



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**December 17, 2017 — The Third Sunday of Advent**

**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 Vasile, 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 Restruck, 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 often hear it said that Advent is a season of hope and today's readings give us a clear indication as to why. Our hope is in God who takes the initiative to come and save us. In his love and mercy, God sends the prophets Isaiah and John the Baptist; God clothes Isaiah with a robe of salvation and wraps him in a mantle of justice; God makes justice and praise spring up before all the nations. God does all these acts because he sees us in our need and helplessness.

Advent hope rests in God who acts for our benefit. We are ensnared with sin and weaknesses; we are weighed down with worry and anxiety; and God comes to our assistance before we ever turn to him. Because of his action and the benefits we receive, we are filled with joy.

The challenge is to accept the action of God in our lives and to receive its benefits. Perhaps, too often, we have a different plan in mind and we would rather tell God what he should do for us; such a stance only leads to frustration. God's ways are not our ways; his thoughts are not our thoughts. What God has in mind for us is far greater than our petty or selfish concerns. He looks at our lives from the perspective of eternity and wants us to spend that eternity with him. He knows exactly how to act in our lives for the greatest benefit and our sanctification. May his Advent grace enable us to welcome his initiative and accept the new life he offers.

The installation of the Shrine of St. Martin de Porres is on schedule to be completed before Christmas. This shrine comes to the parish through the efforts of the Dominican Friars in the priory who wanted to establish a memorial to Fr. Norman Haddad, O.P., a previous pastor of this parish. (All funds for this shrine have come through the efforts of the Friars; no parish funds have been used.) St. Martin de Porres is a Dominican saint from Lima, Peru. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman, Don Juan de Porres, and Ana Velázquez, a freed slave from Panama, of African or possibly part Native American descent. He was a man of profound prayer and had a deep love for the Holy Eucharist. He was known for his care of the sick and poor. Many miracles are attributed to his intercession. St. Martin de Porres, Pray for us.

We are embarking on a project to enhance the beauty of the Stations of the Cross in the church. Years ago, the stations were "whitewashed" and blend too much with the wall on which they hang. A trial enhancement will be made at the eighth station. Once the enhancements are agreed upon, the rest of the stations will be completed. Monies for this project come from the Restoration Projects Fund to which so many have been generous.

## PASTOR'S CORNER....CONTINUED

Let us pray for Advent graces for one another,  
Fr. Schommer, O.P.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Religious give thanks.** A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious, men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

## ANNUAL FRIAR FORMATION APPEAL

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to the Annual Friar Formation Appeal. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. If you did not receive a gift card recently in the mail, please pick up a gift envelope at the rear of the church. Thank you!

## FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

Happy Gaudete (or Rejoice) Sunday! Parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington continue to celebrate Advent through our Find the Perfect Gift initiative. This Advent we are challenged to share the Perfect Gift of Jesus with someone in our life who may be searching for meaning or friendship. As we encounter others, we offer a glimpse of the love and joy of Jesus through our words and actions! Invite your family and friends to our parish Advent and Christmas community celebrations, so that together we may grow closer to the source of all joy: Jesus Christ. Visit [FindthePerfectGift.org](http://FindthePerfectGift.org) to find Christmas resources and Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

#### **Sunday, December 24:**

- 5 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass
- 9 p.m. ~ Mass During the Night, (Midnight Mass)

#### **Monday, December 25:**

- 10:30 a.m. ~ Solemn Mass During the Day

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

*(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)*

#### **Monday, January 1:**

- 10:30 a.m. ~ Solemn Mass

## CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATION

In a newsletter issued earlier this year, the U.S. Catholic bishops addressed questions regarding whether Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations can be fulfilled with a "two-for-one" Mass attendance at Christmas this year. In a "relatively rare" situation which last occurred in 2006, Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday. Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass. The U.S. Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship has said the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

## METRO CAROLING

**"The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear!"** You are invited to join the Saint Dominic's Young Adults in spreading Christmas cheer on Wednesday December 20 as we go Christmas caroling at the Waterfront Metro Station.

At 6:30pm will we meet in the Parish meeting room for those who want to walk to the Metro station together. To be at the Waterfront at 7:00pm We look forward to singing and sharing the joy of Christmas with all of you!

## DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to help with Christmas decorating next Saturday, December 23. We will be putting up the crèche, wreaths, pine roping, trees and flowers.

All help is welcomed regardless of the amount of time you have to share. You may help in the morning, afternoon, or both. We will begin at 9:30 a.m., right after the morning Mass. We will take a lunch break around noon (and we will provide either subs or pizza in the meeting room) and then continue decorating after lunch.

## DOMINICAN FRIARS MUSIC ALBUM

The student brothers of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph have produced a new album of folk music, *The Hillbilly Thomists*. Following upon four previous albums of sacred music, including last year's Christmas album, *Christ Was Born to Save*, this new album features friars sharing their Gospel joy through Americana music. Your support of this album will aid the formation of the many Dominican student brothers here in Washington. CDs can be purchased for \$15 after Masses this weekend on Sat. at 5pm and Sunday at 8:00am, and 10:30am. They can also be purchased through the brothers' daily blog at <http://www.dominicanajournal.org/music/>. Thank you for your generosity.

