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LUKE 2:34
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| **Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2** | **Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center**  
  **Donation Collection**  
  After each Mass  
  Please leave your donation on the cart at the back of the church. |
| **Sunday, February 2** | **Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God**  
  **Week 3**  
  “Lectio & Meditatio: Climbing the First Rung”  
  - 9:15am—10:15am in the Parish Meeting Room |
| **Sunday, February 2** | **St. Dominic’s Chapter of the Lay Dominicans**  
  **Fraternity Meeting**  
  - 12:00pm in the Priory Chapel  
  - 1:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room |
| **Sunday, February 2** | **Religious Movie Seminar**  
  **Babette’s Feast**  
  Stéphane Audran, Bodil Kjar & Birgitte Federspiel  
  (1987) 103 minutes plus Table Scaps (18 minutes—Danish)  
  - 6:30pm—Parish Meeting Room |
| **Tuesday, February 4** | **Cenacle Meeting**  
  **The Story of Black Catholics in the United States**  
  “The Story of Deacon Richard Walker”  
  - 7:00pm—Adoration & Confessions (Church)  
  - 7:40pm—Presentation (Parish Meeting Room) |
| **Thursday, February 6** | **St. Dominic Young Adults**  
  **The Last Words of Christ: “Father, forgive him”**  
  For all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s  
  - 7:00pm—Adoration & Confessions (Church)  
  - 7:45pm—Discussion (Parish Meeting Room)  
  - 8:45pm—Fellowship (Parish Meeting Room) |
**THIS WEEK (CONTINUED):**

**Saturday, February 8**

**Church Cleaning**

Volunteers needed to help with our monthly cleaning of the church.
No experience required!

- **After the 9am Mass**

We are 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@stdominicumchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

**Saturday, February 8**

**Work of Mercy**

Join us for Mass and a visit with residents of
Sacred Heart Nursing Home
Located at 5805 Queens Chapel Road in Hyattsville, MD,
(please use the back entrance.)

- 10:00am to 12Noon

**Mark Your Calendar**

**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 2nd — Lectio & Meditatio: Climbing the First Rung
- Feb 9th — Oratio: Conversation with God
- 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 lead 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 4: The Story of Deacon Richard Walker
- Feb 11: The History of Black Catholics in the U.S.
- Feb 18: How to Evangelize Black non-Catholics

We hope you join us!

**Chili Cook Off**

Our annual Chili Cook-Off will be **Saturday, February 15th** at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall. We have space for up to 10 contestants who will vie for gift cards and bragging rights. Please email social@stdominicumchurch.org to enter.

Everyone present will be allowed to vote for their favorite chili. The suggested donation will be $5 per person.
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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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Tax Contribution Letters

IRS

We have processed the annual contribution letters for IRS purposes and expect to have them mailed out before mid-week to all parishioners who contributed $100 or more in calendar year 2019 and used either envelopes, checks or Faith Direct.

If you are expecting a letter and have not received yours by the end of the week, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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

The Lay Minister of the Mass schedule covering Lent and Easter Celebrations will be drafted next week. These liturgies include the most solemn Masses and liturgical events of our year. Please review your personal calendars and update your MSP Profile with any dates you are not available to serve in March and April so that the scheduling system correctly assigns volunteers.

Please use the MSP smartphone app or website to update your profile, and to review openings in the current schedule. Volunteer whenever you are available.

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.

Reminder: Monday, February 17th is a Federal holiday (President’s Day). We recognize many will travel that weekend, but we still need to staff the “usual” Lay Minister positions for the weekend Masses — please volunteer for vacancies using the MSP app or website.

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.

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

For the intentions of Phyllis Winston.

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 Shippes, 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

The Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 2
5:00pm Vigil In Thanksgiving
8:00am Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
10:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, February 3
8:00am Lourdes Novena
12:10pm Cecilia Via & Family

Tuesday, February 4
8:00am Lourdes Novena
12:10pm Edward McCreery Roberts (D)

Wednesday, February 5
8:00am Lourdes Novena
12:10pm Deceased Dominican Sisters

Thursday, February 6
8:00am Lourdes Novena
12:10pm Chloe Carnes & Patrick Kormos

Friday, February 7
8:00am Lourdes Novena
12:10pm Aidan Irwin

Saturday, February 8
9:00am Lourdes Novena

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.
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.