

# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**DECEMBER 4, 2016 — Second 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.

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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.

### 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, 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., Athanasius Murphy, O.P., Andrew Nicolichchia, O.P., Gregory Pine, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipp, 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



The holidays are a time when we receive many invitations to dinners or parties. Such moments are opportunities for people to experience the joy of celebrating the wonderful gift of God's love—Jesus—who was born for us and for our salvation. At these moments we share food, drink and fellowship, which are opportunities for us to experience the goodness of being human.

This year, parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington are participating in an effort of extending a more personal invitation to people who are not now participating in the life of the Church. This effort depends upon all parishioners; and it's not that difficult. Invitation cards are now available in the vestibule of the church, which can be addressed and mailed by you to family members, friends and neighbors. A word from you and your signature goes a long way to offering an opportunity for someone to encounter Jesus. An invitation is an important gesture of our prophetic identity to welcome someone into a life of love, joy and hope—a life that we experience because we know, love and follow Jesus.

Pope Francis reminds us that "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord." With an invitation from you, someone you know could receive the Perfect Gift.

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

## Holy Day of Obligation

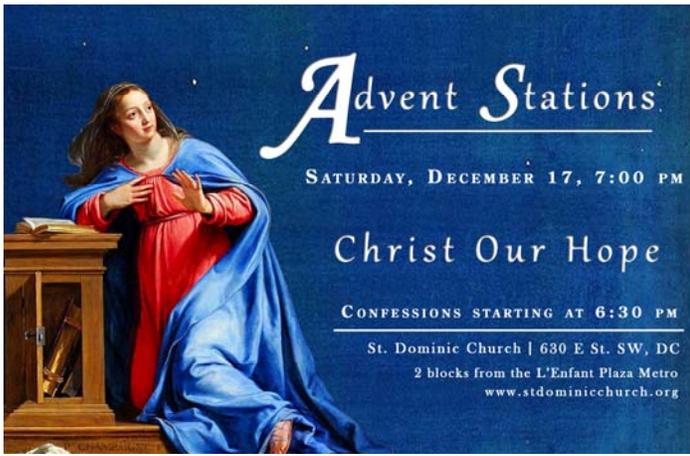
### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 7  
Holy Day Masses: 8:00 a.m.; 12:10 and 5:00 p.m.  
Holy Day Chant Mass: 7:00 p.m.

## VISIT OF DOMINICAN PROVINCIAL

Next Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass, we welcome Very Reverend Kenneth Letoile, O.P.—Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. Father will celebrate the parish Mass as part of his official visitation of the Dominican Friars living in the Priory. During the course of his visit, he will meet with each Friar individually and participate in the life of the community. At the end of his visit, he speaks to the Dominican community to offer observations and recommendations regarding the manner and quality of religious life that is observed in the Priory. Father will also meet with members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and employees of the parish. Please welcome Fr. Ken if you see him and remember him and the Dominican Friars in your prayers.



### About Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

### FIND THE PERFECT GIFT. ORG

Christmas celebrates the Perfect Gift of God's love in Jesus, and Advent is the time when we prepare our hearts to welcome this gift. This week, make time out of the busyness of the season to slow down and reflect on the miracle of God becoming man. After some quiet reflection, share your joy and inspiration with someone you love or on social media to spread the Perfect Gift of Jesus this Christmas season. Visit [FindthePerfectGift.org](http://FindthePerfectGift.org) to find Christmas resources and Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington.

**FindThePerfectGift invitations are located in the main Vestibule.**

### 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. This month is the Advent issue; and it will be the last month the books will be available. Try it out and see if you would like to obtain your own subscription.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

### 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).

*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 or 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.

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

**Parish Christmas Choir will sing Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning.** All members of the community are invited to take an active role in the Christmas celebrations by joining the Christmas Choir.

Rehearsals are scheduled:

- Wednesday, Dec 14 at 7:00 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR....CONTINUED

- Thursday, Dec 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to sing with the Christmas Choir, please contact JC Cantrell.

(E-mail: [music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org))

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Christmas Angel Tree:** Please leave your toys in front of the pulpit. The toys will be given out during the DC police Christmas party on December 10<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available in future bulletins. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids:** It is not too late to donate by making out a check to St. Dominic Church and writing "Coats for Kids" in the subject line. Just \$20 buys a new, warm coat for a child in need.

**Capitol Hill Pregnancy:** You may leave your donation of practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center in front of the pulpit. Thank you for your commitment to life.

**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](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).**

## PARISH COMMUNITY

If you are interested in more opportunities to socialize with other parishioners, please join the Hospitality Committee. For more information, please email Cecilia Daly at [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto: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 Cecilia Daly at [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) or call 202-554-7863.

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

**History:** — *The St. Cecilia rose window, which can be seen over the choir loft, is a replacement. The original rose window was destroyed by the fire of March 12, 1885. The donor of the original window, D. Cullinane, had the resources to replace the magnificent 20 foot window. November 22nd is the feast day of St. Cecilia, who is the patroness of musicians. - 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 – DECEMBER

| DECEMBER           | TIME  | EVENTS  | LOCATION                                |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Sunday 4</b>    | All Masses<br>6:30 p.m.   | Baby Items Collection<br>Religious Movie Seminar                      | Church<br>Parish Meeting Room           |
| <b>Monday 5</b>    | 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.   | RCIA  | Conference Room                         |
| <b>Tuesday 6</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>Wednesday 7</b> | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.   | Rehearsal for 5:00 Sunday Ensemble                                    | Church                                  |
| <b>Thursday 8</b>  | 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Holy Hour<br>Young Adult Holy Half Hour<br>Young Adult Meeting        | Church<br>Church<br>Parish Meeting Room |
| <b>Friday 9</b>    |   |   |   |
| <b>Saturday 10</b> | 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.   | Confessions   | Church                                  |
| <b>Sunday 11</b>   | All Masses<br>6:30 p.m.   | Second Collection - Retired Religious Fund<br>Religious Movie Seminar | Church<br>Parish Meeting Room           |

### STEWARDSHIP

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|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Offertory Collection               | 11/27/2016 | \$5,751.00 |
| Capital Repair & Maint. Collection | 11/27/2016 | \$322.00   |

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

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| Offertory Collection                           | \$20,304.00 |
| Offertory-Faith Direct                         | \$9,142.33  |
| Capital Repair & Maint. Collection             | \$3,902.00  |
| Capital Repair & Maint Collection—Faith Direct | \$1,123.50  |

### 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](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 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](http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/help-all-dc-children).

Thank you.

### THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Sun. Dec. 4</b>  | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>                              |
| 8:00 a.m.           | People of the Parish  |
| 10:30 a.m.          | Christina Hadford (L)                                       |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Shrine  |
| <b>Mon. Dec. 5</b>  | <b>Advent Weekday</b>                                       |
| 8:00 a.m.           | Deceased Torrelli Family                                    |
| 12:10 p.m.          | Special Intentions  |
| <b>Tues. Dec. 6</b> | <i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i>                               |
| 8:00 a.m.           | Poor Souls  |
| 12:10 p.m.          | Salvation of Souls  |
| <b>Wed. Dec. 7</b>  | Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church              |
| 8:00 a.m.           | Deceased Scimeca Family                                     |
| 12:10 p.m.          | Deceased Torrelli Family                                    |
| 5:00 p.m.           |   |
| <b>Thur. Dec. 8</b> | <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> |
| 8:00 a.m.           | People of the Parish  |
| 12:10 p.m.          | Ciela & Antonio (D)   |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Szele-Hadford Family  |
| <b>Fri. Dec. 9</b>  | <i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzium</i>                     |
| 8:00 a.m.           | Larissa Diaz (L)  |
| 12:10 p.m.          | Bridget & Thomas Lenarcen (D)                               |
| <b>Sat. Dec. 10</b> | <b>Advent Weekday</b>                                       |
| 9:00 a.m.           | Joseph Lenarcen (D)   |
| 5:00 p.m.           | Deceased Dominican Sisters of Our Lady                      |

### 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 Intentions of: Alexander (Alex) Lascaris*  
By: Karla Humbles

**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.