



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**March 25, 2018 — Palm Sunday of the Passion 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.

**ST. PETER SCHOOL:** "Founded in 1868, 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.

### WEEKENDS

**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, and 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:** Reverend Brother Norbert Keliher, O.P.

### PARISH STAFF:

**Business / Facilities Manager:** Ed Von Hagel  
**Administrative Assistant:** Denise Marshall  
**Worship Coordinator:** JC Cantrell

### PARISH MINISTRIES:

**Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Alice Serar  
**Lectors:** Kathryn Aldridge  
**Music:** JC Cantrell  
**RCIA:** Father Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.  
**St. Dominic's Cenacle:** 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:

Simon Ciccarillo, Patricia D'Antonio, Robert Davis, Olivia Hnat; Margaret MacLeod, Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David Stewart, Andrew Vasile, Joe Wasiak

### Parish Finance Council Members:

Simon Ciccarillo, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

### FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

**Prior:** Father Jacob Restruck, O.P.

**Reverend Father:** George Christian, O.P., Luke Clark, O.P., Thomas Davenport, O.P., Peter Fegan, O.P., Luke Hoyt, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., Edmund McCullough, O.P., Andrew Nicolichia, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P.

**Reverend Brother:** Aquinas Beale, O.P., Leo Camurati, O.P., Timothy Danaher, O.P., Brad Elliott, O.P., Peter Gautsch, O.P., Humbert Kilanowski, O.P., Mannes Matous, O.P., Isaac Morales, O.P., Henry Stephan, O.P.

**Brother:** Patrick Foley, O.P., Ignatius Perkins, O.P.

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Today, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. The blessing of the palm branches and our jubilant singing of the processional hymn unites us with the mystery of God's love for us. We sing "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest" (Entrance Antiphon). We sing with fervor and celebrate with joy this holy day; we confidently enter into this Holy Week during which we recall the great events of our salvation and redemption. (cont'd)

Why do we have such fervor, joy, and confidence? We believe and experience in our lives that the Death of Jesus has washed away our sins and his Resurrection has purchased our justification. We live on the other side of the Resurrection and now live in the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Most certainly, we confess and acknowledge that it was our sins that he bore; it was our sufferings that he endured. St. John teaches us: "If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 Jn 1:9). Forgiveness and new life in Christ are the gifts we receive through confession of sin and faith in Jesus as the Son of God raised from the dead. The love that is revealed and offered to us through the events celebrated during Holy Week intends to penetrate our hard and sinful hearts. Why? Because love, not coercion or punishment, changes our hearts to love, follow, and obey the One who has first loved us. The grace of salvation gives us the hope that Christ will continually transform us so that we, too, may participate in the victory and freedom of the Resurrection.

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

## FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. (source: USCCB)

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

### Holy Thursday, March 29

7:30 p.m. — **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
followed by prayer before the  
Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m.

10:00 p.m. — **Night Prayer** (Priory Chapel)

### Good Friday, March 30

12:10 p.m. — **Stations of the Cross**

3:00 p.m. — **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

### Holy Saturday, March 31

9:00 a.m. — **Liturgy of the Hours:** (Priory Chapel)

### The Great Vigil of Easter, March 31

7:30 p.m. — **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

### Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection, April 1

10:30 a.m. Mass **ONLY**

(No other Masses on Easter Sunday)

*The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday,  
Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.*

## HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

◆ **Monday – Wednesday:** 11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

◆ **Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.

**Or by appointment at the Parish Office**

*No Confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy  
Saturday or Easter Sunday.*

## THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and other religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 8

*Have mercy on us, and on the whole world!*

- 3:00 p.m. — Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions
- 3:15 p.m. — Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 4:45 p.m. — Benediction
- 5 p.m. — Sunday Mass

*Jesus, I trust in you.*

## REVERENCE FOR BLESSED PALM

During the Palm Sunday liturgies, palms are blessed and distributed to the congregation. Because the palms are blessed, they are now **sacramentals**, which "are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare [us] to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1667). Sacramentals should be treated with respect and never be thrown away. Display in the home of blessed palm is a long-stranding Catholic practice.

## ATTENTION ACOLYTES, LECTORS, USHERS, AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please volunteer to fill vacancies !!! Sign into the MSP website to volunteer.

Holy Week is upon us! We need additional Acolytes at all Masses and Liturgies. Other Lay Ministers are also needed —

- **Palm Sunday – March 24 & 25**  
- All weekend masses
- **Holy Thursday – March 29**  
- 7:30 p.m. Mass
- **Good Friday – March 30**  
- 12:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
- 3:00 p.m. Mass
- **Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 31**  
- 7:30 p.m. Mass

If you have questions, please contact JC Cantrell  
(music@stdominicchurch.org)

## ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

*A weekly group of discipleship for adults.*

**Tuesday, March 27**

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confessions (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — **Discussion: Holy Week Overview**

## ST. DOMINIC'S YOUNG ADULTS

*For all young adults in their 20's and 30's*

**Thursday, March 29**

Holy Thursday, no event this day.

## EASTER DECORATION

**Holy Thursday Decoration:** If you are interested in helping with decorations for Holy Thursday, please contact the parish office for more details.

