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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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 Catholic Church
Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

April 29, 2018 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

Holydays
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.

Eucharistic 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

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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Many years ago, I read a book entitled “The Sanctifier.” From this book I learned that the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to reproduce in us the life, the virtues, and the holiness of Jesus. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, God prunes us as a vine grower prunes a vine so that more abundant fruit may be produced. Such is the ongoing process of our life in union with Christ. It is never static; rather, it is dynamic and full of opportunities to become more like Jesus.

In my view, it is most helpful to see this process in very practical ways. Jesus says in the Gospel reading for today: “you are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.” Thus, his word has a pruning effect when we accept our hearing of it as a word spoken to me today. The Scriptures proclaimed in the liturgy and prayerfully read at home can convict us of our pride, our selfishness and our “yet-to-be-redeemed” personality traits that do not align with the way of life Jesus describes for us. Recognizing the mis-alignment is a moment of grace whereby we can accept the change required and live in a new way.

We all know that Jesus commands us to “love one another.” Yet, as St. John writes in his letter, “let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” It seems that even the early Christians needed ongoing pruning so that they would be loving in fact. “Talk is cheap” as we sometimes say. “Actions speak louder than words.” A simple, genuine smile has the effect of making a visitor to our parish feel welcome. Inviting and guiding visitors to our “coffee and donuts” social time after the 10:30 Sunday Mass includes people in the fellowship of the parish. These simple expressions of human interaction are moments of evangelization. We can all perform them. The Lord is pruning us of our “comfort zone” so that we may become more like him and be instruments of his love and presence in the world.

Next week is the first Sunday of May – a month traditionally dedicated to the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary as our Mother and Queen. To begin this month of devotion, we will have a brief May crowning ceremony at the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome to this occasion to express their love and devotion to our Blessed Mother.

The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for the Dominican deacons who live here at St. Dominic Priory will be celebrated on Saturday 19 May 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Because of the larger number of those to be ordained and
**Pastor’s Corner…CONTINUED**

the larger number of guests, the Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome. There will be no Saturday morning Mass that day here at St. Dominic.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

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**Informed—A Video and Discussion Series**

*Informed: A Video-Discussion Series on the Problem of Pornography Today*

**Sunday Evenings**

Continuing until May 6th from 6:30p.m. – 8 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. This event is also a Potluck:

You are encouraged to bring a dish.

- **April 29:** Parenting the Internet Generation
  (Night 3 of 4)

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**Taco Social & Movie**

"Viva Cristo Rey!" Come join us in remembering the Cristeros martyrs early. Their Feast Day is May 21, but we will remember their witness with a taco social and film screening in the parish meeting room on Saturday, May 19 at 6 p.m. **Movie:** *For Greater Glory*

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**St. Dominic Cenacle**

*A weekly group of discipleship for adults.*

**Tuesday, May 1** (Parish Meeting Room)

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confessions (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — *Mary: Perpetual Virginity*

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**St. Dominic’s Young Adults**

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

**Thursday, May 3** (Parish Meeting Room)

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confessions (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — *Marriage*

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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.

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**Worship**

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 Season of Easter, we will use the following sung Mass settings which are printed in the Insert attached to the front cover of the (brown) Breaking Bread Book.

- At the weekend Masses supported by our organist, we will be singing the responses found on insert pages 10-13 (The Community Mass).
- At the Masses supported by our Ensemble, we will be singing the responses found on insert pages 6-9 (The Mass of Wisdom).

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

If you would like to serve our parish as a Lay Minister of the Mass (Usher, Music Minister, Acolyte, Lector, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)), please contact JC Cantrell for information.

(E-mail: music@stdominicchurch.org).

**Reminder:** Vacancies often occur each week due to changes in volunteer availability. Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes and EMHCs continue to be needed at many weekday and weekend Masses. If you are able to fill a vacancy, please use the MSP website or app to volunteer for one of the ministerial vacancies.

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**Social Justice Community Services**

*Capital Hill Pregnancy Center:* Our monthly collection of practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center will be next weekend. Please be generous.

Our next food drive will be the weekend of May 26/27. The food will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, which serves our neighbors in the Southwest/Southeast area.

*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.
Our next monthly cleaning will be on Saturday, May 12th, 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: ~ By the time of the Civil War, the Catholic population of Southwest Washington had outgrown the original St. Dominic Church building. On April 10, 1865, the Dominicans met in council and voted to build a new, larger church in southwest Washington, DC. - Courtesy of Mary Moran

The Garden Angels

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!

The next session is Saturday, May 5, after the 9:00 Mass. The project will be on-going until all the worn and damaged kneelers have been renewed. Additional volunteers are welcome and needed. Whether or not you are good with tools, we’d be glad to have your help. RSVPs encouraged to help us prepare: businessmgr@stdominicchurch.org

Keeneler Repairs

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2018 PARISH CALENDAR APRIL

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Lease Legacy

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Stewardship

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Faith Direct

The Lord is risen! As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help.

Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Dominic Church with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using 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

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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 & Ed Dever, 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, 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

Repose of the soul of:
Frank Fernandes

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