunteer. Please contact the Parish Liturgical Ministries Coordinator (JC Cantrell) for more information regarding training and serving as a Lay Minister of the Mass.

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

Blessings to all who serve St Dominic Parish as a staff member, a Lay Minister of the Mass (Acolyte, EMHC (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion), Lector, Music Minister, Usher) or who volunteer in other areas/programs of parish life.

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NEW HYMNAL FOR THE PARISH

In collaboration with the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and the Director of Music, we have decided to acquire the *St. Michael Hymnal* for our parish. The *St. Michael Hymnal* will give our worshipping community a high-quality, durable resource to unite our voices in praise and worship of our God. Please consider making a one-time donation for one or more hymnals so that the parishioners and guests of our parish may grow closer to the Lord through music. Remember, St. Augustine once said that "he who sings, prays twice."

For each \$20 donation, which purchases one hymnal, we would be happy to memorialize the hymnal by means of a memorial plate (a printed "label" inside the hymnal.) A large poster with samples of the memorial plate is located at the center-aisle entrance of the church. There, you will find envelopes for your donation. Please put the donation envelope in the regular collection basket; or deliver it to the parish office. **Thank you for your support of this project!**

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES

So Others Might Eat: Our next SOME meal will be Saturday, September 30th. Baking pans and recipes are in the main vestibule. For more information, please contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

Annual Coats for Kids Giveaway: It's still hot outside, but it is time to think about our annual *Coats for Kids* giveaway. \$20 buys a new warm coat for a child in need. Please make your check out to St. Dominic Church and write "Coats for Kids" in the subject line. **You may also donate through faithdirect.net.**

We will also accept donations of scarves, hats and mittens. If you are knitting or crocheting scarves at home, they should be at least 36" by 6". Please contact social@stdominicchurch.org if you have any questions.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center: Thank you for your donation of practical items for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center.

The next collection will be the weekend October 4/5.

PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Picnic: Join us for food and fun at the parish picnic, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Sunday, September 24th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome.

The Hospitality Committee is now turning our attention to Heritage Day, which is October 15th. This year we will celebrate the 98th anniversary of the consecration of the church. For more information, please contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

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...

Please email: social@stdominicchurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 24** - Parish Picnic
- **October 15** – Heritage Day Celebration

CHURCH HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE

We are 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 Cecilia Daly. social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

History: - Architect Daniel C. Keely designed the church to face west, so the beginning of each new day can be celebrated by capturing the rising sun through the majestic St. Cecilia rose window over the main doors.

—Courtesy of Mary Moran.

THE GARDEN ANGELS

No Experience Needed! We do lawn and garden maintenance, grounds clean-up, and anything that comes up. We have all the necessary tools and gloves. We work the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Drop-ins welcome! **We need HELP to keep St. Dominic's beautiful.** Please contact Elysia Branson at 202-583-2522, or email ebowserbuddy@aol.com for further information or contact Ed Von Hagel at the Parish Office 202-55-7863.

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS

Don't forget to link your grocery reward cards to St. Peter School so SPS can earn money each time you grocery shop! You can link your Harris Teeter reward card on the Harris Teeter website – our school ID is 4753 (<https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education#/app/cms>). You also can link your Giant card on the Giant website -- our school ID is 40368 (<http://giantfood.com/aplus/register-card/>).

2017 PARISH CALENDAR –SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 10	All Masses	Second Collection Catholic University of America	Church
	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Lay Dominican Fraternity Monthly Mtg.	Priory Chapel/Parish Mtg. Rm
Monday 11	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday 12	6:45 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour followed by Mtg.	Church & Parish Meeting Rm
Wednesday 13	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus O'Boyle Council	Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 14	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Holy Hour	Church
	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Young Adult Holy 1/2 Hour, / Meeting	Church & Parish Meeting Rm
Friday 15			
Saturday 16	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	St. Francis Alliance Mini-Retreat	Parish Meeting Room
Sunday 17	All Masses	Second Collection Capital Repair / Maint.	Church

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Sep 10	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	BVM Birthday Novena 3/9
10:30 AM	Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Mon, Sep 11	
8:00 AM	BVM Birthday Novena 4/9
12:10 PM	Mary Walsh (D)
Tue, Sep 12	
8:00 AM	BVM Birthday Novena 5/9
12:10 PM	Mary Walsh (D)
Wed, Sep 13	
8:00 AM	BVM Birthday Novena 6/9
12:10 PM	Mary Rita Harkin
Thu, Sep 14	
8:00 AM	BVM Birthday Novena 7/9
12:10 PM	Rev. R. Francis Martin (D)
Fri, Sep 15	
8:00 AM	BVM Birthday Novena 8/9
12:10 PM	Poor Souls
Sat, Sep 16	
9:00 AM	BVM Birthday Novena 9/9
5:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Sisters

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

The Mass Intention Calendar for 2018 is now available. 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, Daniel Collins, Barbara Dever, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marian Halwick, Mary Hogan, June Jaeger, Marilyn Jarvis, Jim Jenkins, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Pat Lyles, Barbara Mahoney, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Rose Montas, Tomas Ramirez, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Bruce Sanowar, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK

*For the Intentions of:
Those effected by Hurricane Harvey*

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle can be made in the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	9/3/2017	\$4,516.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	9/3/2017	\$757.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 2017		
Offertory Collection		\$17,640.00
Offertory-Faith Direct		\$9,657.33
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection		\$2,777.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection—Faith Direct		\$1,346.50

FAITH DIRECT

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

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.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Annual Parish Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2017 is now available for parishioner review. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the parish office. The report can be provided in printed or digital media. Thank you to all contributors who helped us to finish the year in the black!

