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.
Dominican Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph

Parish:
Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Parochial Vicar: Father Hyacinth Cordell, 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 Griffen, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

Friars in Residence:
Prior: Father Carleton Jones, O.P.
Brother: Patrick Foley, O.P, Ignatius Perkins, O.P.

RCIA Feeers
RCIA begins soon! We are hoping to get a lot of people, as we did last year. This is partly dependent on you. Those who became Catholic last year all talked about the significance of being inspired by a good lay Catholic as being on of the main reasons they began considering becoming Catholic. Don’t put your light under a bushel basket, Jesus exhorts us! The more we joyfully live and share our faith, the more people will be attracted to Jesus and His Church. That is our role, then: to joyfully live and share our faith. Our faith is not supposed to be something we just do privately, keep to ourselves, and hide from others. It should shine out in everything we do. And to the degree that it has made a difference in our own lives we will naturally want to share it with others. If we truly love others, we will want what’s best for them, which includes their spiritual good, above all.

For us to have people becoming Catholic every year, we need “feeders,” things feeding into RCIA. You are those feeders! You all have people in your own “sphere of influence” that you can reach better than others. Of course, not everyone in your sphere of influence will be open. But probably some will be, when the time is right. Those who are “satisfied” where they are at are not likely to be open. But many are “unsatisfied” or “dissatisfied” where they are at. They are more likely to be open. Start in gentle, very non-threatening ways: “Have you ever thought about . . . ?” There’s a flier (the “Becoming Catholic” flier at our entrances) if you are interested. “Think and pray about it.” In this way, you can be a bridge between those people and Jesus, and His Church. Just put someone open or interested in touch with Fr. Schommer or myself. We’ll be glad to meet with them, make them feel comfortable, and help guide them. And, invite them to come to the beginning RCIA class.

-Fr. Hyacinth

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Do you know someone who is interested, or might be open, to becoming Catholic? Or, do you know someone who hasn’t received Confirmation or First Communion? R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for these persons. RCIA is a grace-filled journey which begins with a period of initial inquiry followed by a guided initiation into the fullness of our Christian and Catholic Faith.

Classes begin Monday evening, September 11, from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in our parish meeting room. Please encourage anyone who may be interested to contact Fr. Hyacinth at vicar@stdominicchurch.org
**The Dominican Community Mass**

The Dominican Community Mass at 11:30 a.m. (Monday-Saturday) is suspended until the whole community has reassembled in September. Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Priory Chapel on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

Fr. Carleton Jones, O.P., Prior

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**St. Dominic Cenacle**

A weekly group of discipleship for adults, in our parish.

**Tuesday, August 29**

6:45 p.m. — Mass:

7:25 p.m. Discussion on St. John the Baptist

Visit our website: www.stdominiccenacle.org

Email us: cenacle@stdominicchurch.org

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**Faith & Food — Eight Part Series**

**Sunday Evenings through Sept. 3**

6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room

**Part VI: Factory Farms & Animals**

August 20 — *At. The Fork*

(Plant-Based Food will be Provided)

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**St. Dominic’s Young Adults**

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

**Thursday, August 31**

- 7 p.m. — Adoration with Confessions (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — Social Night

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**Worship**

_Sung Mass Responses:_ Our community’s sung and spoken responses during the ritual prayers of the liturgy are a core element of communal prayer. _Sung Mass Responses:_ Our community’s sung and spoken responses during the ritual prayers of the liturgy are a core element of communal prayer.

- At all weekend Masses, we will be singing the Gloria on page 2 of the insert attached to the front cover of the Breaking Bread Book. The sung responses (Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Amen and Lamb of God) are all from the Peoples Mass and may be found on insert pages 19-20.

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**Parish Lay Ministry — at Summer’s End**

During the summer, as is common across cultures and nations, many take well-deserved time-off from work and other activities. We are grateful for all our parish volunteers (Ushers, Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Music Ministers) who volunteer year-round — and those who “filled the vacancies” of those who were/are away. We pray all have safe travels, and return renewed as summer comes to its end. We are always happy to welcome volunteers who wish to serve as Lay Ministers of the Mass. Perhaps now is a great time for you to volunteer. Please contact the Parish Liturgical Ministries Coordinator (JC Cantrell) for more information regarding training and serving as a Lay Minister of the Mass. (music@stdominicparish.org)

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

The October and November schedule for Liturgies and Masses will be drafted next week. Please update 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. By updating your profile information, we can avoid scheduling you when you are not available.

