We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

- Matthew 2:2
Epiphany House Blessing

Using chalk specially blessed at Mass, many households mark their entrance door (and/or the bedroom doors of parents and children inside the house blessed, with children leading the “procession” from one door to the next) with the year, 4 crosses, and with the inscription CMB. The popular form the inscription takes is \(20+C+M+B+19\). The initials stand for Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the names of the three wise men in legend, as well as the Latin “\textit{Christus Mansionem Benedicat,}” which means “May Christ bless this home.” The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing. The crosses represent the protection of the Precious Blood of Christ, whom we invoke, and the holiness of the Magi who adored the infant Jesus. It remains above the doorway until Pentecost. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God’s blessing. The month of January bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and protector of the beginning and end of things. This blessing "christens” the ancient Roman observance of the first month.

Instructions for the House Blessing

Use the blessed chalk to write the following on the lintel over the doorway(s):

\[20 + C + M + B + 19\]

As you are writing the Epiphany inscription, pray one of the following prayers:

1.) May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

2.) Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

3.) Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.
**This Week:**

**Sunday, January 6**

**Religious Movie Seminar**

*Saint John Baptist de la Salle: The Patron Saint of Teachers*

*6:30pm—Parish Meeting Room*
- Mel Ferrer, Fernando Rey (1964, 2010) 90 minutes

**Tuesday, January 8**

**The Gospel of Luke: Scripture Study**

*Cenacle Meeting*
*A weekly group of discipleship for adults*

- *7:00pm—Adoration & Confession (Church)*
- *7:40pm—Scripture Study (Parish Meeting Room)*

**Thursday, January 10**

**Counter-Culture Catholic**

*Living Well with Possessions*

*St. Dominic Young Adults*
*A for all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s*

- *7:00pm—Adoration and Confessions (Church)*
- *7:40pm—Discussion (Parish Meeting Room)*
- *8:40pm—Fellowship (Parish Meeting Room)*

**Saturday, January 12**

Our next monthly cleaning will be after the 9:00am Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

**Sunday, January 13**

**Religious Movie Seminar**

*Bakhita: From Slave to Saint*

*6:30pm—Parish Meeting Room*
- Fatou Kine Boye, Stefania Rocca (2009) 190 minutes
“Did you know…

The popular hymn *We Three Kings*, was written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in 1857. The hymn was written for a Christmas Pageant.

The traditional names of the three magi are Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, and that the middle three versus of *We Three Kings* are sung from the unique perspective of each of the wise men.

**Caspar:**
Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

**Melchior:**
Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh:
Prayer and praising
All men raising,
Worship Him God on High

**Balthasar:**
Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing
Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you.

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
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 silence/turn off your cell phone when you arrive in the church.

Sung Mass Responses: Our community’s sung and spoken responses during the ritual prayers of the liturgy are a core element of our communal prayer.

- All weekend masses use the sung mass responses of the Missa Simplex, starting with the Kyrie [found in the Blue Hymnal (#133) or the Breaking Bread Book (insert pg. 2)]. Reminder: The Gloria is not sung on Sundays of Advent.
- The other mass parts follow the Kyrie.

Leavers, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Attention Weekday and Weekend Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please review your personal calendars and volunteer to fill the vacancies in the January schedule.

Please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or by e-mail @ music@stdominicchurch.org if you need assistance or have questions regarding the schedule.

Parish Community

Do you make great chili? Register for our annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, February 23rd. If you don’t make chili, but like to eat it, become a judge! For more information, email social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

If you would like to have more opportunities to socialize with fellow parishioners, please join the Hospitality Committee. Contact social@stdominicchurch.org for more information.

St. Peter School News

Student Families: Greg Gannon Food Drive Results
Thank you to the families who collected, sorted and boxed food for St. Peter School’s participation in the Greg Gannon Food Drive, to benefit the Fr. McKenna Center. About 1,500 food items were donated this year. Ned Hogan, director of development and outreach at the McKenna Center, thanked students in person at yesterday’s Mass. The Center is thrilled to have filled its pantry back up with SPS items. Thank you to all!

Application Deadlines

Admissions Season is in full swing at St. Peter School, the Key to Educational Excellence since 1868!

