



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 — Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 1786, 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.

WEEKEND

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: Rev. Bro. Edmund McCullough, O.P.

PARISH STAFF:

Business / Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel

Administrative Assistant: Denise Marshall

Sunday Receptionist: Marlene Mattison

Worship Coordinator: JC Cantrell

PARISH MINISTRIES:

Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Alice Serar

Lectors: Carrie Yauch

Music: JC Cantrell

RCIA: 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:

Patricia D'Antonio, Robert Davis, Timothy Fouts, Olivia Hnat; Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David Stewart, Doris Stukes, Andrew Vasile, Carrie Yauch

Parish Finance Council Members:

Bill Fagan, Jackie Griffin, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

Prior: Father Carleton Jones, O.P.

Reverend Father: John Burke, O.P., George Christian, O.P., Barnabas Davis, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., Jordan Kelly, O.P., Joseph-Anthony Kress, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Louis Bertrand Lemoine, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., Andrew Nicolichia, O.P., Gregory Pine, O.P., Matthew Rzekowski, O.P., Bede Shippis, O.P., John Sica, O.P., Raymund Snyder, O.P., Raymond Vandegrift, O.P., Michael Weibley, O.P., Bruce Williams, O.P.

Reverend Brother: Bonaventure Chapman, O.P., Thomas Davenport, O.P., Luke Hoyt, O.P., Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, O.P., Edmund McCullough, O.P., Alan Piper, O.P.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Each of us has a vocation – a high calling in the plan of God. The opening sentences of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describe the vocation succinctly: “God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness, freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man”(CCC 1). These sentences come to mind again as we continue this weekend to receive the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. At the conclusion of the Gospel passage for today, Jesus says, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” – words that align with the teaching found in the Book of Leviticus (first reading) “Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.”

The high calling to holiness and perfection may seem unattainable to us. Honest personal reflection acknowledges that we are weak, inclined to selfishness, and prone to sin. We find that there is a lack of power within ourselves to accomplish such new behavior as offering “no resistance to one who is evil” or loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us. (cf. Mt 5:39, 44) However, powerlessness is not the reality of the Christian. St. Paul teaches us: “So whoever is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation”(2 Cor 5:17-19). The key to the new reality that we have the power to strive for holiness and perfection is that God draws close to us through his Son. We disciples of Jesus have the gifts of grace and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to assist us. We are made new in Christ and empowered to behave as God behaves toward every person he has created.

For example, in today's Gospel passage Jesus invites us to change conflicts into opportunities for forgiveness. He is guiding us to co-create with God a world without violence. “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you....” When we face an opponent we ready ourselves for conflict – if not physical, then oral. In this situation, Jesus is instructing us to change our world by turning an enemy into a friend. That's risky business and leaves us vulnerable. But using force and coercion will never accomplish the realm Jesus has in mind when he speaks of the presence of the kingdom of God in our midst.

I once read about an interview with a rabbi. The discussion was about Cain and Abel. The interviewer asked, “Why didn't God kill Cain for what he did?”

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The rabbi answered, "Because God stopped the cycle of violence." Jesus is asking us to be children of our loving God who wants, as the rabbi said, to stop the cycle of violence – through us.

Jesus also says: turn the other cheek, go the extra mile, give your cloak to the one who wants to take you to court for your tunic. Well, no one expects that kind of behavior "in the real world." Maybe that's Jesus' point -- use your imagination, do the unexpected to break down conflict and create the possibilities for a relationship. After all, God has given us the ministry of reconciliation because we have been reconciled with him. This is the way of holiness and perfection.

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

ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

On March 7th, we are launching a new weekly group of discipleship for adults, called *St. Dominic Cenacle*. The group takes its inspiration from the image and spirituality of the Upper Room in the New Testament, the room where the Last Supper happened, where Jesus appeared to His disciples as risen from the dead, and where the Holy Spirit descended upon the Church at Pentecost. The group consists in weekly meetings, various service opportunities, and occasional outings and events.

- Weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings:
- 6:45pm Adoration with Confessions (or Mass once a month)
- 7:25pm Faith Topic Discussion (Parish Meeting Room)
- Monthly work of mercy
- Regular outings

Visit our website: www.stdominiccenacle.org
Email us: cenacle@stdominicchurch.org

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE—MARCH 1, 2017

- 7:15 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes.
- 8:00 a. m.— Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Eucharist and distribution of ashes
- 11:15 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes.
- 12:10 p.m.— Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Eucharist and distribution of ashes.
- 5:00 p.m.— Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Eucharist and distribution of ashes.

CAPITAL REPAIRS UPDATE

The new confessionals for the church are still under construction. The contractors will return this week to complete the major construction. Other details such as carpeting and lighting will be completed in the near future.

The replacement of the air conditioning system has begun. This work is on schedule to be completed before the warmer weather returns and we have need for air conditioning.

These projects are funded by the Capital Repairs and Maintenance Collection, which is received on the third Sunday of the month and through the use of the blue envelopes found in the pews of the church. Thank you, to all our generous benefactors.

WORSHIP

Sung Mass Responses: Our community's sung and spoken response during the ritual prayers of the liturgy is a core element of communal prayer. We sing the same Mass setting at all Masses.

- The Gloria setting is found on page 10 of the insert attached to the inside front cover of the Breaking Bread Book. The remaining parts of the mass follow the Gloria on insert pages 12-13.

