



# St. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**MAY 29, 2016 — *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ***

**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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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. Edmund McCullough, O.P.

Rev. Bro. Joachim Kenney, O.P. (summer)

### 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, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

### FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

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

**Reverend Fathers:** Patrick Briscoe, O.P., John Burke, O.P., George Christian, O.P., Barnabas Davis, O.P., Clement Dickie, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., William Gannon, O.P., Norman Haddad, O.P., Fred Hinnebusch, 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., Andrew Nicolicchia, O.P., Gregory Pine, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P., John Sica, O.P., Raymund Snyder, O.P., Donald Thibault, O.P., Raymond Vandegrift, O.P., Michael Weibley, O.P., Bruce Williams, O.P.

### PASTOR'S CORNER



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (in Latin, *Corpus Christi*). In this celebration we recall the primary sacrament which Jesus himself entrusted to his Church and commanded that it be celebrated in memory of his saving passion and death on the Cross. We learn from the Catechism that "the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch'" (CCC 1324). Every time the Mass is celebrated the real presence and saving work of Christ comes to us and is received by us in Holy Communion. He is the nourishment of our souls and fills us with his grace so that we can grow in virtue and holiness.

For our ongoing sanctification and the enhancement of our personal relationship with Jesus, "the Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession" (CCC 1378).

As a parish, we have a weekly time of Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday afternoon from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. During this Holy Hour we have the opportunity to dwell in the Eucharistic Presence of the Lord in silent prayer. He is present and waits for us to come to him. All parishioners – in fact, everyone – is invited to come and spend this time with the Lord. His Presence and our worship of him will bring renewal to lives and to our parish. His blessings are available in abundance. We have only to come and receive them.

After weeks of rain and cool temperatures, it seems that warm summer days are quickly approaching. Air conditioning will keep the church comfortable for prayer and worship. Repairs have been made to the a/c system to keep it running through the summer. However, I have been advised by engineers that continual repairs will be needed because of the age of the system. Their recommendation is that it would be more economical over time to replace the system, which is about 50 years old. This recommendation was brought to the parish finance council for review and consideration. The finance council has unanimously agreed that the parish should move forward toward the replacement of the a/c system. The cost will be approximately \$95,000.

## PASTOR'S CORNER .....CONTINUED

The finance council also inquired about other capital needs in the parish. To this question I proposed the replacement of the 2 current confessionals. The current confessionals are small and dark, lacking in sound-proofing features, lacking in ventilation, and inaccessible to the elderly and handicapped who frequently visit the parish. We hear confessions 7 days a week and would like to offer a welcoming and private experience to every penitent who comes to us. The proposed cost of removing the old confessionals and building new larger ones is \$80,000. The finance council has given its unanimous approval for this project.

Additionally, I presented safety concerns regarding steps into the sanctuary that have no handrails. Some people have already fallen; and others have expressed their fears in using the steps. The proposed cost of installing new handrails and top rails is \$25,000. The finance council has given its unanimous approval for this project.

How will the parish pay for all these needs? We will continue with the monthly second collection (third Sunday of the month) for Capital Repair and Maintenance. This regular collection is approved by the Archdiocese and has been granted "exempt" status from the offertory and education assessment to help the parish to meet the costs associated with the projects mentioned above. This approval shows the support of the Archdiocese for our parish and its buildings.

I express my sincere gratitude to the members of the finance council for their financial acumen and their support of their parish. I express my sincere gratitude to all who support the second collection for Capital Repair and Maintenance. Ours is a historic, beautiful and old church. It is good that we make every effort to maintain it properly so that all who come here may encounter the Lord in beauty, comfort, safety and privacy.

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



## FAITH & EARTH

(BE PREPARED TO HAVE YOUR WORLD  
TURNED RIGHT SIDE UP!)

Join us for a 10-film documentary discussion series on faith and the environmental led by Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, OP. Each night we will watch a film about a particular environmental issue. After the film, we will discuss the film and how faith and virtue apply. Connections will also be made between the particular issues highlighted and Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*.

## FAITH & EARTH .....CONTINUED

Vegetarian refreshments will be provided. The series will be on the following Sunday evenings between 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in the St. Dominic Parish Meeting Room.