**Easter Decoration:** We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday, March 31, starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until we're finished. **All volunteers are welcome.**

**PARISH COMMUNITY AND  
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**So Others Might Eat:** The next SOME meal is Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Sign-up sheets and baking pans are in the main vestibule.

Please leave your donation for the food drive in front of the pulpit. Our next food drive will be the weekend of April 28/29. Thank you.

**Capital Hill Pregnancy Center:** The next collection of practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center will be the weekend of May 7/8. We're skipping the Easter weekend and ask that you prepare a dish for SOME and/or donate to the food drive.

**The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** The suggested donation is \$15 per person, \$25 per family. Proceeds will be donated to the poor box.

If you are interested in more opportunities to socialize with fellow parishioners, we need volunteers to help organize social events, such as Heritage Day, the parish picnic, spaghetti suppers, etc... For more information, contact [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).

**Proverbs 24 Community:** In response to the new Planned Parenthood in DC, a pro-life community drawn from five local parishes was formed and called the **Proverbs 24 Community**. This is an active and trained pro-life community, begun last year among our parishes, that encourages people to give witness to life in three different ways: walking, praying, and cooking. For more information, contact [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).

**THE GARDEN ANGELS**

**First Yard-Cleaning of the Year for Easter!  
Saturday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.**

Our regular work schedule will begin on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.—12:00p.m. We do lawn and garden maintenance, grounds clean-up, and anything that comes up on the **1st and 3rd Saturdays** of the month. Drop-ins welcome! **We need HELP to keep St. Dominic's beautiful.** Please email Elysia Branson at [ebrowserbuddy@aol.com](mailto:ebrowserbuddy@aol.com) or contact the Parish Office for further information . **No Experience Needed!**

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE & HISTORY**

The next monthly cleaning is April 14<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

We are also 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](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) or call 202-554-7863.

**History:** *By the time of the Civil War, the Catholic population of Southwest Washington had outgrown the original St. Dominic Church building. On April 10, 1865, the Dominicans met in council and voted to build a new, larger church in southwest Washington, DC. ~ Courtesy of Mary Moran*

**KNEELER REPAIRS**

The next session of kneeler repairs is expected to sometime in the month of April. Keep a lookout in the bulletin and the Web Site for scheduling information.

**PARISH CALENDAR MARCH**

MARCH	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
<b>Sunday 25</b>	12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal—Ensemble	Church
<b>Monday 26</b>	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Parish Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	7:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour followed by Mtg.	Church & Parish Mtg. Rm
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Music Ministry Weekly Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Cenacle Core Team Meeting	Parish Meeting Room
<b>Thursday 29</b>	7:30 p.m.	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Church
	10:00 p.m.	Night Prayer	Priory Chapel
<b>Friday 30</b>	All Day	<b>Holy Land Collection</b>	Church
	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
	3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Church
<b>Saturday 31</b>	7:30 p.m. –10 p.m.	The Great Easter Vigil	Church

**APRIL**

APRIL	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
<b>Sunday 1</b>		<b>Easter Sunday (10:30 a.m. Mass Only)</b>	Church

## CHARITY GOLF OUTING

The DC Knights of Columbus Charities' annual golf tournament will be played Monday, May 21, 2018 at Oak Creek Golf Course in Upper Marlboro, MD. All proceeds benefit a scholarship fund to support underprivileged students in attending Catholic high schools in Washington, DC. Register to play or sponsor our tournament at [charities.dcknights.org](http://charities.dcknights.org). Sign up by April 21<sup>st</sup> for early-bird pricing!

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

#### Sun, Mar 25

8:00 AM Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors  
 10:30 AM Lenten Remembrance  
 5:00 PM People of the Parish

#### Mon, Mar 26

8:00 AM Deceased Dominican Sisters  
 12:10 PM Lenten Remembrance

#### Tue, Mar 27

8:00 AM Lenten Remembrance  
 12:10 PM Chirdon Family - Special Intention

#### Wed, Mar 28

8:00 AM Lenten Remembrance  
 12:10 PM Ernest Oliver (D)

#### Thu, Mar 29

7:30 PM Priest's Intention

#### Sat, Mar 31

7:30 PM 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.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Barbara Dever, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannon, Mary Hogan, Karla Humbles, Marilyn Jarvis, June Jaeger, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Mary McMorrow, Rose Montas, Tomas Ramirez, Maria De-Jesus Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Sandra Yates, Bruce Sanowar and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

## SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY



*In Memory of:*

*Marcel Lessard  
by  
Doris Stukes*

## SANCTUARY LAMP

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week can be made in the parish office. The suggested offering is \$15.00

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	3/18/2018	N/A
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	3/18/2018	N/A

## FAITH DIRECT

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Dominic Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **DC117**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

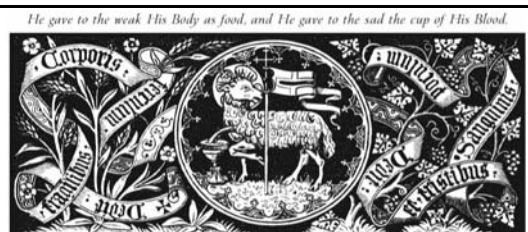
God Bless You,  
Fr. George Schommer, O.P.

## 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.



*Dedit fragilibus corpore ferculum, Dedit et tristibus sanguinis poculum. (Thomas Aquinas)*