



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**February 18, 2018 — First Sunday of Lent**

**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, on the website, or stop by the parish office.



**LISTENING DEVICE:** If you are in need of a personal listening device at Mass, please ask the Music Minister or Priest.



**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN:**

**Mon—Fri:** 7 a.m.—3:30 p.m.; **Sat:** 8 a.m.—6 p.m.;  
**Sun:** 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Note: The Church is closed after Mass on a Federal Holiday)

**FELLOWSHIP WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS:** Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Fridays - 8:00 a.m.

**ST. PETER SCHOOL:** "Founded in 1868, St. Peter School provides children with an education founded on love of God and service to others, characterized by Catholic values and academic excellence."



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## CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS

### WEEKDAYS

**Mondays—Fridays:** 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.  
(8:00 a.m. only on a Federal Holiday)  
**Saturdays:** 9:00 a.m.

### WEEKENDS

**Saturdays:** 5:00 p.m. Vigil  
**Sundays:** 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### HOLIDAYS

5:00 p.m. Vigil; 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

## DEVOTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

### DEVOTIONS — Rosary Shrine of St. Jude

<http://www.rosaryshrineofstjude.org>  
Phone: (212)-535-3664

Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Mondays - Fridays  
Veneration of the relic of St. Jude: Fridays,  
following the midday Mass.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

**Thursdays:** 4:45 p.m.—5:45 p.m.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Mondays—Fridays:** 11:55 a.m.; **Saturdays:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Sundays:** Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

## 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:** A minimum of six months preparation is required by the Archdiocese.  
**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.



Please note that the first two rows of the center aisle of the church are reserved for individuals with disabilities.  
The **entrance** for persons with disabilities is on Frontage Road on the south side of the church.

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*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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## DOMINICAN FRIARS of the PROVINCE of SAINT JOSEPH

### PARISH:

**Pastor:** Father George P. Schommer, O.P.  
**Parochial Vicar:** Father Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.  
**Pastoral Associate:** Brother Norbert Keliher, O.P.

### PARISH STAFF:

**Business / Facilities Manager:** Ed Von Hagel  
**Administrative Assistant:** Denise Marshall  
**Worship Coordinator:** JC Cantrell

### PARISH MINISTRIES:

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

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Simon Ciccarillo, Patricia D'Antonio, Robert Davis, Olivia Hnat; Margaret MacLeod, Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David Stewart, Andrew Vasilie, Joe Wasiak

### Parish Finance Council Members:

Simon Ciccarillo, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

### FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

**Prior:** Father Jacob Restrict, O.P.

**Reverend Father:** George Christian, O.P., Luke Clark, O.P., Thomas Davenport, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., Peter Fegan, O.P., Luke Hoyt, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., Edmund McCullough, O.P., Andrew Nicolichchia, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P.

**Reverend Brother:** Aquinas Beale, O.P., Leo Camurati, O.P., Timothy Danaher, O.P., Brad Elliott, O.P., Peter Gautsch, O.P., Humbert Kilanowski, O.P., Mannes Matous, O.P., Isaac Morales, O.P., Henry Stephan, O.P.

**Brother:** Patrick Foley, O.P., Ignatius Perkins, O.P.

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Welcome to Lent! In the Gospel reading today, Jesus demonstrates for us how to take full responsibility for the desires of our will and the choices we make. Sharing in our humanity, Jesus was tempted and put to the test just like the rest of humanity. He was not exempt from this dimension of our human nature. Jesus demonstrates that right reason and obedience to the commandments of God empower us to be victorious over the most powerful of temptations. He shows us that the discernment of whether something is truly good always has reference to norms that are not self-determined. Rather, the norms are communicated to us through the good use of our intellect and through the inspired word of God.

Lent is a sacred time in the life of the Church for the renewing and purifying of our minds and hearts. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have the opportunity to cooperate with God's grace to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. Through these disciplines we learn more clearly and powerfully how to discern the movements of our desires and passions: do they conform to God's will and truth or not? Hence, there is much to learn about ourselves and the truth that God has communicated to us through his Son. The process is arduous, but the Lord provides every grace we need to accomplish whatever he calls us to do. We can be confident that Christ is with us in our temptations and weakness. He inspires us and strengthens us to say "no" to Satan, to slavery, and to enmity with God; and "yes" to God, to freedom, and to peace.