## PARISH OFFICE—HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed from December 23 through January 1. The office will reopen on January 2.

## ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

*A weekly group of discipleship for adults.*

**Tuesday, December 19**

- 6:45 p.m. — Adoration & Confessions
- 7:25 p.m. — **Discussion on: The "O" Antiphons**

Visit our website: [www.stdominiccenacle.org](http://www.stdominiccenacle.org)

Email us: [cenacle@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:cenacle@stdominicchurch.org)

## ST. DOMINIC'S YOUNG ADULTS

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

**Thursday, December 21**

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confession (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — **Discussion on: The Nativity**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES

**S.O.M.E.** ~ Baking pans and sign-up sheets are in the main vestibule for the SOME meal on December 30<sup>th</sup>. If you will be out of town, you may place your donation in the parish freezer. Please remember those who are in need over the Christmas season.

Thank you for your generous response to the Christmas Giving Tree. The gifts were distributed at the DC Police Christmas Party on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The turnout was a little low because of the weather, but everyone had a good time and each child went home with a toy. The remaining toys will be given to children in shelters in the area.

**Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center** ~ Our next collection of practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) will be on

the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6/7. Thank you for your support for families who have chosen life.

**Coats for Kids** ~ The parish is again participating in the Knights of Columbus annual Coats for Kids giveaway. \$20 buys a new warm coat for a child in need here in the Southwest. 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](http://faithdirect.net).

**Knitting and Crocheting Scarves** ~ As part of the Coats for Kids program, 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".

## RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR 2017-2018

*Sundays 6:30 p.m.*  
Parish Meeting Room

- **December 17: Risen**—Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton, Cliff Curtis (2016) 107 minutes & **The Mystery of the Resurrection: Making Risen**, 11 minutes

*Movie night will return January 7, 2018*

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE

We will next clean the church on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please help get our church ready for Christmas.

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](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) or call 202-554-7863.

## PARISH CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2017

DECEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
<b>Sunday 17</b>	All Masses 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>Second Collection—Capital Repairs &amp; Maint.</b> Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room
<b>Monday 18</b>	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Christmas Rehearsal – Music Ministry RCIA	Church Parish Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	6:45 p.m. – 8:20 p.m. 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour followed by Meeting Christmas Rehearsal—Music Ministry	Church & Parish Mtg. Rm. Church
<b>Wednesday 20</b>	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal Knights of Columbus – Hickey Assembly	Church Parish Meeting Room
<b>Thursday 21</b>	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Holy Hour Young Adult Holy 1/2 Hour, followed by Mtg. Christmas Rehearsal—Music Ministry	Church Church & Parish Mtg. Rm. Church
<b>Friday 22</b>			
<b>Saturday 23</b>	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Decorating for Christmas	Church
<b>Sunday 24</b>		<b>See Christmas Mass Schedule in Bulletin</b>	

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, Dec 17 The Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors  
 10:30 AM Christmas Novena 1/9  
 5:00 PM People of the Parish

### Mon, Dec 18

8:00 AM Brian McNiff (D)  
 12:10 PM Christmas Novena 2/9

### Tue, Dec 19

8:00 AM Christmas Novena 3/9  
 12:10 PM Anthony Albert Stracke (D)

### Wed, Dec 20

8:00 AM Christmas Novena 4/9  
 12:10 PM

### Thu, Dec 21

8:00 AM Christmas Novena 5/9  
 12:10 PM

### Fri, Dec 22

8:00 AM Nikolay Petrov, II (D)  
 12:10 PM Christmas Novena 6/9

### Sat, Dec 23

9:00 AM Christmas Novena 7/9  
 5:00 PM

## 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, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannon, Mary Hogan, Karla Humbles, June Jaeger, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Pat Lyles, Barbara Mahoney, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Mary McMorro, Rose Montas, Tomas Ramirez, Frank Ruiz, 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



*For the victims of terrorism, living  
and deceased.*

## SANCTUARY LAMP

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week can be made in the parish office. The suggested offering is \$15.

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	12/10/2017	\$4,969.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	12/10/2017	\$255.00

## FAITH DIRECT

During the present Season of Advent, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Dominic Church are received even while you are traveling for the holidays.

Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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, Faith Direct, in your packet 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.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you know of individuals who cannot get out and would like a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on Christmas Day, please contact the Basilica of the National Shrine by close of business on Friday, December 22, 2017.

**Please TYPE your list and give us names, addresses with apartment numbers, city, state, ZIP CODE and the telephone numbers.** You can fax requests for meals to be delivered to 202-526-8313, Attention: For a Christmas Dinner please email your requests to [eak@bnsic.org](mailto:eak@bnsic.org). Volunteers are always needed to fill many different positions. Those interested in signing up should visit [www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner](http://www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner).