

# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**May 6 2018 — Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**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.  
**Deacon:** Reverend 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 Restruck, O.P.

**Reverend Father:** George Christian, O.P., Luke Clark, O.P., Thomas Davenport, 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 Nicolichia, 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

Jesus speaks to us today through his words spoken on the night before his crucifixion and death. "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." The love that Jesus commands us to extend to one another is a sacrificial love. It is focused upon the goodness of the other person; it seeks the benefit of the other person. There is no selfishness.

Each of us learns to love in this way through our reception and experience of God's love. St. John teaches us today through his letter: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins" (1Jn 4:10). God takes the initiative to love us; we didn't earn it or deserve it. As St. Paul writes: "While we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). God makes the sacrifice that brings the forgiveness of sins and the restoration of our goodness. Through Jesus, God affirms each of us as his son or daughter with all the unique gifts and qualities that we possess.

Hence, we have the grace to love one another because we do so with the love that God has poured into our hearts. The gift we have received we give as a gift to others. And divine love is never depleted. The more we love, the more we receive the love of God who makes us loving persons who are a gift and blessing to others.

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Over the last 6 ½ years of my pastorate here at St. Dominic's, the parish has experienced the grace of renewal, restoration and growth. With the help of God's grace and the involvement of parishioners and volunteers, we continue to realize the vision of a "vibrant community of disciples of the Risen Lord Jesus." There is a momentum growing as we welcome new parishioners moving into our neighborhood, begin new efforts of evangelization and welcoming, and continue to offer topics of faith formation that bring us into closer discipleship with Jesus and relate to daily life. For all these developments and more, we have a duty to be grateful to God for these blessings; and it is important that we keep the momentum going.

As Fr. Hyacinth prepares to assume the responsibility of pastor for the parish, he and I have been discerning and discussing the nature of personnel support he needs to effectively serve the parish. The outcome of our deliberations is the creation a Pastoral Associate position. This person will be part of the team of pastor, parochial vicar, director of music, and business manager. The new position calls for leadership in certain areas of parish life and a strong supporting role for the effective management of daily duties and tasks. We have

## PASTOR'S CORNER...CONTINUED

reviewed over 60 applicants for the position. Fr. Hyacinth interviewed 6, made a final selection, offered the position, and received an acceptance of the offer. The new hire will begin on May 21.

A regrettable result of this development is that the current position of Administrative Assistant will be eliminated at the end of the day on May 18. Denise Marshall has worked in this position for 10 years and will be leaving employment by the parish. On behalf of the parish, I want to express my gratitude for her years of service and commitment. I know that she has endeared herself to many parishioners through her compassionate attention to needs large and small. We pray for God's blessings upon her and her family as she looks for employment that will utilize her gifts and talents to their full potential.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

## PARISH PROGRESS BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal. St. Dominic Church is **82%** towards our parish goal of **\$45,326.00**. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help St. Dominic Church meet our goal by visiting [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

## INFORMED — A VIDEO AND DISCUSSION SERIES

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

**6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room**

- **May 6**—Q & A with a Panel of Experts (Presentation on film) (Night 4 of 4)  
**This event is also a Potluck**

## ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

*A weekly group of discipleship for adults.*  
**Tuesday, May 8** (Parish Meeting Room)

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

## ST. DOMINIC'S YOUNG ADULTS

*For all young adults in their 20's and 30's*  
**Thursday, May 10** (Parish Meeting Room)

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

## 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*

## 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 (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)), please contact JC Cantrell for information. (E-mail: [music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto: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.

## SPECIAL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY FAREWELL MASS FOR PASTOR

Sunday, June 3rd (Feast of Corpus Christi) at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will also celebrate the Farewell Mass for Fr. Schommer. If you would like to sing in the special celebration choir for that Mass, please contact our Director of Music, JC Cantrell for information. (e-mail: [music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org)).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Capital Hill Pregnancy Center:** Please leave your donation for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center in front of the pulpit. We appreciate your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's food drive. The next collection 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](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).

## PARISH COMMUNITY

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Everyone is welcome to the parish block party in honor of Father Schommer's transfer and Father Hyacinth's installation as our new pastor. The festivities will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> on the church lawn.

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).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 19—Ordination Day
- May 19—Taco Social
- May 20—June 10—Lifestyle Matters
- June 3 – Block Party in honor of Fathers Schommer and Hyacinth.

## ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS

The second grade students at St. Peter School made the sacrament of First Communion on April 29, 2018. The children prepared diligently and were very excited to receive the sacrament that unites them with God. We would like to congratulate all the First Communicants from St. Peter School and the Religious Education Program.

*"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth in me shall never thirst". John 6:35*

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE & HISTORY

Our next monthly cleaning will be on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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:

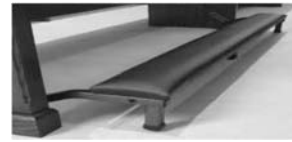
[social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) or call 202-554-7863.

**History:** ~ In May 2013, the magnificent, wood-paneled altarpiece, also called a reredos, was installed. The word "reredos" comes from Latin meaning "wall behind the altar". At the center of the reredos is a beautiful gothic tabernacle that was donated to the church in 2012.

- Courtesy of Mary Moran

## KNEELER REPAIRS

The next session is Saturday, May 26, 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: Email Ed Von Hagel at [businessmgr@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:businessmgr@stdominicchurch.org)



## THE GARDEN ANGELS

We do lawn and garden maintenance, grounds clean-up, and anything that comes up on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month. Drop-ins welcome! We need HELP to keep St. Dominic's beautiful. Please email Elysia Branson at [ebrowserbuddy@aol.com](mailto:ebrowserbuddy@aol.com) or contact the Parish Office for further information. No Experience Needed!

## 2018 PARISH CALENDAR APRIL

MAY	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 6	All Masses 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Baby Items Collection <i>Informed - 4 of 4</i>	Church Parish Meeting Room
Monday 7	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.	RCIA SDYA Core Team Meeting	Parish Meeting Room Conference Room
Tuesday 8	7:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour / Meeting	Church & Parish Meeting Rm.
Wednesday 9	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Music Ministry Weekly Rehearsal Knights of Columbus O'Boyle Meeting	Church Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 10	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 Meeting Rm.
Friday 11			
Saturday 12	9:30 a.m. -11:30 p.m.	Church Cleaning	Church
Sunday 13	All Masses	Second Collection – Catholic Relief Services	Church

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun, May 6</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena 2/9
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
5:00 PM	Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
<b>Mon, May 7</b>	
8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena 3/9
12:10 PM	Deceased Dominican Sisters
<b>Tue, May 8</b>	
8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena 4/9
12:10 PM	Chirdon Family - Special Intention
<b>Wed, May 9</b>	
8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena 5/9
12:10 PM	Poor Souls
<b>Thu, May 10</b>	
8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena 6/9
12:10 PM	Salvation of Souls
<b>Fri, May 11</b>	
8:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena 7/9
12:10 PM	Colleen Irwin
<b>Sat, May 12</b>	
9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena 8/9
5:00 PM	Andrea Troanovitch (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 & 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 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: Evelyn Stukes  
By: Doris Stukes*

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	4/29/2018	\$5,819.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	4/29/2018	\$331.00

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 2018

Offertory Collection	\$28,939.00
Offertory-Faith Direct	12,791.57
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	\$4,283.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection Faith Direct	\$1,401.50

### 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](http://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

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.

### MASS CANCELLATION

There will be NO parish Mass on Saturday 19 May at 9:00 a.m. The Dominican Friars will be at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to attend the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for the Dominican deacons living at St. Dominic Priory.