Take the time to be still and listen to the voice of the Lord. As the Psalmist says today, "He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way."

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

## DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has announced a special day of prayer and fasting for peace to be held February 23, 2018. He writes, "we will offer it in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of Congo and of South Sudan." Everyone is encouraged to observe this day in solidarity with all who pray and all who suffer. "Working for peace does everyone good!"

## CHURCH BELL

The large bell in the church bell tower is undergoing major repairs to its supporting and operational structures. After 119 years, parts have worn or loosened and need to be replaced. For now, the bell will be silent. We hope to have the bell fully operational in time for Easter.

## LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Mondays—Friday:** 11:55 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Tuesdays:** 7:00 p.m. — 7:25 p.m.
- ◆ **Thursdays:** 5:00 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturdays:** 4:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Sundays:** Immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

*“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.” —*

Pope Francis, (The Joy of the Gospel, 114)

Lent is the season where we prepare ourselves to renew and restore our relationship with Jesus and the Church as we prepare to celebrate Easter. To help prepare yourself to receive the joy of God’s mercy, explore information here to help you feel more confident and ready, including: frequently-asked questions, how to go to Confession, links to Catholic parishes, their locations and more. Visit <http://thelightison.org/> to find resources and Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

This Lent, the St. Paul Center is happy to announce that both of our highly acclaimed Journey Through Scripture Bible studies will be available for free! Join host Matthew Leonard for each of these visually stunning series that explore God’s gifts of life and love to His children. Experience the power of the Church’s seven signs of grace in *The Bible and the Sacraments*, or unveil the mystery of Our Lady in Scripture in *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. Join thousands of Catholics online by participating in these free studies! The free online studies begin on February 14, 2018 and will continue throughout the Lenten season. Sign up at: [www.stpaulcenter.com/lent-2018/](http://www.stpaulcenter.com/lent-2018/)

## LENT IS FOR LOVERS

This is a series of ninety-second video reflections created by Dominican priests Fr. Gabriel Torretta, O.P., and Fr. Clement Dickie, O.P. The series invites Catholics to a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church by reflecting on how prayer, fasting, and almsgiving grow out of love. Lent is for Lovers is designed to help you reflect on the power of Christ’s love and mercy throughout Lent. “Living Lent is not simply a matter of giving things up; it is about taking on new life. These videos offer reflections on the transformative power of love and how we can come to know Jesus more fully through his Church,” says Fr. Gabriel. As such, the videos are a perfect guide to the season of Lent, as a daily spiritual practice to help focus the heart on the graces of Lent and the joyous expectation of Easter. To receive these *free* daily meditations, sign up at <https://lent.love>.

## 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).

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

- For the weekend Masses, the music for the Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Amen and Lamb of God may be found in the blue (St. Michael’s) Hymnal (#151-154).

## ROOSEVELT ORGAN AND MOELLER ORGAN

During the season of Lent, our parish organist will be playing the Moeller Organ (which is in the front of the church) while we complete some maintenance repairs to the Roosevelt Organ (in the loft). This maintenance work is scheduled to be completed before Palm Sunday.

## ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

*A weekly group of discipleship for adults.*

**Tuesday, February 20**

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confessions (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. **Discussion: Social Teaching of the Church Overview (Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, OP)**

## ST. DOMINIC’S YOUNG ADULTS

*For all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s*

**Thursday, February 22**

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confession (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — **Social Night**

## BOOK SALE

The Dominican Friars have been cleaning out their personal and community libraries. Their duplicate or unwanted books will be made available to parishioners and visitors of St. Dominic Church. Look for the book table at the rear of the church near the bridal room. The books will be available February 10–18. A free-will offering will be accepted.

## 2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office before Friday, April 20th to register.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** St. Dominic Church will hold a food drive to help our neighbors in south-west/Southeast DC on the fourth collection weekend of every month. The next one will be the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Capital Hill Pregnancy Center:** We will collect practical items (diapers, wipes and formula) for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center the weekend of March 3/4.

**Proverbs 24 Community:** In response to the new **Planned Parenthood in DC**, a pro-life community drawn from five local parishes was formed and 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 cooks. For more information, contact [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).

