



St. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

DECEMBER 18, 2016 — Fourth 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 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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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 Nicolicchia, 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



As we approach the great observance of Christmas, the Gospel reading for the Mass today directs our attention to the role of St. Joseph in God's plan of salvation. We see that St. Joseph is not an idle bystander in the welcome given to the Son of God. St.

Joseph, like Mary his bride, must enter into the mystery of the Incarnation that will directly impact his life. He is given the unique vocation of being the husband of Mary and asked to assume the role of human fatherhood for the child to be born. We can only imagine the wonderment of St. Joseph as he, like Mary, ponders what all of these events in their young married life might mean.

As a man of faith in the promises of God, St. Joseph is obedient and "did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." This obedience firmly establishes a human family for the child to be born. St. Joseph welcomes Mary into his home, and doing so, he welcomes also the Divine Child within her womb. For this new family, faith and trust in God become active in every dimension of their lives.

Each of us, through faith, is invited to welcome the Lord Jesus into our lives. We have heard the promises of God and we have received the testimony of the Evangelists and Apostles that God has indeed come to dwell among us to save us from sin and eternal death. We may wonder, at times, what this act of faith might mean and what will be the impact in our lives as we welcome Christ as Lord and Savior. We may even hesitate and question if we are doing the right thing. But, God is calling each of us to participate in his ongoing work of salvation in our own souls and in the lives of other people. He is inviting us to embark upon a life of faith and trust in God's will for our lives. Certainly, the welcoming of Christ into our lives is a reception of a great gift from God to us. In gratitude for this gift, we give to God the obedience of our lives and share in the joy of his presence within our hearts. We will never be the same.

The celebration of Christmas is a time when many families are reunited, if only for a short time. There are expressions of love, joy, and hospitality that enhance the bond shared by blood or marriage. St. Dominic Church is the family parish for many people and we welcome all those who come home for Christmas. Please reach out to your family members and friends and invite them to participate in one of our Christmas Masses. Bring them with you; offer to pick them up. The gift you give them may well be the occasion to encounter the living Lord.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24 ~ *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): Christmas Eve*

5:00 p.m. — *Vigil Mass of Christmas*
(Carols Begin at 4:30 p.m.)

9:00 p.m. — *Mass During the Night*
(Carols Begin at 8:45 p.m.)

Sunday, December 25 ~ *The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day, a Holy Day of Obligation*

10:30 a.m. Only— *Mass During the Day*
(Carols Begin at 10:15 a.m.)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT. ORG

Is there someone in your life has been away from Church for a while or may not have a place or loving community in which to celebrate Christmas? Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment to reconnect to the Catholic faith and many people are waiting for a personal invitation from someone like you! Visit FindthePerfectGift.org to find Christmas resources and Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington.

CHRISTMAS CD

The student brothers of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph have released a new album in time for Christmas purchases. *Christ Was Born to Save*.

It's excellent! CDs can be purchased for \$15 from Br. Edmund after all Masses on December 17th and 18th or at <http://www.dominicanjournal.org/music/>.

OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 23 THROUGH JAN 2

The parish/priory office will be closed for regular business December 23rd through January 2nd. Normal hours will begin again on January 3rd. Appointments can be scheduled for that period as long as arrangements are made for someone to meet you at the door.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to help with Christmas decorating on Friday, 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 9:00 a.m. We will take a break for lunch at 11:45 (we will provide either subs or pizza in the meeting room) and continue after Mass at about 12:45 p.m.

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

LAY MINISTERS OF THE MASS CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

There remain openings in the Christmas and New Year's Weekend Liturgies for Lay Ministers of the Mass. If you are available, please volunteer using the MSP smart-phone app or website. Please contact JC Cantrell if you have questions. (email: music@stdominicchurch.org)

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:

- 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)

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

So Others Might Eat: Our next SOME meal is Saturday, December 31st. Sign-up sheets and baking pans are in the main vestibule. If you are going to be travelling, you can leave your donation in the parish freezer.

Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids: To date, the parish has raised more than \$2,000 for the Knights to buy new coats, but it is not too late if you still want to support the program. Make your check out to St. Dominic Church and write "Coats for Kids" in the subject line. Just \$20 buys a new, warm coat for a child in need.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy: The next collection of practical items, including diapers, wipes, and formula, will be the weekend of February 4/5.

Our social justice ministry will offer more opportunities for spiritual growth in the new year. More information will be available in the bulletin soon. If you are interested, please contact 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.



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 or call 202-554-7863.

We'll next clean the church on Saturday, January 14th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are always appreciated.

History: The 5th double window on the north side of the church features St. Raymond of Peñafort (1175-1275), whose feast day is celebrated on January 7th. The window illustrates a scene when, according to Dominican tradition, he once rebuked the king of Aragon for his immoral behavior. He was unable to leave the island of Majorca to return to Spain because the king forbade sailors to give him passage. St. Raymond placed his cappa, the black mantle of the Dominican habit, on the water, stepped on it, and floated to the mainland.

— Courtesy of Mary Moran.

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR!

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



Dec. 18, Mary, Mother of Jesus—Christian Bale, Geraldine Chaplin, John Shrapnel, Edward Hardwicke (1999) 91 minutes

Jan. 8, Saint Barbara: Convert and Martyr of the Early Church—Vanessa Hessler, Thomas Trabacchi, Massimo Wertmüller (2012) 100 minutes

2016 WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR – DECEMBER

DECEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 18	All Masses 6:30 p.m.	Second Collection Capital Repair & Maintenance Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room
Monday 19	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Conference Room
Tuesday 20	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday 21	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for 5:00 Sunday Ensemble Knights of Columbus -Hickey Assembly	Church Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 22	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 23			
Saturday 24	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sunday 25	Office Closed	Merry Christmas! --10:30 a.m. Mass Only	Church

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS



On December 15th the St. Peter School Community celebrated our annual Christmas concert at St. Peter's Church! Students in every class came dressed in their holiday finest and sang Christmas carols to accompany a special Christmas play enacted by the 8th graders. The music was beautiful and the church was filled with family and friends who gathered to enjoy this favorite St. Peter School tradition.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	12/11/2016	\$4,421.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	12/11/2016	\$2,883.00
2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL PROGRESS REPORT		
2016 Goal		\$45,326.00
Total Pledged		\$145,655.00
Total Donated		\$142,167.10

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.

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory Shrine
10:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	
Mon. Dec. 19	Week of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Spring Sisters (D)
12:10 p.m.	Rev. Donald P. Worch, O.P.
Tues. Dec. 20	Week of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Margaret Headley (D)
12:10 p.m.	Antonin S. Scalia (D)
Wed. Dec. 21	Week of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Danny Dingman
12:10 p.m.	Kevork Shishmanian (D)
Thur. Dec. 22	Week of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Stanislao Amedeo DeSantis (D)
12:10 p.m.	Msgr. William Reineck (D)
Fri. Dec. 23	Week of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Nikolay Petrov 11 (D)
12:10 p.m.	Mr. Robin Phillips (D)
Sat. Dec. 24	Week of Advent
9:00 a.m.	Felicia A. G. Taligero, Leopoldina Martinez LeAndren (D)
5:00 p.m.	Richard Branson (D)
9:00 p.m.	Shrine

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK



*In Memory of: Richard O' Connor
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, Mary Moran, Bill Orr, Diane Jaeger Pittman, Tomas Ramirez, 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.