



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

November 19, 2017 — Thirty-Third 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.

HOLIDAYS

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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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DOMINICAN FRIARS of the PROVINCE of SAINT JOSEPH

PARISH:

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Parochial Vicar: Father Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
Pastoral Associate: Brother Norbert Keliher, 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: Kathryn Aldridge
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:

Simon Ciccarillo, Patricia D'Antonio, Robert Davis, Olivia Hnat; Margaret MacLeod, Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David Stewart, Andrew Vasile, Joe Wasiak

Parish Finance Council Members:

Simon Ciccarillo, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

Prior: Father Jacob Restruck, O.P.

Reverend Father: George Christian, O.P., Luke Clark, O.P., Thomas Davenport, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., Peter Fegan, O.P., Luke Hoyt, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., Edmund McCullough, O.P., Andrew Nicolichchia, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P.

Reverend Brother: Aquinas Beale, O.P., Leo Camurati, O.P., Timothy Danaher, O.P., Brad Elliott, O.P., Peter Gautsch, O.P., Humbert Kilanowski, O.P., Mannes Matous, O.P., Isaac Morales, O.P., Henry Stephan, O.P.

Brother: Patrick Foley, O.P., Ignatius Perkins, O.P.

PASTOR'S CORNER



The parable of Jesus in the Gospel today is quite challenging for us as his disciples. Why? Because we are asked to take a risk with what God has given to us. One author writes: "Our greatest talent and treasure is our ability to love, and in this enterprise the champion is the greatest risk taker, which means the one most willing to invest *himself* where the odds appear most against him." When each of us had that personal encounter with Christ, wherein we came to know Jesus as Savior, Redeemer and Lord of our lives, the love of God was poured into our hearts (cf. Rom 5:5). This gift of Divine Love changes us and empowers us to love as Jesus loves – without calculation, without hesitancy, and most of all, without fear of punishment (like the third person in the parable). St. John teaches us that "there is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love. We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn 4:18-19).

God has made a personal investment with each of us. Through our baptism into Christ, God has forgiven our sins and given us the gift of charity. This charity is the talent entrusted to us for growth and increase. How does it grow? When we take the risk to love when everything in our nature resists. St. Paul, in a familiar passage from the first letter to Corinthians, tells us what love looks like in action: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4 – 8a).

An important detail in the parable of Jesus and the teaching of St. Paul is that of personal effort. Each person must choose to cooperate with divine grace and collaborate with God for the increase of virtue and the development of the Kingdom of God. Effort and cooperation bring the growth and increase that the Lord desires. Our failure to choose and cooperate is like burying the talent in the ground – nothing happens.

In these last days of the liturgical year, our attention is directed toward the life of the world to come. We have every opportunity while we still live on this earth to strive for growth in virtue and perfection. We can depend upon the power of God's grace to assist us in overcoming our human weaknesses and sinfulness. The joy that awaits us is worth every effort of self-discipline and mortification. In fact, we can possess a foretaste of that joy as we live a virtuous life even now because the Lord increases his graces and blessings as he sees the good return on his investment. Take the risk to love!

PASTOR'S CORNER ... CONTINUED

The observance of Thanksgiving Day this week gives each of us the opportunity to pause and offer thanks to God for his abundant blessings and provisions in our lives. I am thankful for the blessing of being called to St. Dominic Parish to be pastor and servant for a wonderful community of people. I am thankful for my Dominican brothers with whom I live in the priory for their support and encouragement. I have been here just over 6 years and the growth and renewal of our parish has been a work of divine grace among us. For these and many other blessings, I am thankful. As a parish, our **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be at **10:30 a.m.** It is the only Mass that day. Please consider joining with your brothers and sisters in faith to worship God in thanksgiving.

Let us pray for one another,
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.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

6:45 p.m. — Adoration & Confessions

7:25 p.m. — **Discussion on: Sola Fide**

Visit our website: www.stdominiccenacle.org

Email us: cenacle@stdominicchurch.org

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 pages 12-13.

WORSHIP ... CONTINUED

We are actively recruiting additional voices to sing with the Christmas Choir at the Christmas Masses.

Please contact JC Cantrell for more information (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 has been updated. Vacancies remain at Weekday and Weekend Masses.

Please review your "assignments" with the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) web-site (or your MSP smartphone app) and volunteer to serve at masses with vacancies.

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

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

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: walkers, prayers, and cooks. For more information, contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES ... CON'T

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

PARISH COMMUNITY

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Spaghetti Supper a success. We had a great time and collected \$478 for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center and the purchase of an ultrasound equipment.

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

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 3rd double window on the north side of the church depicts St. Dominic presiding at the First General Chapter, held in 1220 in Bologna on the Feast of Pentecost. One objective was to organize the Dominican Order and frame its constitution --Courtesy of Mary Moran.*

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR



**Parish Meeting Room
(Downstairs)
Sundays: 6:30 p.m.
through March 12, 2018**

•**Today showing is, One Night with the King**—*Tiffany Dupont, Luke Goss, John Noble, John Rhys-Davies, Peter O'Toole, Omar Sharif (2006) 123 minutes*

•**Nov. 26, Salome**—*Rita Hayworth, Stewart Granger, Charles Laughton (1953) 103 minutes*

ST. PETER SCHOOL

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving
And his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations."
— Psalm 100:4-5*

The St. Peter School community is thankful for its students, families, parish, teachers and staff. We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, with those you love most.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you know of individuals who cannot get out and would like a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on Christmas Day, please contact the Basilica of the National Shrine by close of business on Friday, December 22, 2017.

Please TYPE your list and give us names, addresses with apartment numbers, city, state, ZIP CODE and the telephone numbers. You can fax requests for *meals to be delivered* to 202-526-8313, Attention: For a Christmas Dinner please email your requests to eak@bnsic.org.

Volunteers are always needed to fill many different positions. Those interested in signing up should visit www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.

2017 PARISH CALENDAR NOVEMBER

Sunday 19	All Masses 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Second Collection -Capital Repair/ Maint. Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room
Monday 20	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday 21	6:45 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour / Meeting	Church & Parish Meeting Rm
Wednesday 22	6:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Thursday 23	OFFICE CLOSED	10:30 a.m. Mass Only	Church
Friday 24	OFFICE CLOSED		
Saturday 25			
Sunday 26	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Religious Movie Seminar	Parish Meeting Room

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Nov 19 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:30 AM Poor Souls Remembrance 19/30
 5:00 PM Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Mon, Nov 20

8:00 AM Poor Souls Remembrance 20/30
 12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Torrelli Family

Tue, Nov 21

8:00 AM Poor Souls Remembrance 21/30
 12:10 PM Jerry Torrelli

Wed, Nov 22

8:00 AM Poor Souls Remembrance 22/30
 12:10 PM Bridget Cassidy

Thu, Nov 23 Thanksgiving

10:30 AM Poor Souls Remembrance 23/30

Fri, Nov 24

8:00 AM Poor Souls Remembrance 24/30
 12:10 PM Blanca Penagos (D)

Sat, Nov 25

9:00 AM Poor Souls Remembrance 25/30
 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, 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, Sandra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK



*Deceased Members of the
 Andrew Troanovitch Family
 By:
 Mary Ann & Larry Hope*

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	11/12/2017	\$ 3, 579
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	11/12/2017	\$ 156

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 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.

