



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**MAY 8, 2016 — *The Ascension of the Lord***

**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.

### 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.

**Deacons:** Rev. Bro. Athanasius Murphy, O.P.  
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, Doris Stukes, Andrew Vasile, Carrie Yauch

### Parish Finance Council Members:

Bill Fagan, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Dennis Petersen, Ria Nicole Robinson

### FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

**Prior:** Father Carleton Jones, O.P.

**Reverend Fathers:** John Burke, O.P., George Christian, O.P., Barnabas Davis, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., William Gannon, O.P., Norman Haddad, O.P., Fred Hinnebusch, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., James Muller, O.P., Andrew Nicolichia, O.P., Matthew Rzczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P., Donald Thibault, O.P., Raymond Vandegrift, O.P., Bruce Williams, O.P.

**Reverend Brothers:** Patrick Briscoe, O.P., Clement Dickie, O.P., Joseph-Anthony Kress, O.P., Louis Bertrand Lemoine, O.P., Gregory Pine, O.P., John Sica, O.P., Raymund Snyder, O.P., Dominic Verner, O.P., Michael Weibley, O.P.

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Most, if not all, of us have had the experience of being separated from a friend. Either we have moved away, our friend has moved away, or two friends happen to go in different directions from each other.

Sometimes, there is pain, bewilderment, and confusion at the separation. Yet, deep down in our hearts, there is a love that keeps the friendship alive – that keeps the two united as one.

In a certain way, the Ascension of the Lord is like that experience of separation from a friend. When Jesus ascended into heaven, the apostles may have thought that they had lost contact, lost power, and lost hope. Perhaps this is why they kept looking up into the sky. In a way they were hoping that Jesus would come right back so that everything would be the way that it was before. But it would never be the same. No, it would be better!

Because Jesus ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, he can live in the heart of every person and not just in one place in history. Because he sits at God's right hand, Jesus can be a closer friend to each of us than he could while he walked the earth in a physical body. He is no longer limited to specific times and places; rather he has made all times and places present to himself. Jesus tells each of us today, "know that I am with you always; yes to the end of time." We are never alone.

The Ascension of the Lord is the final act of the Incarnation. An early Church Father once said that "God became man so that man might become God." "Only the one who came from the Father can return to the Father: Christ Jesus" (CCC 661). The mystery of the Ascension teaches us that Jesus returned to the Father with the fullness of his human nature. Jesus lives now, in heaven, in a glorified human body. This truth is the source of our hope and why our life is better because he has gone to the Father. This is what the Catechism teaches us: "Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the 'Father's house,' to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us" (CCC 661). Jesus ascension means that the entire human race has the possibility of sharing in the divine life of God.

The life we live now is a life of faith. We are separated from the Lord physically, but united with him in the Holy Spirit. Faith now reaches to the Son who is equal to the Father. We no longer need his bodily presence. Yes, his human nature continues to exist, but

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we are closer to him by faith. In faith we touch the only begotten Son of God and become as he is in glory.

We are grateful to Cardinal Wuerl who comes to visit the parish today and celebrate the 10:30 Mass for the community. He is the chief pastor of the Archdiocese and has provided strong leadership for the building of the Kingdom of God; and addressing the social challenges that impact our life and expression as Catholics. Under his leadership, our parish continues to use the Indicators of Vitality (which are being used around the Archdiocese) to assess parish life, listen to members of the parish community, and to plan for the future of the parish. His visit today is an expression of his pastoral care for our community and an encouragement to develop our identity as a community of believers in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Today is Mother's Day – and I extend to all mothers a prayer for an abundance of God's blessings upon you as you are honored and remembered today.

Let us pray for one another,  
Fr. Schommer, O.P.

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 responses during the ritual prayers of the liturgy is a core element of communal prayer. At the start of the Mass, the setting and location of the setting will be...

