FOURTH SUNDAY of Advent

December 22, 2019

St. Dominic Catholic Church
Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

5pm (Vigil Mass Tuesday)
10:30am

Parish Office Closed Holy Day of Obligation

EPHANMY PARTY

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH

Join us as we celebrate YOU at our EPIPHANY PARTY
Saturday, Jan 4th
6pm to 8:30pm | Parish Meeting Room

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center

Our next collection of diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center will be the weekend of January 4th & 5th.

You may place your donation in front of the pulpit.

Lay Dominicans

The St. Dominic Chapter of the Lay Dominicans will have a Fraternity Meeting on Sunday, January 5th

- 12pm in the Priory Chapel
- 1pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Church Cleaning

We will clean the church on Saturday, January 11th 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, January 11th 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.
**This Week:**

**Sunday, December 22**

**Religious Movie Seminar on Hiatus**

The Theater will be dark this week and next week.

Join us when movies start again on Sunday, January 5th.

**Tuesday, December 24**

**Decorating the Church for Christmas**

A small group of volunteers is needed in the Church on Christmas Eve to decorate the Altar.

- 8:30am

**Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Mass Times:**

Christmas Eve
- 5:00pm & 9:00pm

Christmas Day
- 10:30am

**Saturday & Sunday, December 28 & 29**

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive**

Your donation of unopened and unexpired items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is greatly appreciated.

You may leave your donation in front of the Pulpit

Thank you for your generosity.

**Saturday & Sunday, December 28 & 29**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Mass Times:**

**Saturday Vigil @ 5:00pm**

**Sunday @ 8:00am,**
- 10:30am with Archbishop Augustine DiNola, O.P.
- 5:00pm
### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

### Trust in God

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the Lord” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Wednesday:** **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]; **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14; **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
**Stewardship**

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**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.

**Mass Intentions & Sanctuary Lamp**

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.

**This Year in Social Justice**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the church’s social justice activities. This year, the parish has provided four noon meals at SOME, feeding more than 300 people each time. We’ve also held a collection of practical items, such as diapers, wipes, and formula each month. Other projects include monthly food drives, providing toys for the Knights of Columbus to purchase 100 coats for children in need. Please pray that we can build on this year’s program and continue to show our love of Christ through increased works of mercy in 2020.

Please contact social@stdominicchurch.org for more information.

**Church History**

In 1853, George Mattingly opened his house as a place of worship for parishioners. Mattingly had moved to Washington from rural St. Mary’s County, Maryland, once the seat of the Lords Calvert, the Catholic proprietors of the colony that had been the first to grant religious freedom on this continent. Mattingly provided living quarters for the Dominicans in his home, which was located on F Street between Four-and-a-Half and Sixth Streets (where the Southwest Freeway is today). - Courtesy of Mary Moran

**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.

**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.

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

Please update your MSP profile with your unavailable dates. The Lay Minister Schedule through the end of February will be drafted soon.

Please also volunteer to fill the vacancies that remain in the December and January Schedule that is on-line via the MSP website or smartphone app.

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.

**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, Kristofer 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 McMorro w, 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
Walter Wierzbicki
From the Balint Family.
Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for $15 or a Mass Intention for $10 can be made in the parish office.

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, 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

Sun—Fri 7am—8pm 8am—8pm
Sat
Parish Office Hours

Sun 9:00am—1:00pm 8:30am—5:00pm
Mon—Fri 9:00am—1:00pm
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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