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.

Deviotions and Sacraments

Deviotions—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.

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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The month of November is a time when the Church calls to mind the four last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. The attention given to the end of our life is certainly sobering since we may recognize that the way we live may not be in conformity with the way of life that Jesus calls us to live as his disciples. However, the attention given to these four last things is not without hope. As believers in the Lord Jesus, we believe in his Resurrection from the dead and the grace that he has obtained for us to overcome sin in our lives and be raised up with him to glory.

Recognizing that those who have died marked with the sign of faith may not have been perfectly purified from sin during their earthly life, the Church prays for the dead that they may be delivered from sin and undergo the purification needed “...so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (CCC 1030). A form of prayer most helpful to the holy souls in Purgatory is the Mass. It has been a long-standing practice for family members and friends to make an offering so that a Mass may be offered for a specific person. (Arrangements here at St. Dominic can be made in the parish office.) In addition, “the Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead” (CCC 1032). A few years ago, Pope Francis had this to say: “Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones,” he continued. “The foundation of prayers in suffrage of souls is in the communion of the Mystical Body.” The Pope also offered a prayer for the dead:

God of infinite mercy, we entrust to Your immense goodness all those who have left this world for eternity, where you await all humanity, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ Your Son, who died to save us from our sins.

Look not, Lord, at our poverty, misery, and human weaknesses when we present ourselves before You to be judged in happiness or condemned. Gaze upon us with pity, born of Your tender heart and help us to walk the path of purification. May none of your children be lost to the eternal fires of hell, where repentance is no more.

We entrust to You, Lord, the souls of our beloved departed, of those who died without the comfort of the sacraments or who did not have the opportunity to repent, not even at the end of their life.

May no one fear the encounter with You at the end of their earthly pilgrimage, in the hope of being welcomed within the embrace of your infinite mercy. May sister death find us in
**Pastor’s Corner…continued**

Prayerful vigilance, and full of all the good we have done during our existence, be it long or short.

Lord, may nothing distance us from you on this earth, may everything and everyone support us in our ardent hope to serenely and eternally rest in You. Amen.

Let us pray for one another and for all the faithful departed,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

**Kneeler Refurbishment**

A crew of parish volunteers have begun the arduous task of replacing the pads on the kneelers in the church. Each kneeler has to be removed, then new padding and fabric covering needs to be affixed. Then the kneeler is returned to the church. It’s not as simple as it sounds and each kneeler takes a good amount of time. The project will be on-going as time and volunteers allows until all kneelers have been renewed. Thank you to all who are working on this project. Other volunteers are welcome. Please contact the parish office.

**St. Dominic Cenacle**

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

**Monday, Nov. 13**

6:45 p.m. — Adoration & Confessions

7:25 p.m. — Discussion on: Sola Scriptura

Visit our website: www.stdominiccenacle.org

Email us: cenacle@stdominicchurch.org

**St. Dominic’s Young Adults**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 16**

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

**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.

- The Gloria is on page 10 of the insert attached to the front cover of the Breaking Bread Book.
- The other responses (Community Mass — Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Amen and Lamb of God) follow the Gloria on Insert pages 12-13.

We are actively recruiting additional voices to sing with the Christmas Choir at the Christmas Masses. Please contact JC Cantrell for more information (email: music@stdominicchurch.org)

**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. This is 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**

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.

The parish is again participating in the *Knights of Columbus* annual Coats for Kids giveaway. $20 buys a new warm coat for a child in need here in the Southwest. 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.

**Coats for Kids Program:** As part of the Coats for Kids program, 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.

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 parishes that encourages 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. If you want
to learn more, we invite you to attend this orientation. No commitment.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center: Thank you for your donations to the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center last week. Our next collection of practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) will be the weekend of December 2/3.

Parish Community

We need volunteers to help organize social events, such as Heritage Day, the parish picnic, spaghetti suppers, etc... If you are interested in more opportunities to socialize with fellow parishioners, For more information, contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

Upcoming Event:
December 10th — Vocal Classical Music Recital featuring NVCC Vocal Studio of Dr. Patrick Cook (6:30 p.m.)

Church History and Maintenance

“Thank you” to everyone who sacrificed their Saturday morning to help clean the church. The next monthly cleaning will be Saturday, December 9th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please help get our church ready for Christmas.

We are also 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.

History: — The installation of the great bronze bell in 1888 marked the completion of the church. The bell was cast at the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore. For most of our history, the bell was rung by main strength by a friar who climbed the stairs to a space outside the choir loft above the narthex. Now an electrical mechanism on a timer does the work.
— Courtesy of Mary Moran.
**The Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sun, Nov 12  
**Thirty -Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 12/30
- 10:30 AM  Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 5:00 PM  People of the Parish

Mon, Nov 13

- 8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 13/30
- 12:10 PM  Poor Souls

Tue, Nov 14

- 8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 14/30
- 12:10 PM  Salvation of Souls

Wed, Nov 15

- 8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 15/30
- 12:10 PM  Russell Schommer (D)

Thu, Nov 16

- 8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 16/30
- 12:10 PM  Deceased Members of the Scimeca Family

Fri, Nov 17

- 8:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 17/30
- 12:10 PM  Michael J. Harkin

Sat, Nov 18

- 9:00 AM  Poor Souls Remembrance 18/30
- 5:00 PM  Deceased Dominican Sisters

**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.**

**Pray for the Sick**

Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khris tofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Daniel Collins, Barbara Dever, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marion Halwick, Mary Hogan, Karla Humbles, 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, 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**

With Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Dominic Church are received even while you are traveling for the holidays.

Already using Faith Direct? Don’t forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

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.

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**Sanctuary Lamp Burning In the Sanctuary this week**

For the Intentions of:  
The Zangla Family  
By:  
Angelo Zangla