You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44
Mark Your Calendar

Carolining

St. Dominic Church

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
AT THE GALLARCY PLACE METRO

Friday, DECEMBER 13, 2019 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm
evangelization@stdominicchurch.org

Church Decorating

Volunteers needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas

Saturday, December 21, 2019
at 9:30am

Church Cleaning

We will clean the church on Saturday, December 14th after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

We are looking for people to help organize 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 or call 202-554-7863.

Work of Mercy

Join us on Saturday, December 14th from 10am to 12Noon as we attend Mass and visit with residents of Sacred Heart Nursing Home. Located at 5805 Queens Chapel Road in Hyattsville, MD, the many residents look forward to our monthly visits (the second Saturday of the month). Please use the back entrance.

If you have any questions regarding the work of mercy at Sacred Heart, please contact Taylor Martin at tayamarti@gmail.com or Maria Eugenia Lane at mlane@visionyes.org.

Christmas Masses

The Nativity of the Lord

Mass Times:

Christmas Eve
5:00pm & 9:00pm
Christmas Day
10:30am

(Holy Day of Obligation) (Parish Office Closed)
This Week:

Saturday & Sunday, November 30 & December 1

Capital Hill Pregnancy Center
Donation collection after each Mass
Please leave your donation in front of the pulpit.

Sunday, December 1

Religious Movie Seminar

Joseph & Mary
Kevin Sorbo & Lara Jean Chorostecki
(2016) 83 minutes
• 6:30pm—Parish Meeting Room

Tuesday, December 3

Cenacle Meeting

A Month of Witnesses: Fr. John Paul Kern, O.P.
• 7:00pm—Mass & Confessions (Church)
• 7:40pm—Discussion (Parish Meeting Room)

Thursday, December 5

St. Dominic Young Adults

Biblical Background for Hospitality
For all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s
• 7:00pm—Adoration & Confessions (Church)
• 7:45pm—Discussion (Parish Meeting Room)
• 8:40pm—Fellowship (Parish Meeting Room)

Saturday, December 7

Advent Day of Recollection
Speaker: Fr. Elias Henritzy, O.P.
Join us for this day retreat in the Parish Meeting Room
• 9:30am to 3pm
  (Breakfast & Lunch provided)

Saturday, December 7

Advent Stations 2019

Christ the New Temple
• 6:30pm—Confessions (Church)
• 7:00pm—Advent Stations (Church)
• 8:30pm—Refreshments (Parish Meeting Room)
Today's Readings

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11–14).
Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

Hopeful Expectation

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ’s new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together, this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.
Stewardship

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Church History

The window above the shrine dedicated to St. Anthony features a hound with a flaming torch in his mouth. According to tradition, St. Dominic’s mother had a dream before her son’s conception, in which she saw a hound racing through the world igniting everything with a flaming torch. This dream was indeed prophetic. Dominic did ignite the world with sacred truth through preaching and teaching born from a life of dedicated prayer, love for the Word of God, and a burning desire to gain souls for Christ.

- Courtesy of Mary Moran.

Proverbs 24

In response to the new Planned Parenthood in DC, a pro-life community drawn from five local parishes was formed 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: walkers, prayers, and cookers. For more information, contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

Coats for Kids

Cold weather is upon us NOW and St. Dominic is again partnering with the Knights of Columbus for the “Coats for Kids” program. Coats will be ordered soon and distributed to children in the Southwest/Southeast neighborhoods. Last year, our parish raised $3,000 for the program.

You may donate by using Faith Direct or by writing “Coats for Kids” in the memo line of your check or on your envelope.

MPD 1st District Christmas Party

Please bring your toys to the church next weekend. Volunteers will sort and deliver them for distribution at the MPD’s 1st District Christmas Party on Saturday December 14th. Thanks for making a child’s Christmas brighter.

Leave a Legacy

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.

For those with Hearing Impediment

The parish has a number of personal listening system receivers with earbuds for use at the Mass. Please inform a Music Minister (Director or Cantor) if you would like to use one of the receivers, and it will be provided. Please return the receiver to the Music Director after Mass so that it is available for others.

Attention Weekday and Weekend Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Lay Ministers of the Mass can check their schedule via the MSP webpage of MSP app. If your personal commitments change and you need a substitute, please use the MSP app or webpage to request a substitute (the request automatically notifies available volunteers).

The schedule for Advent and the Christmas holiday liturgies is now active. Please volunteer to fill vacancies if you are available. MSP will send update notifications to all Lay Ministers of the Mass regarding the December (Advent) and Christmas schedule each week.

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 remember to silence/ turn off your cell phone when you arrive in the church.

During Advent the Liturgical color for vestments and the altar is Purple for the Sundays of Advent (except for the third Sunday of Advent when rose). During the Season of Advent, we will be singing the Latin Chant Mass setting at all Weekend Liturgies. In accordance with the liturgical rubrics, during the season of Advent, the Gloria is not sung at non-feast day Masses. The Latin Chant Mass setting can be found in the:

- Blue Hymnal (#100-104) or
- Breaking Bread Book (#842-848)
Pray for the Sick

Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khrystofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, 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, James F. McGrath, Jr., 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

*For the sick and the homebound of the parish.*

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 Mgr*),
- Mary Lou Cantrell (*Musician*), Margaret Maxwell (*Pastoral Associate*)
  and Jeremy Jelinek (*Organist—not pictured*)

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:**
- Margaret MacLeod, Maria Eugenia Lane, Chris Nodes,
  Amelia Castro-Mendoza, Deborah Irwin, Simon Ciccarillo

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

**The Dominican Friars at St. Dominic Priory**

*Did you know? ...* There are 26 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; 1 Supply Work Priest; 1 Exec. Dir. Of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men; 1 Cooperator Brother (who helps out in the parish); 5 “Young Dads” (newly ordained priests finishing their studies) and 7 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.

**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**

**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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