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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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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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
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.
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:
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.

Pastor’s Corner
Observance of the Third Sunday of Lent is a perfect occasion to recognize the 1 Catechumen and 10 Candidates in our parish RCIA program. These participants and their sponsors are entering the final weeks of their preparation for the Easter sacraments and their entrance into the fullness of life in the Catholic Church. Please remember our RCIA program in your prayers.

The St. Dominic Cenacle—the new adult faith formation program—is off to a wonderful beginning. Over 40 people attended the initial meeting, which generated even more enthusiasm for future gatherings. The facets of prayer, learning, fellowship and service provide a rich experience of Catholic life. All are welcome at any time. Weekly topics are posted on the Cenacle website and in the bulletin. More information is found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Replacement of the air conditioning system for the church is nearing completion. The final installation work will have to wait until the very hot weather. At that time, the system can be tested and adjusted. Support of the monthly Capital Repair and Maintenance collection is funding this project. Thank you to all who support this collection.
Fr. Schommer, O.P.

Retirement Announcement
Marlene Mattison – the parish receptionist on Sunday mornings – has decided to retire (effective immediately) from her decades of work here at St. Dominic’s. A retirement party will be announced when arrangements are made.

On behalf of the parish community, I extend to Marlene our deepest gratitude for her dedication to her work and the joy and gentleness she communicated to all who called or came into the parish office.

Denise Marshall (for most Sundays) will be working a half day; and will take a half day off during the same week. Parish office hours will remain the same for weekdays; office hours on Sunday will be changed to 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph

Monday, March 20
6:30 p.m.—Confessions
7:00 p.m.—Solemn Mass
(Guest Preacher: Fr. John Martin Ruiz, O.P.
8:15 p.m.—Refreshments
**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 where 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/](http://thelightison.org/) to find resources and Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington.

“The Light is ON for You” invitations are located in the main Vestibule.

**Lenten Confession Schedule**

- Mondays—Fridays: 11:55 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 6:45 p.m. — 7:15 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 Cenacle**

A weekly group of discipleship for adults. 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:**
- 6:45 p.m.—Adoration with Confessions (or Mass once a month)
- 7:25 p.m.—Faith Topic Discussion (Parish Meeting Room)
- Monthly work of mercy
- Regular outings

Visit our website: [www.stdomicincenacle.org](http://www.stdomicincenacle.org) or Email us: cenacle@stdominicchurch.org

**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.

**Sung Mass Responses**

Our community’s sung and spoken response during the ritual prayers of the liturgy is a core element of communal prayer.
- For the season of Lent, we will be singing at all Masses the responses of the Siena Chant Mass which is found on pages 16-17 of the insert attached to the front cover of the Breaking Bread book.

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

The schedule of Liturgies and Masses for April and May will be distributed next week. If you have not recently updated your “profile” with the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) web-site (or your MSP smartphone app) with any dates you anticipate you will not be able to serve, please do so as soon as possible. By updating your profile we can avoid scheduling you when you are not available.

All Lay Ministers scheduled to serve the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday (April 13, 14, 15, 16) will receive additional email notifications.

Please contact JC Cantrell by e-mail if you have questions. (music@stdominicchurch.org)

**Social Justice & Community Service**

**The Archdiocesan Food Drive:** We will collect food for the Archdiocesan food drive at all Masses next weekend. The food will be donated to the Holy Name Parish food pantry. We need a few volunteers to help with donations after the 10:30 a.m. Mass (it will take about an hour). We also need two or three people who can load donations and drive over to Holy Name Parish after the Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Mass. For more information, please email social@stdominicchurch.org.

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.

**Capitol Hill Pregnancy:** Volunteers are needed at the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center next Saturday, March 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We will assemble layettes, and sort donations. We will also be cleaning the building, which is old and has a lot of stairs. Please email social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863 if you want to volunteer. We will collect practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center on the weekend of April 1-2.
**Social Justice & Comm. Service… continued**

**So Others Might Eat:** The parish provides the noon meal for SOME every 5th Saturday. The next meal is scheduled for April 29th. Parishioners volunteer to make meatloaves and macaroni and cheese (baking pans and sign-up sheets will be in the main vestibule beginning April 1). On the day of the meal, volunteers can take food over to SOME at 9:30 a.m. We also serve and clean up after the meal.

**Parish Community**

Thanks to the Knights and all the people who made sauce for the Spaghetti Supper. We raised $963 for the poor box, which provides cash to people who need help with necessities, such as rent, food, and medicine. Also, congratulations to our door prize winners: Chris, JC, and Rose.

**Church History and Maintenance**

**The Garden Angels: Spring is around the corner!** We will begin on April 1st, doing clean up and planting some flowers, in time to beautify the grounds for Palm Sunday and Easter. The more volunteers that show up the more tasks we can accomplish. We will be starting at 9:00 am and working until 12.

Any help will be greatly appreciated. For further information call Elysia Branson at 202-285-8099 or email eboswerbuddy@aol.com.

**Church Cleaning:** We are looking for people to help manage our monthly cleaning. Ideally, we would have several volunteers to commit to coordinating the cleaning which would amount to only a few times a year for each volunteer. We will next clean on Saturday, April 8th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please help prepare our wonderful church for the Easter celebration.

**Religious Movie Seminar!**

**Sundays: 6:30 p.m. through April 2, 2017 Parish Meeting Room (downstairs)**

- **March 26: Under the Moonlight**—Hossein Parastar, Hamed Rajaful, Mehran Rajaful (2001) 96 minutes (Persian) (Critics Award, Cannes Film Festival)

**St. Peter School News**

**Congratulations** to our eighth grade students with discipline and hard work they put into their studies and the incredible educational opportunities they are about to embark on have being accepted to the area’s top Catholic high schools, several with honors and/or scholarships!

**Our acceptances resulted in the following:**
- School of the Holy Child; Cornelia Connelly Scholar
- Academy of the Holy Cross; two awarded Sancta Crux scholarship
- Georgetown Visitation; one 1799 Scholar and one Visi Scholar
- DeMatha Catholic High School; most placed in honors program
- St. John’s College High School; four De La Salle Scholars and one Leadership Scholarship
- Gonzaga College High School
- Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart (Merit Scholar)
- Elizabeth Seton High School
- Archbishop Carroll High School
- Georgetown Preparatory School
- Maret School
- The Heights School
- Oakcrest School
- Bishop O’Connell High School
- Thank you to the faculty, staff, and parents for their commitment and support.

### 2017 Parish Calendar – March

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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.

Sanctuary Lamp Burning In the Sanctuary this week

In Memory of:
Fr. Norman Haddad, O.P.

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

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 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.