St. Peter School is a 2013 Blue Ribbon School and a family of learners serving the Capitol Hill parishes and community. We provide our children with an education that is founded on love of God and service to others, characterized by Catholic values and academic excellence, and is dedicated to addressing each child’s unique talents and abilities.

Applications for admission are due by January 18, 2019 and can be completed online through TADS electronic system. The link is available in the admissions section of the school website (www.stpeterschooldc.org).

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Debbie Duff: dduff@stpeterschooldc.org or 202-544-1618.

Church History

The feast day of St. Margaret of Hungary (1242-70) is January 18th.

The 3rd double window on the south side of the church depicts the saint in prayer before a crucifix. St. Margaret was the daughter of King Bela IV of Hungary. At the age of three, she began studying with Dominican nuns at Veszprém.

- Courtesy of Mary Moran
Pray for the Sick

Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Bue, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Kristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Barbara Dever, Helen G/Hewit, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannon, Mona Hennesy, Mary Hogan, Karla Humbles, Marilyn Jarvis, June Jaeger, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, Ill, Mary McMorrow, Rose Montas, Richard Pane, Tomas Ramirez, Maria Defesus Sanchez, Bruce Sanowar, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

Sanctuary Candle

For abundant blessings for the parish in 2019

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week for $15 or a Mass Intention for $10 can be made in the parish office.

Dominican Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph

Parish:
Pastor: Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Bernard Timothy, O.P.

Parish Ministries:
Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Alice Serar
Lectors: Kathryn Aldridge
Music: JC Cantrell
RCIA: Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
St. Dominic’s Cenacle: Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
Social Concerns, The St. Martin de Porres Society & Community Events: Cecilia Daly
Gardening Angels: Elysia Branson
Young Adults: Katie Brizek

Parish Pastoral Council Members:
Simon Ciccarillo, Patricia D’Antonio, Robert Davis, Margaret MacLeod, Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David Stewart, Andrew Vasile, Joe Wasiak

Parish Finance Council Members:
Simon Ciccarillo, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

Parish Staff:
Business / Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel
Pastoral Associate: Margaret Maxwell
Worship Coordinator: JC Cantrell

Friars in Residence:
Prior: Fr. Jacob Restrick, O.P.


Brother: Patrick Foley, O.P.


Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 6
8:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
5:00pm New Year Novena

Monday, January 7
8:00am New Year Novena
12:10pm Ana Peykova & Family

Tuesday, January 8
8:00am New Year Novena
12:10pm Marie Ciliberti (D)

Wednesday, January 9
8:00am New Year Novena
12:10pm Iveta Botinou & Family

Thursday, January 10
8:00am New Year Novena
12:10pm Ana Peykova & Family

Friday, January 11
8:00am Deceased Dominican Sisters
12:10pm Bertie P. Leahy (D)

Saturday, January 12
9:00am Nora Irwin
5:00pm In Thanksgiving for Health
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 or on the website, or stop by the parish office.

Mass Times

Sunday Masses
- 5:00pm Vigil (Saturday)
- 8:00am
- 10:30am (followed by coffee and donuts in the Parish Meeting Room)
- 5:00pm

Weekdays
Monday—Friday:
- 8:00am
- 12:10pm (followed by the veneration of a relic of St. Jude on Fridays)

Saturday:
- 9:00am

Holy Days
- 5:00pm Vigil
- 8:00am
- 12:10pm
- 7:00pm

Confession Times

Sunday
- Following the 10:30am Mass

Monday-Friday
- 11:55am—12:30pm

Saturday
- 4:30pm

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: “And the two shall become one flesh” (Mark 10:8).

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.

Church Hours

Sunday Mon—Fri Sat
- 7am—6pm
- 7am—3:30pm
- 8am—6pm

Parish Office Hours

Sunday Mon—Fri Sat
- 9:00am—1:00pm
- 8:30am—5:00pm
- Closed

Catholic Schools

St. Peter School
- 422 3rd St SE Washington, DC
- (202) 544-1618
- www.stpeterschooldc.org
- Grades K—8

Waterfront Academy
- 60 I Street SW Washington, DC
- (202) 484-0044
- www.waterfrontacademy.org
- Montessori 18months—Grade 8

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