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.

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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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As we live our lives each day, we often come to a moment of changing our mind. We change our mind based upon new information and circumstances; or according to new desires and emotions. Changing our mind changes our actions and behaviors. The Gospel today portrays for us the change of mind and the change of life that comes when we encounter Jesus. He continually speaks to us through his word, through the teachings of his Church, and through our personal prayer in his presence. Our acceptance of his words and the humble reception of his mercy convince us to change our minds about the way we are living our lives. His words are true and lead us to freedom; his mercy heals the wounds of our past and leads us to the joy of loving him. Our growth in virtue and holiness – an ongoing process in life – depends upon our cooperation with divine grace and the willingness to change our mind. We do well to seek a daily encounter with Christ so that we may live in the Kingdom of God.

A particularly powerful encounter with Christ happens within the context of Eucharistic Adoration. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist offers us the opportunity for Jesus to look at us with perfect love and mercy; and for us to look at him with love, gratitude and petition. Before his Ascension into heaven, Jesus promised to remain with us always. In a very tangible way, he remains with us in the Eucharist. Certainly, he comes to dwell within our hearts when we receive him in Holy Communion; but he also waits for us and desires us to come to him before the tabernacle or monstrance.

Our parish has 3 regularly scheduled times for Eucharistic Adoration and I encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities. There is a holy half-hour on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 before the Cenacle meeting; a holy hour on Thursdays from 4:45-5:45; and a holy half-hour at 7:00 before the Young Adults meeting. Also, the church is open every day for quiet, personal prayer. Time spent in the presence of the Lord is time well spent. You’ll see.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.
**Upcoming Events**

**Heritage Day!**
Celebrating the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Parish Church; and Welcoming All Who Have Called St. Dominic’s Home
**Sunday, October 15, 2017**
10:30 a.m. Mass
Reception following in the Parish Meeting Room.
All are welcome!

**Blessing of The Wharf**
Sunday, October 15
3:30pm  Suggested Arrival Time (District Pier)
4-4:30pm  Blessing of The Wharf
5-6:30pm  Free Concert by The Howard University Gospel Choir

**NEW HYMNAL FOR THE PARISH**
In collaboration with the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and the Director of Music, we have decided to acquire the *St. Michael Hymnal* for our parish. The *St. Michael Hymnal* will give our worshipping community a high-quality, durable resource to unite our voices in praise and worship of our God. Please consider making a one-time donation for one or more hymnals so that the parishioners and guests of our parish may grow closer to the Lord through music. Remember, St. Augustine once said that “he who sings, prays twice.”

For each $20 donation, which purchases one hymnal, we would be happy to memorialize the hymnal by means of a memorial plate (a printed “label” inside the hymnal.) A large poster with samples of the memorial plate is located at the center-aisle entrance of the church. There, you will find envelopes for your donation. Please put the donation envelope in the regular collection basket; or deliver it to the parish office.

Status report: 111 of 350 hymnals have been funded.

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**WORSHIP**

We are blessed by the presence of many visitors and guests each week. Out of solemn respect for the Mass, we follow the custom of remaining at our places within the church until the conclusion of the Song for Sending Forth (recessional).

**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 Siena Chant Mass found on pages 14-17 of the insert attached to the front cover of the Breaking Bread Book
- The Gloria is on Insert page 14. The other responses (Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Amen and Lamb of God) follow the Gloria on Insert pages 16-17.

**Parish Lay Ministry—Your Help is Wanted!**
We actively seek members of the parish to volunteer and 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 Lay Ministry service as an Acolyte, or Extraordinary Minister. Contact JC Cantrell for more information. (music@stdominicparish.org)

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

**Alert:** On the following dates we need additional volunteers in all Liturgical Ministries.
- Wednesday, Nov 1—All Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Friday, Nov 3—noon mass
- Thursday, Nov 23 - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Thanksgiving Day Mass)

**Reminder:** Vacancies often occur each week due to changes in volunteer availability. 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.

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

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**
Do you know someone who is interested, or might be open, to becoming Catholic? Classes are on Monday evenings 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
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

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the parish picnic last weekend. We also wish to thank the Hospitality Committee for providing the salads and desserts.

Thanks to everyone to helped clean the church last week. Next month's cleaning will be Saturday, October 14th, 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 social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

Blessed Mannes (1170-1235), one of St. Dominic’s older brothers, is featured on the 1st double window on the north side of the church (lower right). He helped establish the priory of St. Jacques in Paris in 1217. According to an early source he was “a contemplative and holy man, meek and humble, joyful and kind, and a zealous preacher.” He died at the Cistercian monastery of San Pedro at Garniel d’Izan near Caleruega about the year 1235. —Courtesy of Mary Moran.

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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# The Weekly Mass Intentions

**Sun, Oct 1 Twenty–Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **8:00 AM** The Szele-Hadford Family
- **10:30 AM** Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- **5:00 PM** People of the Parish

**Mon, Oct 2**
- **8:00 AM** Poor Souls
- **12:10 PM** Salvation of Souls

**Tue, Oct 3**
- **8:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Scimeca Family
- **12:10 PM** Deceased Members of the Torrelli Family

**Wed, Oct 4**
- **8:00 AM** Jerry Torrelli
- **12:10 PM** Lucile Hutchins (D)

**Thu, Oct 5**
- **8:00 AM** Nicole Tennessee (D)
- **12:10 PM** Loretta Patnode (D)

**Fri, Oct 6**
- **8:00 AM** George Blount (D)
- **12:10 PM** William Blount (D)

**Sat, Oct 7**
- **9:00 AM** Deceased Dominican Sisters
- **5:00 PM** Barbara Blount (D)

## Mass Intention Requests

The Mass Intention Calendar for 2018 is now available. 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, 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, Bruce Sanowar, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

## Sanctuary Lamp Burning In the Sanctuary this week

**For all that were affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.**

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

## Stewardship

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## Faith Direct

I’d like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish’s electronic giving program. Faith Direct’s eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. 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.

## Hurricane Irma Relief

The special second collection last week for Hurricane Irma Relief totaled $2,180, which does not include donations made via Faith Direct. Thank you to everyone who was so generous. Let us continue to pray for all the peoples and lands that are suffering the devastation left in the wake of the hurricane.