



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

NOVEMBER 27, 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 we begin the holy season of Advent and the new liturgical year. The blessing of the Advent wreath directs our attention to Christ, the light of the world, who penetrates the darkness we experience because of our sins. The readings for the Mass today and the season of Advent prepare us for the celebration of Our Lord's *first coming* (his *Nativity* or "birth" and *Epiphany* or "manifestation") at Christmas; and they deepen our anticipation of his *second coming* (his *Parousia*—literally, "his glorious presence") on the Last Day. In the mind of the Church, the *two comings* are deeply related.

Our lives are lived in the middle period of these two comings and this time is filled with the opportunity to receive an abundance of grace. Taking a cue from a prayer of the Mass, the Lord comes to us each day in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. The word proclaimed in the liturgy and used within our personal time of prayer is the living word of God that has the power to cause an effect in our lives. The Letter to the Hebrews confirms this for us, stating: "the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart" (4:12). The sacraments that we receive give us the grace we need to live our lives each day according to the will of God. The Catechism teaches us that "the seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith" (CCC 1210).

Through the Sacred Scriptures and the Holy Sacraments, Christ comes to us with his presence and the power of his grace. Preparing our hearts and minds for his coming to us disposes us to experience all that his grace can accomplish in us. The more we are recollected and prepared to welcome the Lord, the more we will discover the sublime effect of his gifts. Such is the nature of our Advent preparations and the blessings for which we can hope. "Come, Lord Jesus!"

This week we begin a project to renovate the two confessionals at the back of the church. The current confessionals are in bad repair, are poorly lighted and ventilated, not soundproof, not handicapped accessible, and without design for face-to-face confession. The newly designed confessionals will address these items with the intention that all who come to encounter the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation will feel safe and welcome; and have a deep experience of the Lord's mercy and love.

PASTOR'S CORNER CONTINUED

The first stage of the project is the complete demolition and removal of the current confessionals – including the suspended ceiling underneath the organ loft – and the preparation of walls and ceiling for the installation of the new confessionals. During this stage, the glass entrance doors between the vestibule and the church will be closed for safety reasons. Access to/from the vestibule and the rest room will be through the door on the north side of the church underneath the bell tower. It may be necessary to block off seating in some of the rear pews as well. This stage of the project will be completed before Christmas.

The second stage of the project is the installation of the new confessionals – currently scheduled for the last week of January, but subject to change. The exterior of the confessionals will have the design features found in the sanctuary so that there will be a coherence in architectural form. Installation of the confessionals could take up to one week.

During the period for demolition and installation, a temporary confessional will be set up using the bridal room at the southeast corner of the church. Signs will be posted for direction. Every effort will be made to minimize the impact of this project on the daily life of the parish.

The project was presented to and approved by the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council. Funding for the project comes from the Capital Repair and Maintenance collection that is received on the third Sunday of every month. Thank you to all who generously support this collection.

Blessed Advent to all. Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

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.

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.

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).

Please silence your cell phone: As an overt act of courtesy (and respect for the prayer of all), please remember to silence/ turn off your cell phone when you arrive in the church.

During Advent the Liturgical color for vestments and the altar is Purple for the Sundays of Advent (except for the third Sunday of Advent, rose is an allowed alternate color). During the Season of Advent, we will be singing the Latin Chant Mass setting at all Weekend and Holy Day Liturgies. In accordance with the liturgical rubrics, the Gloria is not sung during Advent.

- Latin Chant Mass setting (#841-845) in the Breaking Bread Book

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids: Your donation of 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.

Christmas Angel Tree: There are still ornaments on the tree in the back of the church. The parish has partnered with the DC Police Department to give toys to children who are staying in shelters in the DC area. The DC Police party will be December 10th. Simply take an ornament from the tree in the back of the church, buy a present (\$20-\$25), and bring the unwrapped gift to the church by December 4th.

St. Catherine of Siena Knitting Circle Group: If you are a member of the St. Catherine of Siena Knitting Circle, please drop off your scarves for the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program to the parish office. 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.**

Spaghetti Dinner: 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.

We will next clean on Saturday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m. Please help us get ready for the Christmas celebration.

History: — The window above the door on the north side of the church depicts the Shield of St. Joseph's Province. The center of the shield is blue, in honor of Our Lady. The carpenter's square in the center honors St. Joseph. The Blessed Virgin is patroness of the Dominican Order. St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Northeastern Province, the first Dominican Order in North America. - Courtesy of Mary Moran.

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR!

Sundays: 6:30 p.m. through April 2, 2017
St. Dominic Parish Meeting Room (downstairs)

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

Dec. 11, Close to Jesus: Joseph of Nazareth (Gli amici di Gesù - The Friends of Jesus) - Tobias Moretti, Stefania Rivi, Massimo Reale (2000) 90 minutes

2016 WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

NOVEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 27	6:30 p.m.	Religious Movie Seminar	Parish Meeting Room
Monday 28	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Conference Room
Tuesday 29	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday 30	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Thursday Dec. 1			
Friday Dec. 2			
Saturday Dec. 3	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	How was India? Meeting with Fr. Hyacinth	Parish Meeting Room
Sunday Dec. 4	All Masses 6:30 p.m.	Baby Item Collection Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	11/20/2016	Not Available
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	11/20/2016	Not Available at printing time

FAITH DIRECT

With the busy times of Advent and Christmas 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

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.

HELP ALL DC CHILDREN

Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) strengthens the city's education sector for public, public charter, and private school education. The program now needs reauthorization from the government. Please sign your name onto the *Help All DC Children* petition at: www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/help-all-dc-children.

Thank you.

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 27 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	1st Sunday of Advent Shrine Poor Souls Remembrance 27/30 Shrine
Mon. Nov. 28 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Advent Weekday Poor Souls Remembrance 28/30 Special Intentions
Tues. Nov. 29 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Advent Weekday Poor Souls Remembrance 29/30 Poor Souls
Wed. Nov. 30 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	St Andrew, Apostle (F) Poor Souls Remembrance 30/30 Salvation of Souls
Thur. Dec. 1 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Advent Weekday Alice & Ernest Oliver (D) Beatrix Szele-Szcechenyi
Fri. Dec. 2 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Advent Weekday Sister Mary Regina Sister Mary of the Word Incarnate
Sat. Dec. 3 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	St Francis Xavier, Priest (M) Deceased Scimieca Family Nikolay Petrov II (D)

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
Andrew Troanovitch*

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 De-Jesus Sanchez, Barbara Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Cathryn Tsu, Mary Davis Williams, Francis White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.