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.

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Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, commonly referred to as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon at Mass, “Rejoice O Jerusalem”. This is the middle Sunday of Lent and during this season of penance, some of the signs of the coming joy of Easter are already breaking through. Today is a good time for us to reflect on how our Lenten practices have been helping us to focus more closely on the mystery of our salvation. The Gospel reading today reminds us that “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” Salvation is available to us from God “who is rich in mercy.” Renew the joy of your salvation through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament is available every day of the week; and the new confessional was built to be used! See the schedule elsewhere in this bulletin.

On Saturday, March 10, Brother Norbert Keliher, O.P., was ordained a Deacon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Brother Norbert has been serving here at St. Dominic since last Fall. He has been assisting with the Sunday Masses, the weekly RCIA meetings, and bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. His ordination brings him to the penultimate step toward ordination to the Priesthood next year. Brother Norbert will continue to serve here at St. Dominic and his duties will expand as he engages in the ministries that a deacon is able to fulfill. Specific ministries of the deacon include proclaiming the Gospel at Mass and being the ordinary minister of the Precious Blood in the chalice. Please pray for Brother and his 5 classmates. Brother Norbert will first serve as deacon on Sunday 11 March (today) at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. His family will be present; and he will preach the homily. All are welcome to participate in the joy of Brother Norbert’s ordination. Congratulations!

Let us pray for one another,
Fr. Schommer, O.P.

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and other religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially
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 when 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.

### Old Palm Disposal

If you need to dispose of any old palm branches, you may leave them in the basket at the church’s main entrance or drop them off at the parish office.

### Easter Decoration

**Holy Thursday Decoration:** If you are interested in helping with decorations for Holy Thursday, please contact Denise Marshall: Office@StDominicChurch.org or call the office and Ms. Marshall will provide contact information for decorating time and dates.

**Easter Decoration:** We will be decorating the church for Easter on March 31, Holy Saturday, from about 9 a.m. until we are done, which is typically around 2 or 3 o’clock in the afternoon. **All volunteers are welcome.**

### Attention Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Additional Lay Ministers are needed for the Holy Week Liturgies —
- Palm Sunday (all weekend masses)
  - Holy Thursday — 7:30 p.m. Mass
- Good Friday — 12:10 Stations of the Cross
- Good Friday — 3:00 p.m. Mass
- Easter Vigil — 7:30 p.m. Mass

If you are able to fill a vacancy, please use the MSP web

### St. Dominic’s Young Adults

For all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s
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### 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.

### St. Dominic’s Young Adults

A weekly group of discipleship for adults.

**Tuesday, March 13**
- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confessions (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — Discussion: Faith & Politics: Faithful Citizenship and Participation (Craig Muckle, DCCC)

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### Passiontide

A Lenten Event of Light, Reflection and Hope

**Theme:** “The Wisdom of the Cross”

**Saturday, March 17**
- 6:30 p.m. Confessions
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Service

A Reception follows in the Parish Meeting Room

We invite all to this moving and prayerful preparation for Holy Week, which includes readings from Scripture, preached reflections on the Cross, the praying of penitential psalms, beautiful music, and veneration of a relic of the true Cross. For more information, find our event on Facebook or email us at Events@StDominicChurch.org

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**Social Justice Community Services**

**So Others Might Eat:** The next SOME meal is Saturday, March 31st. Sign-up sheets and baking pans are in the main vestibule.

Our next food drive will be the weekend of May 24/25. Please consider making this one of your Lenten good works.

**Capital Hill Pregnancy Center:** Thanks to everyone who donated goods to the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center last week. The next collection of practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) will be the weekend of May 7/8. Please be generous.

**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: walking, praying, and cooking. For more information, contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

**Parish Community**

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 7th, at 6:00 p.m. The suggested donation is $15 per person, $25 per family. Proceeds will be donated to the poor box.

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.

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**Upcoming Events**

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

**April 7 — Spaghetti Supper**

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**The Garden Angels**

First Yard-Cleaning of the Year for Easter!
Saturday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Our regular work schedule will begin on Saturday, April 7th, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. We do lawn and garden maintenance, grounds clean-up, and anything that comes up on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Drop-ins welcome! **We need HELP to keep St. Dominic’s beautiful.** Please email Elysia Branson at ebowserbuddy@aol.com or contact the Parish Office for further information. **No Experience Needed!**

**Church Maintenance & History**

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the church on Saturday morning. The next monthly cleaning is April 14th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. 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 or call 202-554-7863.

**History:** The 5th double window (top left) on the south side of the church portrays the establishment of the Third Order (Dominican Laity). The work of the Dominican Laity emphasizes the primary Dominican ideal: the highest walks of contemplation are not incompatible with the exercise of charity and labor for souls in one’s daily life.

— Courtesy of Mary Moran

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**PARISH CALENDAR MARCH - APRIL 2018**

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<td>Music Ministry Weekly Rehearsal</td>
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**Religious Movie Seminar 2017-2018**

_Sundays 6:30 p.m.—(Parish Meeting Room)_

_Today, March 11—Letters to Father Jacob—Kaarina Hazard, Heikki Nousianien, Jukka Keinonen (Finnish)(2009) 75 minutes. Winner of Several International Awards._

### Kneeler Repairs

The next session of kneeler repairs is expected to sometime in the month of April. Keep a lookout in the bulletin and the Web Site for scheduling information.

### The Weekly Mass Intentions

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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### 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, Kristofer 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 McMorrow, 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: Jeffrey Locklin_
_By: Doris Stukes_

### 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

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### 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.