## PARISH COMMUNITY

**Do you make great chili?** We are looking for 10 entries for this year's chili cookoff, which will be Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you don't make chili, help judge. The suggested donation is \$5 per adult, children are free. The proceeds will benefit the poor box. To enter, email [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).

If you are interested in more opportunities to socialize with fellow parishioners, we need volunteers to help organize social events, such as Heritage Day, the parish picnic, spaghetti suppers, etc... For more information, contact [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).

## CHURCH HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE

Thank you to all who have worked on the kneeler project. The **next session TBA**.

We will next clean the church on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please help prepare the church for Easter.

We are also 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@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) or call 202-554-7863.

**History:** - *The 24 large windows along the walls of the church, as well as the windows of the chapels and the rear balcony window ("Under Our Lady's Mantle") were designed by the internationally renowned Edward W. Heimer family and produced in 1965 by Heimer and Company Stained Glass Studio in Clifton, New Jersey. — Courtesy of Mary Moran*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 10**—Chili Cookoff!

**March 11**—How to Be a Great Evangelist

**March 17**—Passiontide—**The Wisdom of the Cross**

## HOW TO BE A GREAT EVANGELIST

Pick up tips at a potluck lunch and seminar after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 11. Joanne Fields from Saint Paul Street Evangelization will offer ideas and answer questions on how to share the person of Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith with a hungry culture in the circumstances of your everyday life.

## 2018 - PARISH CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2018

	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
<b>Sunday 18</b>	<b>All Masses</b> 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.	<b>Second Collection: Capital Repair/Maint.</b> Religious Movie Seminar	Parish Meeting Room
<b>Monday 19</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>No 12:10 Mass –Federal Holiday</b> RCIA	Parish Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour followed by Meeting	Church & Parish Mtg. Rm.
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Weekly Rehearsal Knights of Columbus – Hickey Assembly	Church Parish Meeting Room
<b>Thursday 22</b>	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Holy Hour Young Adult Holy 1/2 Hour / Meeting	Church Church & Parish Mtg. Rm.
<b>Friday 23</b>			
<b>Saturday 24</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Second Collection: Church in Developing World</b>	Church
<b>Sunday 25</b>	<b>All Masses</b> 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.	<b>Second Collection: Church in Developing World</b> Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room

## RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR 2017-2018

*Sundays 6:30 p.m.* — (Parish Meeting Room)

**February 18—Katyn**, starring Andrzej Chyra, Maja Ostaszewska, Artur Zmijewski (2007) 121 minutes Winner of the Polish Film Awards Best Picture & Winner of the European Film Award Prix d' Excellence & Making of Katyn.: 60 Days of Shooting 27 minutes.

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### First Sunday of Lent

#### Sun, Feb 18

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors  
5:00 PM Dorothy Goff (D)

#### Mon, Feb 19

8:00 AM Deceased Dominican Sisters

#### Tue, Feb 20

8:00 AM Lenten Remembrance  
12:10 PM Lenten Remembrance

#### Wed, Feb 21

8:00 AM Lenten Remembrance  
12:10 PM Lenten Remembrance

#### Thu, Feb 22

8:00 AM Lenten Remembrance  
12:10 PM Chirdon Family - Special Intention

#### Fri, Feb 23

8:00 AM Lenten Remembrance  
12:10 PM Ernest & Alice Oliver (D)

#### Sat, Feb 24

9:00 AM Lenten Remembrance  
5:00 PM Jim Russell (D)

## MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

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.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Barbara Dever, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannon, Mary Hogan, Marilyn Jarvis, June Jaeger, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Mary McMorro, Rose Montas, Tomas Ramirez, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Sandra Yates, Bruce Sanowar and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

## SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY



*In Memory of: Jim Russell  
by: Mary Ann Hope*

## SANCTUARY LAMP

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week can be made in the parish office. The suggested offering is \$15.00

## MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

If you would like to receive a copy of the Mid-Year financial report covering the first half of the 2017-2018 fiscal year, please contact the parish office. The report can be provided in printed or digital media.

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	2/11/2018	\$3,697.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	2/11/2018	\$197.00

## FAITH DIRECT

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Dominic Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **DC117**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,  
Fr. George Schommer, O.P.

## 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.

Please note that money put into the receptacle at the votive candle racks does not go to the Poor Box.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

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