If you trust in God, you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

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Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God

We are pleased to announce a new six-week series on Sunday mornings. Join us January 19th to February 23rd from 9:15am to 10:10am as we watch six inspiring 30-minute videos (one each Sunday) followed by a short discussion.

- Feb 16th — Contemplatio: The Gaze of Love
- Feb 23rd — Resolutio: Putting Love into Action

Capture the secret to opening your hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in His presence and resolving to live in and through His love.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings!

The Story of Black Catholics in the U.S.

In celebration of Black History Month, the St. Dominic Cenacle is hosting a three-week series that will discuss the story of Black Catholics in the United States. The series will be led by Deacon Richard Walker.

The series will run three consecutive Tuesday evenings from February 4th—18th beginning with Adoration at 7pm in the church and the presentations beginning at 7:40pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

- Feb 18: How to Evangelize Black non-Catholics
  We hope you join us!

Food Drive

The next collection for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry will be the weekend of February 22nd & 23rd. Please make sure your items are unopened and have not expired.

Food items will be distributed to our neighbors in the Southwest and Southeast communities.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ash Wednesday

February 26th is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of our journey through the Season of Lent. Please join and pray with us at one of the following Liturgies on this day.

St. Dominic Church

Ash Wednesday
February 26, 2020

Ashes will be distributed at each service.

7:00am - Liturgy of the Word
8:00am - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
11:15am - Liturgy of the Word
12:10pm - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
5:00pm - Liturgy of the Word
7:00pm - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

630 E Street, SW, Washington, DC

SOME Meal

St. Dominic’s next SOME (So Others Might Eat) meal is Saturday, February 29th. We need volunteers to prepare meatloaves and macaroni and cheese for the meal.

You’ll find the sign-up sheets, baking pans and recipes in the main vestibule of the church.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center

Our next collection of diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center will be the weekend of February 29th & March 1st.
This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Annual Appeal. Please be generous in making your pledge. No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Choice

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

On this deeper level God invites and helps us to choose life, “for our good and for the good of His holy church.”

What are the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal?

Education: Donations to the Annual Appeal support the moral and intellectual formation taking place at our 63 Archdiocesan schools and early learning centers. Contributions also support the Office of Catechesis, which helps shepherd thousands of lay people through the Sacraments of Initiation each year through parish RCIA and RCIC programs.

Catholic Charities: Catholic Charities is the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Washington. Through your Appeal donation, you help Catholic Charities provide essential programs such as legal and financial services, food assistance, employment and adult education, housing and shelter programs, health care programs, and much more.

Family Life and Pro-Life: Financial support for family life ministry, birthing and care program, natural family planning, pregnancy aid centers and other pro-life activities.

These are just a few of the ministries and programs your donation supports.

Today’s Readings

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).
Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).
Second Reading — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).
Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
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.

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.

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week can also be made in the parish office. The suggested offering is $15.

If requesting a Mass intention AND a sanctuary candle and making a donation by check, two separate checks are requested.

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Please remember St. Dominic Church in your will and estate planning. Your thoughtfulness will enable the parish to maintain its presence, ministry and outreach in Southwest Washington.

The sixth double window on the north side of the church includes the portrayal of St. Dominic raising a child from the dead. A widow came to the church to hear St. Dominic preach but when she returned home, the child had died. She carried the child’s lifeless body back to St. Dominic, who touched the child and raised him to life.

- Courtesy of Mary Moran.

The celebration of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil), and the Easter Sunday celebrations are the most solemn and prayerful celebrations of the year. If you would like to sing with the music ministry for these celebrations, we want you to join with us! We are inviting all singers to participate in a combined music ministry for these celebrations. For more information, please talk with or contact our Parish Director of Music and Liturgy, JC Cantrell. He is available after most Masses and easily reached by e-mail at music@stdominicchurch.org.

All Lay Ministers registered with the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MPS) website should have received an email with their individual schedules (as well as be able to view the total schedule) on the MSP website.

REMINDER: If you need a “sub,” please use the MSP smartphone app or Website to request subs as well as to volunteer to fill vacancies. Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies almost every weekday and weekend.

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

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.

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

- For liturgies supported by our Parish Ensemble or Parish Organist during the Ordinary Time weeks of January and February, the sung Gloria may be found on page 2 of the insert attached to the inside front cover of the Purple Breaking Bread book.
- The remaining sung Mass prayers are from the Mass of Creation (Breaking Bread Book #870-#873).
Pray for the Sick

Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Kristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Ed & Marianne Cordell, Sally Daly, Barbara Dever, Helen G. Hewit, 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, Richard Pane, Tomas Ramirez, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Bruce Sanowar, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

Sanctuary Candle

In memory of Dorothy Goff from Michele Goff

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

St. Dominic Staff

Our Priests:
Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, OP (Pastor)
Fr. Bede Shipps, OP (Associate Pastor)

Parish Staff:
JC Cantrell (Worship Coordinator)
Ed Von Hagel (Business/Facilities Manager),
Mary Lou Cantrell (Musician), Margaret Maxwell (Pastoral Associate)
and Jeremy Jelinek (Organist—not pictured)

Parish Pastoral Council Members:
Margaret MacLeod, Chris Nodes, Heather Young,
Deborah Irwin, Simon Ciccarillo

Parish Finance Council Members:
Duane Ford (Accountant), Jackie Griffin, Michael Grace,
Eileen Lyons, MJ Morrow, Simon Ciccarillo

Did you know? … There are 25 Dominican Friars living in the building attached to the Church (the Priory): 1 Prior; 4 Retired Priests; 1 Pastor/Professor; 1 Parish Priest/Chaplain; 1 Full-time Professor; 1 Mission Preacher; 1 Special Ministry Priest; 1 Student Master & Professor; 2 Supply Work Priests; 1 Cooperator Brother (who helps out in the parish); 5 “Young Dads” (newly ordained priests finishing their studies) and 6 Deacons.
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 Mtg Rm)
- 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
- 9:45am & after the 10:30am Mass

Monday-Friday
- 11:55am—12:15pm

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.

Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday from 7-7:30pm (Church); Thursdays from 5pm-6pm (Friar’s Chapel).

Anointing of the Sick: Those facing serious illness or entering the hospital.

Church Hours

Sun—Fri
- 7am—8pm

Sat
- 8am—8pm

Parish Office Hours

Sunday
- 9:00am—1:00pm

Mon—Fri
- 8:30am—5:00pm

Sat
- 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 18 months—Grade 8

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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