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

R**eminder:** Vacancies remain in the September schedule. Lectors, Acolytes and EMHC are 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.

The MSP website and smart phone app always display the “real-time current” schedule (and openings).

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**Social Justice**

_So Others Might Eat:_ Our next SOME meal will be Saturday, September 30th. Baking pans and recipes will be available beginning September 2nd. For more information, please contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

_Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center:_ Please leave your donation of diapers, wipes, and formula, for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center in front of the pulpit. The Center can use diapers of all sizes, but there is a special need for larger sized diapers (size 3 and up). We appreciate your generosity.

_Annual Coats for Kids Giveaway:_ It’s still hot outside, but it is time to think about our annual Coats for Kids giveaway. $20 buys a new warm coat for a child in need. Please make your check out to St. Dominic Church and write “Coats for Kids” in the subject line. You may also donate through faithdirect.net.

We will also accept donations of scarves, hats and mittens. If you are knitting or crocheting scarves at home, they should be at least 36” by 6”. Please contact social@stdominicchurch.org if you have any questions.
**Parish Community**

*The Hospitality Committee* is now turning our attention to Heritage Day, which is October 15th. This year we will celebrate the 98th anniversary of the consecration of the church. For more information, please contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

*The Knights of Columbus* is generously hosting our parish picnic, which is scheduled for September 24th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. **Everyone is welcome.**

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… Please email: social@stdominicchurch.org

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**Church History and Maintenance**

We will clean on next Saturday, September 9th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. 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, please email Cecilia Daly at social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

**History:** The 1st double window on the north side of the church depicts St. Dominic receiving the rosary from Christ and Our Blessed Mother. Tradition holds that Mary made promises to Christians who recite the rosary: those who faithfully recite the rosary shall receive many graces, shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of his graces, and at the moment of death shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

*Courtesy of Mary Moran.*

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**Upcoming Events**

- September 24 - Parish Picnic
- October 15 – Heritage Day Celebration

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**The Garden Angels**

**No Experience Needed!** We do lawn and garden maintenance, grounds clean-up, and anything that comes up. We have all the necessary tools and gloves. We work the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Drop-ins welcome! We need **HELP to keep St. Dominic’s beautiful.** Please contact Elysia Branson at 202-583-2522, or email ebowserbuddy@aol.com for further information or contact Ed Von Hagel at the Parish Office 202-55-7863.

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**St. Peter School News**

Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year – to new and returning St Peter School students, parents, faculty, and staff! We hope you and your families had a peaceful summer holiday, and are eager to reunite with your school community on Tuesday, August 29! Many blessings for the year ahead!

This school year is monumental as St Peter School celebrates a tradition of 150 years of faith formation, academic excellence, and community building! To kick-off the festivities, plan to join the school community on August 29 at drop off on the lower playground. Also, save the date for the spectacular 150th celebration gala and auction on April 21, 2018.

Lastly, please join us for the annual St Peter School Blessing on Friday, September 1 at 8:45am on the school’s upper playground. Fr Gary will bless students, faculty, and staff for a grace-filled school year. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join.

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**2017 Parish Calendar – August- September**

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<td>Tuesday 29</td>
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<td>Daniel Cole (D)</td>
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**Sanctuary Lamp Burning In the Sanctuary this week**

- **For Peace and Justice For All**
  Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle can be made in the parish office.

**Pray for the Sick**

Doris Baldwin, Jerome Buke Col. Roscoe Campbell, Kristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Daniel Collins, Barbara Dever, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marian Halwick, Mary Hogan, June Jaeger, Marilyn Jarvis, Jim Jenkins, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Pat Lyles, Barbara Mahoney, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Rose Montas, Tomas Ramirez, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Barbara Sanders, Bruce Sanowar, Rosa Maria Santos, Frances White, Saundra Yates, Mike Scarpulla and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

**Stewardship**

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**Faith Direct**

Thank you for being a part of our St. Dominic Church family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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.