ATTENTION WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND ACOLYTES, LECTORS, USHERS, AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Blessings to all who serve St Dominic Parish as an Acolyte, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), Lector, Music Minister, or Usher.

The Archdiocese of Washington has recommended parishes acknowledge the service of Lay Ministers and staff with a formal "commission rite".

On Sunday, February 26th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Parish of St Dominic Church will formally commission all staff and all weekday and weekend Lay Ministers of the Mass who serve St Dominic Parish.

All Lay Ministers are invited to attend the Sunday, Feb 26th 10:30 a.m. Mass to participate in the commissioning rite. Although you are invited to attend and participate you are not required to do so. You are commissioned by virtue of the priest's intention even if you do not attend.

If you would like to receive a Commissioning Certificate, please contact JC Cantrell by e-mail.
(music@stdominicchurch.org)

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Capitol Hill Pregnancy: We will collect practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center the weekend of March 4/5. Thank you for your support.

St. Dominic Church will participate in the Archdiocese Lenten Food Drive the weekend of March 25-26.

We are expanding our social justice ministry to offer more opportunities to combine service with spiritual growth. More information will be available in future bulletins. If you are interested, please contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

PARISH COMMUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room. Everyone is welcome to join us for great food and fun. The suggested donation is \$12 per person, \$25 per family. The proceeds will be used to benefit the poor box, which provides emergency cash for rent, food, prescription drugs, etc... Please contact social@stdominicchurch.org if you want to help make sauce.

Congratulations! to the winners of the Chili Cookoff: Randy, Mauro, Dan, Ginny, and Rose. The chili was great and we raised \$671 for the church's poor box! A special thanks to Chris who organized the event.

If you are interested in more opportunities to socialize with other parishioners, please join the Hospitality Committee. For more information, please contact social@stdominicchurch.org

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Church Cleaning: We are 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 in being a volunteer, please email social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

Thanks to those who sacrificed Saturday morning to help clean the church. Our next monthly cleaning will be Saturday, March 11th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

History: *The 5th double window on the north side of the church depicts the Miracle at St. Sixtus. According to Dominican tradition, the friars had nothing to eat because they had given all their food to the poor. Two friars were sent into the city to beg, but they received nothing. At St. Dominic's intercession, an ample supply of bread appeared when they returned to the refectory. — Courtesy of Mary Moran.*

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR!

Sundays: 6:30 p.m. through April 2, 2017
St. Dominic Church Parish Mtg. Room (downstairs)

Feb. 19, Gentleman's Agreement – Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire, Jane Wyatt, Dean Stockwell (1947) 118 minutes (Academy Award for Best Picture) Backstory 24 minutes & Movietone News

Feb. 26, Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber - Maia Morgenstern, Elide Melli, Jan Nowicki (1996) 108 minutes

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the St. Peter School students in Grades 4-8 participated in their annual Science Fair competition on February 2. sciences, and engineering. **The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 2 honorable winners of the Science Fair from each grade are...(drum roll please!)**

4th Grade: Chloe M, Chris C., Rylee R., Ava D, and Michael S., **5th Grade:** Noeme W. Samantha G., Danielle C., Gigi L., and Liam S., **6th Grade:** John O., Wes P., Grace L., Aubrey K., and Alex C., **7th Grade:** Simryn M., Jack D., Ava S., James H., and Eydie M., **8th Grade:** Aman Aine P., Riley M., Graham R., Milena N., and Wil L.

2017 PARISH CALENDAR – FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 19	All Masses 6:30 p.m.	Second Collection: Capital Repair & Maintenance Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room
Monday 20	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Conference Room
Tuesday 21	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday 22	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Thursday 23	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Holy Hour Young Adult Holy Half Hour Young Adult Meeting	Church Church Parish Meeting Room
Friday 24			
Saturday 25	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sunday 26	6:30 p.m.	Religious Movie Seminar	Parish Meeting Room

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Feb 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Pete & Jean Campanzzi (D)
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Mon, Feb 20

8:00 AM Francisco & Teodora Lim (D)

Tue, Feb 21

8:00 AM Francisco Lim Jr. & Soledad Lim (D)
 12:10 PM George Sexton (D)

Wed, Feb 22

8:00 AM Francisco Lim Jr. & Soledad Lim (D)
 12:10 PM Philip A. Thibideau (D)

Thu, Feb 23

8:00 AM Mary Moran
 12:10 PM Barbara Sanders

Fri, Feb 24

8:00 AM Joan Nielsen (D)
 12:10 PM Edward & Marcella Royce (D)

Sat, Feb 25

9:00 AM Deceased Dominican Sisters
 5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Morrow Family

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. The Mass Intention Calendar for 2017 is available now.

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK



In Memory of: Dorothy Goff
By: Michele Goff

Note: Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle can be made in the parish office.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jane Boorman, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Fr. Caprio, O.P. Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Daniel Collins, Joe Davis, Jason DeLorenzo, Barbara Dever, Frank Fernandes, Leroy (Jr.), Ford Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Mary Hogan, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, Mary Moran, Bill Orr, Diane Jaeger Pittman, Olivia Reynolds, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Barbara Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Mary Davis Williams, Frances White, Mrs. Patricia White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	2/12/2017	\$3,891.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	2/12/2017	\$323.00

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 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.

MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

If you would like to receive a copy of the Mid-Year financial report covering the first half of the 2016-2017 fiscal year, please contact the parish office. The report can be provided in printed or digital media.