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

(Online: <http://tinyurl.com/StDLayMinSched>)

Sun. May 15 – Pentecost Sunday

	Lectors	Acolyte	EMHC
5:00p.m. (Vigil)	R. Bielawski G. Bielawski	J. Boorman	B. Edmund M. Scheessele C. Daly
8:00a.m.	E. Dever C. Allen	A. Chu	<i>Concelebrant</i>
10:30a.m.	O. Chowbay M. Ortiz	A. Sylvain A. Coulter C. von Schilling	M. Healey T. Ocampo S. Robinson
5:00p.m.	B. Mireva A. Walker	A. Vasile	Br. Edmund D. Stukes E. Maturi

JUBILEE REFLECTION– SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Welcome the Stranger:** In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." And St. Paul echoes this in Hebrews 13: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." To welcome the stranger is a powerful yet challenging work of mercy. It requires us to move beyond how someone is different from us, beyond the many factors that may divide us, to acknowledge first and foremost their human dignity. The homeless, refugees, immigrants, the poor, anyone different or "strange" – in mercy, we let go of these divisions, remembering that above all else we are all children of God. *Learn more about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

LIGHT THE CITY MAY 21ST: CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF MERCY BY BRINGING THE LIGHT OF PEACE AND PRAYER TO THE CITY!

Light The City is back! Celebrate the Year of Mercy by bringing the light of peace and prayer to DC. Join us on Saturday night, May 21st, at St. Matthew Cathedral for this evening of prayer and street evangelization. Following a prayer service with Cardinal Wuerl, teams of volunteers will head out on the streets and invite passers-by to come into the church to light a candle, pause peacefully in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, and talk with a priest. Help us pray for peace and mercy! Volunteer training is at 7:00 PM. Street Evangelization and prayer will be from 8:00-11:00 PM. Volunteers needed! Visit [www.adw.org/light/](http://www.adw.org/light/) for more information and to sign up.

THE WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS OF THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2016  
(Online: <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/StDominicChurch>)

**Attention All Lay Ministers of the Mass (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), Lectors and Acolytes)** – If you provided us an email address, you should have already received your schedule for the months of May. If you did not receive your schedule, please contact JC Cantrell (email: [music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org)).

This is our first schedule with the new system. We believe we captured all your inputs – there are vacancies at several Masses – please volunteer using the on-line tool. If your personal commitments change and you need a substitute, the same on-line tool will facilitate your request.

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. May 8</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>
8:00 a.m.	Shrine
10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena 1/9
5:00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish
<b>Mon. May 9</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena 2/9
12:10 p.m.	Marie McGranaghan (L)
<b>Tues. May 10</b>	<b>St. Damien de Veuster, Priest</b>
8:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena 3/9
12:10 p.m.	Robin Phillips (L)
<b>Wed. May 11</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena 4/9
12:10 p.m.	Dr. Sarah Burke Louis (L)
<b>Thurs. May 12</b>	<b>Sts. Nereus and Achilleus Martyrs, St. Pancras, Martyr</b>
8:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena 5/9
12:10 p.m.	Hildegard Kirchhof and Maureen Grodek (D)
<b>Fri. May 13</b>	<b>Our Lady Fatima</b>
8:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena 6/9
12:10 p.m.	Patrick Kormos
<b>Sat. May 14</b>	<b>St. Matthias, Apostle</b>
9:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena 7/9
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.

## SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK



*In Memory of: Ms. Evelyn Stukes  
By: Doris Stukes*

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

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Deacon John Briscoe, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Daniel Collins, Jason DeLorenzo, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, George Farris, Erica Pittman Harrison, Mary Hogan, Karla Humbles, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, Merced Velena Mirandilla, MaryJane Morrow, Bill Orr, Diane Jaeger Pittman, Olivia Reynolds, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Sheilah Scott, Cynthia Wilder, Mary Davis Williams, and the sick of the Parish and Priory.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

**St. Catherine of Siena Knitting Circle Group:** We will meet in the parish meeting room at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. Everyone is welcome; we will help anyone who wants to learn. We are making scarves to distribute as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids giveaway in this Fall. If you prefer to work on your own, the scarves should be at least 6" by 36." Alternatively, you may want to knit or crochet a baby blanket (36" by 36") for the DC Christ Child Society.

