



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 – Twenty-Sixth 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.

**ST. PETER SCHOOL:** *"Founded in 1786, 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.

### WEEKEND

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

### HOLYDAYS

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, 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.  
**Deacon:** Rev. Bro. Edmund McCullough, O.P

### PARISH STAFF:

**Business / Facilities Manager:** Ed Von Hagel  
**Administrative Assistant:** Denise Marshall  
**Sunday Receptionist:** Marlene Mattison  
**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.  
**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:** Patrick Briscoe, O.P., John Burke, O.P., Albert Caprio, O.P., George Christian, O.P., Barnabas Davis, O.P., Clement Dickie, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., Norman Haddad, O.P., Fred Hinnebusch, O.P., Jordan Kelly, O.P., Joseph-Anthony Kress, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Louis Bertrand Lemoine, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., James Muller, O.P., Athanasius Murphy, O.P., Andrew Nicolichia, O.P., Gregory Pine, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipp, O.P., John Sica, O.P., Raymund Snyder, O.P., Donald Thibault, O.P., Raymond Vandegrift, O.P., Michael Weibley, O.P., Bruce Williams, O.P.  
**Reverend Brother:** Bonaventure Chapman, O.P., Thomas Davenport, O.P., Luke Hoyt, O.P., Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, O.P., Edmund McCullough, O.P., Alan Piper, O.P.

## PASTOR'S CORNER



This weekend is the conclusion of our homily series on our baptismal identity in Christ as Priest, Prophet and King. Over the last 3 weeks, Fr. Hyacinth and I have preached about this identity and provided handouts during the homily to assist all parishioners in their understanding. (Copies of the handouts are available on the parish website.) The 3-columned chart helps the parish to identify all of its current activities and functions as a participation in the 3-fold mission of Christ. We have also invited all parishioners to take time for prayer and reflection in order to determine how the Lord is calling him/her to embrace more intentionally one's baptismal identity.

Today, after each of the Masses, we will have a "listening session" to receive input and feedback on the homily series; and to understand how parishioners are hearing the invitation of the Lord to follow him. We want to learn from parishioners how the parish can better reflect our baptismal identity; and how the parish can better support the baptismal identity of its members.

Also, today, there is a handout that invites greater participation in the activities and functions of the parish. Everyone is asked to consider how he/she can volunteer in a new way to increase the vitality of the parish and the effectiveness of its mission. Together we can witness to the presence and power of Christ in our community. Together we can experience the abundance of gifts that the Lord has bestowed upon us.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

## Walk with Francis 2.0

This weekend marks the one year anniversary of the apostolic visit of Pope Francis to the Archdiocese of Washington. In collaboration with Catholic Charities of DC, all people are invited to renew their pledge to *Walk with Francis* through prayer, service and/or advocacy. Pledge cards and wrist bands are available in the main vestibule of the church. You may complete the card immediately and place it in the basket provided; or, you can make your pledge online at [www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/wwf2](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/wwf2).

## Annual Friars Formation Appeal

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father Schommer this week asking for a contribution to the Annual Friars Formation Appeal. Please consider a sacrificial gift according to your means and current circumstances.

## PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING SERIES

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? Join Fr. Schommer and others as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based Study Program: *Priest, Prophet, King*.

The series continues on the following Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.

**September 25:** "The Word Made Flesh" Understanding the thoughts and desires of God for our lives.

**October 2:** "Ordering the Kingdom" Serving God and others according to the Divine Will.

**October 9:** "King of Kings" Living in the power and love of God through our individual vocations and within our circles of daily activity.

## Becoming Catholic, RCIA

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 begins with a period of initial inquiry followed by a guided initiation into the fullness of our Christian and Catholic Faith. **Classes began Monday evening, September 12, from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in our parish meeting room. RCIA is a grace-filled journey.** Please encourage anyone who may be interested to contact Fr. Hyacinth at [vicar@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:vicar@stdominicchurch.org)

## THE WORD AMONG US

In the book/pamphlet rack in the main vestibule of the church, you will find complimentary copies of the Catholic devotional entitled *The Word Among Us*.

This publication is provided to members of the parish to encourage daily prayer and reflection on Sacred Scripture—particularly a reading designated for the Mass of the day. Copies of this publication will be made available through December. Try it out and see if you would like to obtain your own subscription.

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

All Lay Ministers of the Mass can check their schedule via the MSP App. If your personal commitments change and you need a substitute, please use the MSP "app" or on-line tool to notify other volunteers of the vacancy.

## NEEDED: PARISHIONERS TO SERVE OUR PARISH AS LAY MINISTERS OF THE MASS

**We are actively recruiting volunteers to serve as Ushers, Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Music Ministers. Volunteers are needed at all masses.**

- Lectors (those who proclaim the word) are needed to serve at every mass (usually two lectors per mass). Lectors are scheduled on an individual basis with consideration given to every volunteer's personal schedules. (Lay Leader of Lectors is Carrie Yauch)
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are needed to serve at every mass (at most masses three EMHC are scheduled) (Lay Leader of EMHC is Alice Serar)
- Acolytes are needed to serve at every mass (at least one acolyte is needed to assist the Presider at each mass. When sufficient volunteers are available, three or more acolytes are scheduled to assist) (Lay Leader of Acolytes is Alice Serar).
- Ushers are needed at all masses. Ushers assist with the gathering of the collection and presentation of the gifts.

