



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

NOVEMBER 20, 2016 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.



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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., 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 Shipps, O.P., John Sica, O.P., Raymund Snyder, 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

Today's Feast of Christ the King engages our faith to believe that Christ is not a king of dominance or subjugation. Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "The feast of Christ the King is therefore not a feast of those who are subjugated, but a feast of those who know that they are in the hands of the one who writes straight on crooked lines." The feast reminds us that Jesus Christ has dominance over the power of sin and death. Through his death and resurrection, he liberates us in his grace from the dominance and subjugation of Satan. Through his death and resurrection, Christ reveals to us his power and authority. Whatever the sins of our past life, Christ redeems us and makes of us a new creation.

Accepting Jesus Christ as King of the Universe engages our minds and hearts into a divine way of thinking and a divine way of acting. Through Christ, we enter into "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace" (Preface of Christ the King). Jesus makes it clear in the Gospel reading for today that his kingdom is not of this world; earthly rulers have nothing to fear and we have nothing to fear. Why? because Christ "loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood." When we choose to accept and honor the authority of Christ over our lives, he will look after us, guide us, and give us rest.

In the ongoing work of capital repairs and maintenance in our parish church, we will be installing new railings and hand rails on the left and right side of the sanctuary. Currently, there are no hand rails at the steps leading from the lower floor to the upper sanctuary. The new hand rails will correct this safety hazard. The old railings on the upper level will be replaced to be integrated with the hand rails for the steps. At the same time, the marble steps will be stabilized and the marble floor underneath the rails will be polished. Thank you to all those who are contributing to the Capital Repair and Maintenance collection that makes this improvement possible.

Next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year. At the 10:30 Mass, a brief ceremony will formally welcome our RCIA candidates as they continue their formation as disciples of the Lord Jesus. They began their inquiry into the Catholic faith back in early September and will continue to be formed in Catholic faith through Easter. Please keep these candidates in your prayers so that they will receive all the graces they need in their lives.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Let us pray for one another.

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

SPECIAL ORGAN POSTLUDE

Today, **after the 10:30 a.m.** Sunday Mass, there will a special extended postlude in honor of Christ the King and St. Cecilia (Patroness of Music) whose feast day is November 22, played by Michael White, our Parish Organist.

“**Improvisation No. 7**” from Opus 150, a set of seven improvisations, was composed by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835 – 1921) a French composer, organist, conductor and pianist of the Romantic era. A few of his best-known works include: "Danse macabre", the opera "Samson and Delilah", "The Carnival of the Animals", and his famous "Third Symphony" for Organ and Orchestra, most commonly know as "The Organ Symphony". This piece has a bit of everything for the organist and listener. It starts with "TUTTI" (almost) full organ, many wandering notes, different harmonies, a small pedal solo, and much more, all culminating with one long chord utilizing almost all of the resources (sounds) of the organ.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During November, we remember the souls of the faithful departed and pray for them. The Paschal Candle will be placed in the church near the shrine of St. Joseph and burn throughout the month. A book will be available in front of the candle so that the names of the deceased can be written on the page and thereby remembered in the Masses and prayers of the parish.

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.

WORSHIP

We are blessed by the presence of many visitors and guests each week. Out of solemn respect for the Mass, we follow the custom of remaining at our places within the church until the conclusion of the Song for Sending Forth (recessional).

Sung Mass Responses: Our community's sung and spoken response during the ritual prayers of the liturgy is a core element of communal prayer.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS—BLESSING OF FOOD

We will celebrate a special Mass for Thanksgiving Day on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Please consider taking the opportunity to give thanks to God for the countless blessings in your life and to pray for God's blessing upon our country. Traditionally people have brought bread, pies, baked goods, etc., for a special blessing at the end of the Mass. The blessed food is taken home to share the blessing with family and friends.

Please note that there will not be a Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thanksgiving Day.

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 webpage of MSP App. If your personal commitments change and you need a substitute, please use the MSP "app" or webpage to request a substitute (the request automatically notifies available volunteers .

The schedule for Advent and the Christmas holiday liturgies is now active. Please volunteer to fill vacancies if you are available. MSP will send update notifications to all Lay Ministers of the Mass regarding the December (Advent) and Christmas schedule each week.

