May 13, 2018 — Seventh Sunday of Easter — The Ascension of the Lord

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.

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

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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2 blocks from L’Enfant Plaza Metro
Today, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heaven. This “departure” of the Lord fills us with hope because Jesus brings our humanity into union with God and shows us the goal of our faith and Christian discipleship. We were created and redeemed for heaven. Thus, St. Paul exhorts us: “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory” (Col 3:1-3). This feast can be an occasion of personal assessment: am I seeking the life of heaven (a life of virtue and holiness); or am I distracted or consumed with all that is earthly and will pass away? Friendship with Jesus invites us to live in the world, but not in a worldly sort of way. He invites us to follow him each day in the grace of the Holy Spirit so that on the day of our death we can follow him into heaven.

Most years, for over a century, the Parish of St. Dominic has hosted the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. However, recent classes of those to be ordained have been larger, which means also a larger number of priests and guests attending the ordination Mass. There was a need for more space and more restrooms. Consequently, the Dominican Friars have determined that, for the foreseeable future, the Mass of Ordination will be scheduled at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This year, the date is Saturday May 19 at 9:30 a.m. At this Mass, 9 Dominican Friars will be ordained. The Ordination Mass is a beautiful ceremony and worth witnessing at least once in a lifetime. Everyone is invited to attend. (Please note: the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning is canceled so that the priests may attend the Ordination Mass.)

On Sunday May 20 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Fr. Isaac Morales, O.P. (ordained the day before) will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving with the parish. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this Mass to give thanks to God for his priestly vocation and to wish him well as he moves into a new assignment. His presence will make our celebration of Pentecost all the more joyful as the Holy Spirit sends him forth to proclaim the Gospel.

During this week, Fr. Hyacinth will move into the pastor’s office as we continue the transition of
leadership for the parish. His presence in the parish office area will allow him to learn more of the daily duties and responsibilities of a pastor; and enable him to oversee the welcome and training of the new pastoral associate who will begin on Monday May 21. I will be packing my personal items and continue to work from my room in the priory. A reminder that my Mass of farewell is on Sunday June 3 at 10:30 a.m., followed by a “block party” on the parish lawn. All are welcome.

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

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.

St. Dominic Cenacle
A weekly group of discipleship for adults.
Tuesday, May 15 (Parish Meeting Room)
- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confessions (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — Assumption

St. Dominic’s Young Adults
For all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s
Thursday, May 17 (Parish Meeting Room)
- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confessions (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — The Priesthood

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

Prayer for the Ascension
O God of earth and sky, as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to heaven, so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to be in all places.

Though he is hidden from our sight, enable us to abide in him by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation. Amen.

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.

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).

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.

Social Justice Community Services
Capital Hill Pregnancy Center: Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center. We will next collect diapers, wipes, and formula, the weekend of June 2/3.

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.
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 3rd 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.

Church Maintenance & History
Thanks to everyone who helped clean the church on Saturday morning. The next monthly cleaning will be Saturday, June 9th, 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: ~ Although the cornerstone for the current church was laid in 1865, the completion of the bell tower with its landmark spire was delayed by the depressed economy. The spire was not completed until 1888. - 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

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
From the entire St. Peter School Community, we wish mothers everywhere a very joyous Mother’s Day!

In May let us remember to thank God for Mary, our Heavenly Mother.

The Garden Angels
We do lawn and garden maintenance, grounds clean-up, and anything that comes up on the 1st and 3rd & 5th Saturdays of the month. Drop-ins welcome! We need HELP to keep St. Dominic’s beautiful. Please email Elyssia Branson at ebowserbuddy@aol.com or contact the Parish Office for further information. No Experience Needed!

2018 PARISH CALENDAR APRIL

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<td>2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services</td>
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<td>RCIA</td>
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<td>Cenacle Holy Half Hour followed by Mtg.</td>
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<td>Music Ministry Weekly Rehearsal</td>
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<td>Knights of Columbus - Hickey Assembly</td>
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<td>Young Adult Holy 1/2 Hour/ Meeting</td>
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<td>Saturday 19</td>
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<td><strong>ORDINATION DAY!</strong> The Basilica of the National Shrine</td>
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<td>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Mass of Thanksgiving: <em>Fr. Isaac Morales</em></td>
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<td>Mass of Thanksgiving: <em>Fr. Aquinas Beale</em></td>
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**The Weekly Mass Intentions**

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<td>Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors</td>
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<td>Mother's Day Novena 9/9</td>
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<td>People of the Parish</td>
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<td>Perry Tinti (D)</td>
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<td>Tue, May 15</td>
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<td>Paul Marinov</td>
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<td>Chirdon Family - Special Intention</td>
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<td>Ana Petkova &amp; Family (L&amp;D)</td>
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<td>Marcel Lessard (D)</td>
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<td>Msgr. James Beattie (D)</td>
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<td>Georgia C. Tsourounis (D)</td>
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<td>Sanjev Chadha (D)</td>
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<td>Sat, May 19</td>
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<td>Deceased Dominican Sisters</td>
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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 Halwck, 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 Sanower and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

**Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Sanctuary**

**In Memory of:**

*Larry Gullickson 5th Anniversary*  
*By: Jennifer Gullickson*

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

**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](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.