In a few weeks, new volunteers will be scheduled to receive specific training to the various ministries. Individual training may also be available for those who would like to start serving sooner. Please contact JC Cantrell to register as a new volunteer so that we can confirm dates. Those without email may contact JC via the parish office. JC will then have the specific Lay Leader contact each new volunteer. JC's e-mail: [music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org)

## JUBILEE REFLECTION— TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Let us remember the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' (Mt 7:12). This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development." (Pope Francis in Washington, D.C., during his Apostolic Visit)

*Continue your Walk With Francis and celebrate God's mercy with us this year at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

## Upcoming Event

**October 9th** – Celebration of the 97th anniversary of the Consecration of the church at the 10:30 Mass. A reception will follow in the Parish Meeting Room.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Capitol Hill Pregnancy:** Our next collection of practical items, diapers, wipes and formula, for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center will be October 1/2.

**So Others May Eat:** Our next SOME meal will be Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We need people to make meatloaves and macaroni and cheese for the meal. Baking pans and recipes will be available in the main vestibule next week-end.

**St. Martin de Porres Society Group:** The St. Martin de Porres Society meets on the last Saturday of the month to serve the community. Our projects include serving the noon meal at SOME, distributing Coats for Kids, knitting scarves and baby blankets, delivering groceries, giving out Christmas toys, and volunteering at the homeless shelter. **If interested, email: [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).**

## PARISH COMMUNITY

Thanks to everyone who made the parish picnic a success. We especially want to thank the Knights of Columbus for donating the brats, hamburgers, and hotdogs. We also want to thank the members of the Hospitality Committee for preparing salads and desserts.

If you enjoyed picnic and want other opportunities to get together with other parishioners, please join the Hospitality Committee. We need people to help plan new events and help set up and clean up. **Email: [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org)** for more information.

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE

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

The next monthly cleaning will be Saturday, October 8th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please help prepare the church for our Heritage Day event. New volunteers are always welcome.

**History:** *On Sunday, October 7, 2012, Bishop Barry C. Knestout, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, consecrated a new altar of sacrifice. The beautiful wood-paneled altar depicts St. Dominic and a number of Dominican saints.*

## ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS

If you are interested in a top-notch, Catholic education right here on Capitol Hill, mark your calendar to attend one of St. Peter School's Fall Open House dates: Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10:30 am or Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 to 10:30 am.

As it nears its 150th anniversary, St. Peter School is thriving. The School offers Pre-K through 8th grade, with a student body averaging 220 students and one class per grade. Characterized by a rigorous academic curriculum and a focus on service to others, St. Peter School students develop into well-rounded young people with solid leadership skills. A 2013 National Blue Ribbon School, St. Peter School is a caring community of students, parents, faculty, and staff. We'd love to show you what makes our school so special!

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR 2016

SEPTEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 25			
Monday 26	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Conference Room
Tuesday 27			
Wednesday 28			
Thursday 29	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Holy Hour Young Adult Holy Half Hour Young Adult Meeting	Church Church Parish Meeting Room
Friday 30			
OCTOBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Saturday 1	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sunday 2	All Masses 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Baby Items Collection Confessions Priest, Prophet & King Series	Church Church Parish Meeting Room

## ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS .....CONTINUED

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**Questions?** Please reach out to Mrs. Deirdre Schmutz: [dschmutz@stpeterschooldc.org](mailto:dschmutz@stpeterschooldc.org) or 202-544-1618.

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Sept. 25</b>	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Shrine
10:30 a.m.	Alice Oliver (D)
5:00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish
<b>Mon. Sept. 26</b>	<b>Ss. Cosmas &amp; Damian, martyrs</b>
8:00 a.m.	Nikola Mireff (D)
12:10 p.m.	John Fox (D)
<b>Tues. Sept. 27</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</b>
8:00 a.m.	Stephen Hadford
12:10 p.m.	Dorothy Kormos
<b>Wed. Sept. 28</b>	<b>St. Wenceslaus, martyr, St. Lawrence Ruiz &amp; Comps, martyr</b>
8:00 a.m.	Mara Gicheva & Mireva & Nikola Mireff (D)
12:10 p.m.	Rev. Monsignor Martin
<b>Thur. Sept. 29</b>	<b>SS Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, archangels</b>
8:00 a.m.	John Joseph Hadford
12:10 p.m.	Danny Kormos
<b>Fri. Sept. 30</b>	<b>St. Jerome, priest &amp; doctor</b>
8:00 a.m.	Marie Pierre Turpin (D)
12:10 p.m.	Fr. George Schommer, O.P. (L)
<b>Sat. Oct. 1</b>	<b>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin doctor</b>
9:00 a.m.	Alice & Ernest Oliver (D)
5:00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish

## 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.

The Mass Intention Calendar for 2017 is available now.

## SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK



*In Memory of: Richard O'Brien  
By: Deirdre O'Brien*

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

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jane Boorman, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Daniel Collins, Joe Davis, Jason DeLorenzo, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Mary Hogan, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, Merced Velena Mirandilla, Mary Moran, Mary Jane Morrow, Bill Orr, Diane Jaeger Pittman, Olivia Reynolds, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Barbara Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Cathryn Tsu, Mary Davis Williams, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	9/18/2016	\$4,117.00
Capital Repair & Maintenance Collection	9/18/2016	\$2,292.00

## FAITH DIRECT

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

## ST JUDE SHRINE UPDATE

Renovation work continues on the Shrine of St. Jude. Painting, electrical work and the installation of rails remains to be done. We hope to finish by mid-October.