YEAR OF MERCY – The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



This Sunday marks the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a year spent celebrating the wondrous mercy of God and the many ways we share his mercy with those around us. At the beginning of this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis wrote: "Mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. ... This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other." Though this Jubilee year is ending, the need for mercy in our world is not. Carry these words and the graces of this past year forward through the Christian witness of your life. Be merciful to each other.

Continue to celebrate God's mercy with us at mercy.adw.org and catholiccharitiesdc.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE



Knights of Columbus: Donating \$20 to the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program buys a new, warm coat for a child in need. Last

year, coats bought with our parish donation were distributed to children in the Southwest, the Joseph P. Kennedy Center, Amidon Elementary School, and Catholic churches around the city. To donate, please make your check out to St. Dominic Church and write "Coats for Kids" in the subject line. You can also donate through Faithdirect.net.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy: Our next monthly collection of practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center will be the weekend of December 3/4. Thank you for your commitment to life.

Angel Tree: Make Christmas brighter for a child by donating a toy to the DC Police Department Christmas party. Ornaments will be available next weekend. Take an ornament, buy a present (\$20-\$25) and bring it to the church by December 10th.



St. Catherine of Siena Knitting Circle Group: The St. Catherine of Siena Knitting Circle is making scarves for the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program. Scarves should be at least 6" by 36". We are also making baby blankets (36" x 36") for the DC Christ Child Society.

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.**

PARISH COMMUNITY

The Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper raised \$920 for the church's poor box. The money will be used to help people in the area who need cash for necessities, such as rent or medication. If you are interested in more opportunities to socialize with other parishioners, please join the Hospitality Committee. For more information, contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

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 or call 202-554-7863.

Thanks to everyone who helped clean the church Saturday morning. We will next clean on Saturday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m.

History: — *The top left scene on the 2nd double window on the south side of the church depicts a young St. Dominic studying in Palencia, a center of higher learning in Castile. St. Dominic devoted himself to the study of theology and philosophy. His preaching and debating skills and his concepts of Christian living were undoubtedly formed during the 10 years he spent in Palencia. - Courtesy of Mary Moran.*

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR!

Now through April 2, 2017

Sundays: 6:30 p.m.

St. Dominic Parish Meeting Room (downstairs)

Nov. 27, Exodus: Gods and Kings: Conclusion

Dec. 4, Judith of Bethulia, Blanche Sweet, Henry B. Walthall, Mae Marsh, Lillian & Dorothy Gish; Director—D.W. Griffith (1914) 61 minutes (Silent Classic).



2016 WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

NOVEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 20	All Masses 6:30 p.m.	Second Collection Capital Repair & Maintenance Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room
Monday 21	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Conference Room
Tuesday 22	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday 23	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for 5:00 Sunday Ensemble	Church
Thursday 24	Office Closed	Happy Thanksgiving Day! 10:30 a.m. Mass Only	Church
Friday 25	Office Closed		
Saturday 26	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sunday 27	6:30 p.m.	Religious Movie Seminar	Parish Meeting Room

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS



*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving
And his courts with praise;*

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

*For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His
faithfulness continues through all generations."*

Psalms 100:4-5

The St. Peter School community is thankful for its students, families, parish, teachers and staff. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with those you love most.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	11/13/2016	\$4,145
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	11/13/2016	\$547

FAITH DIRECT

With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct today 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 this fall. 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

The 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.

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 20	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00 a.m.	Shrine
10:30 a.m.	Poor Souls Remembrance 20/30
5:00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish
Mon. Nov. 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m.	Poor Souls Remembrance 20/30
12:10 p.m.	Poor Souls
Tues. Nov. 22	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 a.m.	Poor Souls Remembrance 20/30
12:10 p.m.	Salvation of Souls
Wed. Nov. 23	Pope and Martyr, St. Columban, St. Clement I, an, Abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr
8:00 a.m.	Poor Souls Remembrance 20/30
12:10 p.m.	Deceased Scimeca Family
Thur. Nov. 24	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companion, Martyrs.
10:30 a.m.	Poor Souls Remembrance 20/30
Fri. Nov. 25	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
8:00 a.m.	Poor Souls Remembrance 20/30
12:10 p.m.	Deceased Torrelli Families
Sat. Nov. 26	
9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls Remembrance 20/30
5:00 p.m.	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 the Deceased Members of the
Jaeger & Muschalik Families*

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, Mary Moran, Bill Orr, Diane Jaeger Pittman, Olivia Reynolds, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Barbara Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Cathryn Tsu, Mary Davis Williams, Francis White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.