**Capitol Hill Pregnancy:** Thank you to everyone who donated practical items for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Your gifts will be used to help relieve the financial strain on families who have chosen life. Our next collection of diapers, wipes, and formula, will be June 4/5.

**So Others May Eat:** Thank you to everyone who prepared macaroni and cheese and meatloaves for SOME (So Others Might Eat). Our next SOME meal will be July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 you are interested, please contact [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).

## PARISH COMMUNITY & UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join the Hospitality Committee if you want more opportunities to socialize with other parishioners. We need people to help plan new events and occasionally provide refreshments. We always need volunteers to help set up and clean up.

Email [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) for more information.

### Upcoming Events:

**MAY 8** - Reception following the 10:30 a.m.

Mass celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl

**MAY 22** - Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception

**August 7** - Celebration of the feast of our patron,  
St. Dominic.

**OCTOBER 9** - Celebration of the 97th anniversary of the  
Consecration of the church.

## CHURCH HISTORY & MAINTENANCE

**The Garden Angels:** We work the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. We start at 9:00 am and work until 12:00 p.m. The more volunteers that show up the more tasks we can accomplish. For more details please contact Elysia Branson at 202-285-8099 or email [ebrowserbuddy@aol.com](mailto:ebrowserbuddy@aol.com).

## CHURCH HISTORY & MAINTENANCE .....CONTINUED

**Church Cleaning:** We are looking for people to help coordinate our monthly cleaning. Ideally, we would have several volunteers who could commit to coordinating at least 3 times a year. Please consider helping to maintain our beautiful, historic church. If you are interested, please email Cecilia at [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) or call the parish office at 202-554-7863.

Our next monthly cleaning will be Saturday, May 14, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

**History:** *The 6th double window on the south side of the church depicts the establishment of the Third Order (the Dominican Laity). Dominic did not personally establish the Third Order, but he indirectly influenced its founding by his spiritual counseling of many laypeople moved by his preaching. - Courtesy of Mary Moran*

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	5/1/2016	\$5,779.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	5/1/2016	\$1,295.00

## FAITH DIRECT

Are you starting to plan your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: DC117. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances through the busy (but beautiful) summer months.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

God Bless You,  
Fr. Schommer, O.P.

## ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS

**St Peter Golf Classic** –The Third Annual St. Peter School Golf Classic will be held at the Country Club of Woodmore (consistently rated as a Golf Digest Top 10 Course in MD) on May 23, 2016; registration starts at 9:30 am, shotgun start at 10:30am. Entry fees include golf, a tournament favor, grilled lunch and awards reception with food, bar and prizes.

Sign up for golf or family/company sponsorships at St. Peter School website: [www.stpeterschooldc.org](http://www.stpeterschooldc.org) under the Support SPS tab; or by contacting Deirdre Schmutz at [dschmutz@stpeterschooldc.org](mailto:dschmutz@stpeterschooldc.org) or 202-544-1618.

## ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS



### Happy Mother's Day!

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother".

— St. Therese of Lisieux



## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR 2016

<b>Sunday 8</b>	9:15 a.m. -10:15a.m. 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Scripture Prayer Ascension Sunday Mass w/Cardinal Wuerl Reception	Parish Meeting Room Church Parish Meeting Room
<b>Monday 9</b>			
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults	Conference Room
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Rehearsal for 5:00 Sunday Ensemble Knights of Columbus O'Boyle Council	Church Parish Meeting Room
<b>Thursday 12</b>	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
<b>Friday 13</b>			
<b>Saturday 14</b>	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Church Cleaning Confessions	Church Church
<b>Sunday 15</b>	<b>All Masses</b> 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Capital Repair & Maint. Second Collection Confessions St. Catherine of Siena Knitting Circle	Church Parish Meeting Room