### Part I: Climate Change

June 12 - Years of Living Dangerously  
June 19 - Years of Living Dangerously/Acid Test  
June 26 - They Killed Sister Dorothy

### Part II: Animal Agriculture/Extinction

July 3 - Cowspiracy  
July 10 - Racing Extinction

### Part III: Water & Soil

July 17 - Last Call at the Oasis  
July 24 - Dirt! The Movie

### Part IV: Waste & Toxins

July 31 - Plastic Planet  
Aug. 7 - Unwasted  
Aug. 14 - Chemerical

## JUBILEE REFLECTION— THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



"Today I wish to speak to you about the close relationship between mercy and mission. Just as we naturally seek to share with others the beautiful moments of our lives, we are called also and especially to share the joy of encountering Jesus Christ. To encounter Jesus is to experience his love, which transforms us and compels us, in turn, to share this love. We are called to be "bearers of Christ"! By being such missionaries, we come to experience more deeply the gift of mercy in our own lives. May we take seriously our call to be Christians, to live as believers, so that the Gospel may touch the hearts of all people and open them to the gift of God's love." (Pope Francis, January 30, 2016). *Find ways to share your encounter with God's mercy at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).*

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND REMEMBRANCE

During this Holy Year of Mercy, we are particularly mindful of God's mercy for all our fallen protectors. In thanksgiving and prayers, we remember the sacrifices of all those men and women who died in service to our nation in times of war, conflict and peace and the sacrifices of their families.

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the "Holy Hour for the intentions of the Ordinandi" on June 2 from 4:45p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. May 29</b>	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
8:00 a.m.	Novena Special Intentions
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Shrine
<b>Mon. May 30</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Novena Special Intentions
<b>Tues. May 31</b>	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m.	Margaret Christie
12:10 p.m.	Ken Schwartz
<b>Wed. June 1</b>	St. Justine, Martyr
8:00 a.m.	Sister Mary of the Nativity
12:10 p.m.	Sister Theresa Marie
<b>Thurs. June 2</b>	<i>Saints Marcellinus and Peter ,Martyrs</i>
8:00 a.m.	Ernest & Alice Oliver (D)
12:10 p.m.	Dennis Monroe
<b>Fri. June 3</b>	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
8:00 a.m.	Louise Kormos
12:10 p.m.	Dot Kormos
<b>Sat. June 4</b>	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m.	Alex Butchkosky
5:00 p.m.	Josephine Filip (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.

## SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK



*In Memory of:  
Sister Rita Miriam Tucker, OP*

**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 De-Lorenzo, 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.

## 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 will receive an email this week with your updated June 2016 schedule of services. If not, email JC Cantrell (email: music@stdominicchurch.org) or leave a message with the parish office. **Reminder:** We maintain the schedule in "real time" (the on-line version is always up-to-date). If your personal commitments change and you need a substitute, please use the on-line tool to notify other volunteers of the vacancy.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

### SUN. JUNE 5—TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Lectors	Acolyte	EMHC
5:00p.m. <i>(Vigil)</i>	M. Farinelli T. Ramstack	A. Artusa	M. Scheessele C. Daly J. Gullickson
8:00a.m.	N. Robinson J. Davis	J. Darlington	<i>Concelebrant A</i> <i>Concelebrant B</i> M. Locke
10:30a.m.	M. J. Morrow M. Jaeger	P. Kronstein A. Wells J. Betance	A. Artusa S. Robinson M. Ortiz
5:00p.m.	M. Moran D. Malata	E. Michetti	E. Maturi M. Moran

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Capitol Hill Pregnancy:** We will collect practical items, diapers, wipes, and formula, for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center next weekend. Please be generous.

**St. Martin de Porres Society Group:** Thank you to Charlotte, Steve, and Tom for volunteering at the homeless shelter last Saturday. 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

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

## PARISH COMMUNITY & UPCOMING EVENTS...CONTINUED

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:

**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 [ebowserbuddy@aol.com](mailto:ebowserbuddy@aol.com).

**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, June 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

**History:** On December 16, 1960, the prior, the Very Reverend John A. Nowlen, O.P., and Auxiliary Bishop Philip M. Hannan broke ground for a new 40-room residence with a chapel for the Dominican priests and brothers. — Courtesy of Mary Moran.

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	5/22/2016	\$3,787.00
Capital Repair & Maintenance Collection	5/22/2016	\$2,115.00

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR 2016

MAY	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 29	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Monday 30	Office Closed	No 12:10 Mass-Federal Holiday	
Tuesday 31			
JUNE	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Wednesday 1	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for 5:00 Sunday Ensemble	Church
Thursday 2	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 3			
Saturday 4	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sunday 5	All Masses 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Baby Items Collection Confessions	Church Church

## 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.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief) to learn how your donations make a difference and help Jesus in disguise.

## ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> St Peter students of all grades participated in International Day. Each grade (PK through 8<sup>th</sup>) chose a country to explore and represent in their classroom. The students had the opportunity to learn more about the food, culture, customs, and dress of their chosen country. In addition, each class had the opportunity to take a "walk around the world" and visit the countries of the other classrooms including countries like Mexico, Egypt, Haiti, and Brazil, among others. Lastly, each class participated in an evening performance that represented their country in the church hall.