November 5, 2017 — Thirty-First 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 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

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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This past week, we observed All Souls Day. This is an annual commemoration of all the faithful departed and a reminder that praying for the holy souls in Purgatory is a salutary act of charity. We learn from the Catechism that “from the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: ‘Let us help and commemorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them’” (CCC 1032). Examples of how we can obtain indulgences to help these holy souls are: making an offering for Masses to be said on their behalf (contact the parish office), by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, and by praying the holy rosary.

A recent custom developed in our parish is to burn the Paschal Candle each day of November. The candle reminds us of the victory of Christ over the power of death and the hope that we have that all who have died with Christ will enter into new life with him. We also have a Book of Remembrance into which anyone may inscribe the name of deceased family members and friends. Hence, in the Masses and prayers of the parish, the dead will be remembered in the light of Christ who is our hope. Both the candle and the book are located to the left of the sanctuary near the shrine of St. Joseph (who happens to be a patron of the dying).

Within the Dominican community living in the priory, there has been a recent change in leadership. Fr. Carleton Jones, O.P., who had been the prior (superior) of the community, has entered retirement and moved to St. Mary Priory in New Haven, CT. St. Mary is adjacent to Yale University – Fr. Carleton’s alma mater. We wish him well as he begins his new chapter in life.

Here at St. Dominic, the friars of the community have elected a new prior. Fr. Jacob Restrick, O.P. will be arriving in the coming week to serve and lead the friars within the priory. He comes to St. Dominic’s from the Dominican House of Studies in Northeast, DC. During his priesthood, Fr. Jacob has previously served as pastor of a parish, chaplain to Dominican nuns and sisters, and as a spiritual advisor to the Dominican brothers in formation for the priesthood. We welcome Fr. Jacob to our community and to the parish.

During this week, Fr. Hyacinth and I will be participating in a 3-day priests’ convocation for the
**Pastor’s Corner**

Archdiocese of Washington. This is a time of prayer, ongoing formation, fraternal renewal, and conversation with the leadership of the Archdiocese. The presenter for the formation sessions is Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, CA. He is well-known for his video series *Catholicism* and *Priest, Prophet and King*, which we have presented here at St. Dominic. Please pray for Father and me. We’ll be back for the weekend.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

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**Annual Friar Formation Appeal**

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many parishioners to the Annual Friar Formation Appeal. Please complete your gift card and return it to the parish office or mail your card and envelope TODAY.

Thank you!

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**St. Dominic Cenacle**

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

**Tuesday, November 7**

6:45 p.m. — Adoration

7:25 p.m. — Discussion on: “Solae”

Visit our website: www.stdominiccenacle.org

Email us: cenacle@stdominicchurch.org

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**St. Dominic’s Young Adults**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 9**

- 7 p.m. — Adoration with Confession (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — Discussion on: Old Testament

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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.

- Music for the Siena Chant Mass may be 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.

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We are actively recruiting volunteers to serve as Music Ministers, ushers, acolytes, lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Please contact JC Cantrell for more information (email: music@stdominicchurch.org)

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

The Advent and Christmas schedule for Liturgies and Masses will be emailed to all Lay Ministers next week. Please review 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 (very important for scheduling Lay Ministers for the Christmas Masses). 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).

**Reminder:** Vacancies remain in the November 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).

**Social Justice Community Services**

In response to the new Planned Parenthood in DC, a pro-life community drawn from five local parishes was formed called the *Proverbs 24 Community*. This is an active and trained pro-life community begun last year among our parish that encourage people to give witness to life in three different ways. Training and orientation will take place on Saturday November 18th at 10:30 a.m. in the parish meeting room. Even if you simply want to learn more, we invite you to attend this orientation, no commitment. Please pick up a flier for more information and stop by the table in the back of Church to learn more.

**Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center:** Please leave your donation for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center in front of the pulpit. We appreciate your generosity to young families in need.

**Giving Tree Program:** Please make a child’s Christmas merrier by taking a Christmas ornament from the tree in the back of the church. The DC police will help us give toys to children living in shelters in the Southwest/Southeast area. Bring the unwrapped toy back to the Church by December 3rd, so that the gifts can be distributed at the DC Police Christmas party on December 9th.
Parish Community

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.

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 Elyria 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.

St. Peter School

The Annual Giving Campaign is the school’s major fundraiser, supporting curriculum development, facility improvement and scholarships and allowing St. Peter School to remain “The Key to Educational Excellence Since 1868.”

Did you know? It is St. Peter School’s 150th Anniversary! Your contribution would be especially meaningful this year. Please consider your donation an investment in faith, academic excellence and community.

2017 PARISH CALENDAR NOVEMBER

| Sunday 5 | All Masses | All Masses 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Second Collection -- Priest of the Archdiocese Retirement Fund Baby Items Collection Lay Dominican Fraternity Monthly Mtg. | Church Priory Chapel/Parish Mtg. Rm |
| Monday 6 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | RCIA | Parish Meeting Room |
| Tuesday 7 | 6:45 p.m. - 8:20 p.m. | Cenacle Holy Half Hour / Meeting | Church & Parish Meeting Rm |
| Wednesday 8 | 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Music Ministry Rehearsal Knights of Columbus O’Boyle Council | Church Parish Meeting Room |
| Thursday 9 | 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Holy Hour Young Adult Holy 1/2 Hour/Meeting | Church Church & Parish Meeting Rm |
| Friday 10 | Office Closed | 8:00 a.m. Mass Only – Federal Holiday | Church |
| Saturday 11 | 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Church Cleaning | Church |
| Sunday 12 | | | | |
The Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, Nov 5  Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM  Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
10:30 AM  People of the Parish
5:00 PM  Poor Souls Remembrance 5/30

Mon, Nov 6
8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 6/30
12:10 PM  Mireva’s Family, Relatives, Friends & Benefactors (D)

Tue, Nov 7
8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 7/30
12:10 PM  Mireva’s Family, Relatives, Friends & Benefactors (D)

Wed, Nov 8
8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 8/30
12:10 PM  Mireva’s Family, Relatives, Friends & Benefactors (D)

Thu, Nov 9
8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 9/30
12:10 PM  Jane Frances Bury (D)

Fri, Nov 10
8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 10/30

Sat, Nov 11
9:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 11/30
5:00 PM  Deceased Dominican Sisters

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, Marion Halwick, Mary Hogan, June Jaeger, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Pat Lyles, Barbara Mahoney, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Rose Montas, Tomas Ramirez, Frank Ruiz, 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

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week can be made in the parish office. The suggested offering is $15.

Stewardship

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Faith Direct

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Dominic Church. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.

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.