



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

December 3, 2017 — First Sunday of Advent

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 Restrict, 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 Nicolichia, 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



Today we begin the holy season of Advent and the new liturgical year. The blessing of the Advent wreath directs our attention to Christ, the light of the world, who penetrates the darkness we experience because of our sins. The readings for the Mass today and the season of Advent prepare us for the celebration of Our Lord's *first coming* (his *Nativity* or "birth" and *Epiphany* or "manifestation") at Christmas; and they deepen our anticipation of his *second coming* (his *Parousia*—literally, "his glorious presence") on the Last Day. In the mind of the Church, the *two comings* are deeply related.

Our lives are lived in the middle period of these two comings and this time is filled with the opportunity to receive an abundance of grace. Taking a cue from a prayer of the Mass, the Lord comes to us each day in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. The word proclaimed in the liturgy and used within our personal time of prayer is the living word of God that has the power to cause an effect in our lives. The Letter to the Hebrews confirms this for us, stating: "the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart" (4:12). The sacraments that we receive give us the grace we need to live our lives each day according to the will of God. The Catechism teaches us that "the seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith" (CCC 1210).

Through the Sacred Scriptures and the Holy Sacraments, Christ comes to us with his presence and the power of his grace. Preparing our hearts and minds for his coming to us disposes us to experience all that his grace is able to accomplish in us. The more we are recollected and prepared to welcome the Lord, the more we will discover the sublime effect of his gifts. Such is the nature of our Advent preparations and the blessings for which we can hope. "Come, Lord Jesus!

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

ST. MICHAEL HYMNAL

Today we begin to use the new St. Michael Hymnal in the context of our parish worship celebrations. There are 350 copies for use in the church. **Please do not take them.** Thank you to all who funded the hymnals in honor or in memory of family, friends and loved ones.

Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patroness of the United States of America

Friday, December 8

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 7
Holy Day Masses: 8:00 a.m.; 12:10 and 5:00 p.m.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help care for elders. "Thanks to your support from the *Retirement Fund for Religious*. We are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION FROM OUR PARISH



Dear St. Dominic Church Family, I am Bernadette Sartor and a member of the parish. I have recently been accepted for entrance into Our Lady of Grace Dominican Monastery and will be entering on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

This decision is one I have been considering since moving to DC, and in that time the St. Dominic Church community has been a source of spiritual support and growth for me. I first came to St. Dominic Church in the fall of 2015 after being invited to the newly formed **Young Adults Group**. The welcoming nature of the group and the combination of Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship with other young adults provided me the community that I had been looking for since moving to the city. I met so many wonderful young people who were on fire with their Catholic Faith and who encouraged me to pursue God's will for my life. The following year I had the opportunity to serve on the core team for St. Dominic's Young Adults. It was such a blessing to be able to serve the group that has brought me so much joy and grace. After registering as a parishioner, I also became involved in the Evangelization Committee.

Throughout my time in Washington, St. Dominic Church has provided me with many opportunities to serve and be a part of a vibrant community, which has been invaluable to my discernment of a religious vocation. From singing for Advent Stations and Passiontide, to brainstorming evangelization opportunities for the opening of The Wharf, I am so grateful to have known and worked with everyone in this community. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to pursue God's will for my life. Be assured of my prayers for all of you!

VISIT OF DOMINICAN PROVINCIAL

Today, at the 10:30 Mass, we welcome Very Reverend Kenneth Letoile, O.P.—Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. Father will celebrate the parish Mass as part of his official visitation of the Dominican Friars living in the Priory. During the course of his visit, he will meet with each Friar individually and participate in the life of the community. At the end of his visit, he will speak to the Dominican community to offer observations and recommendations regarding the manner and quality of religious life that is observed in the Priory. Father will also meet with members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and employees of the parish and priory. Please welcome Fr. Ken if you see him, and remember him and the Friars in your prayers.

ATTENTION WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND ACOLYTES, LECTORS, USHERS, AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

ATTN: LECTORS! Workbooks for Lectors are available for pick-up. Please see/ask JC Cantrell for your copy.

ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

A weekly group of discipleship for adults.

Tuesday, December 5

6:45 p.m. — Adoration & Confessions

7:25 p.m. — **Discussion on: Advent**

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, December 7

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confession (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — **Discussion on: The Annunciation**

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Giving Tree: Please leave your present for the Christmas Giving Tree in front of the pulpit. We are working with the DC police to distribute the toys to children living in shelters in the Southwest/Southeast area at the DC Police Christmas party on December 9th. We also need help sorting the toys at 1:30 p.m. today (Sunday) in the parish meeting room.

Coats for Kids: 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. As part of

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SERVICES...CONTINUED**

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". If you have any questions please contact social@stdominicchurch.org

Proverbs 24 Community: 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.

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR

*Sundays: 6:30 p.m.
Through March 12, 2018
Parish Meeting Room*



- **December 3, Full of Grace**—*Noam Jenkins, Bahia Hasi, Kelsey Asbille* (2015) 83 minutes. Behind the scenes: Becoming Mary. 6 min. and Trailer
- **December 10, The Fourth Wiseman**—*Martin Sheen, Charlie Sheen, Alan Arkin, Harold Gould, James Farentino* (1985) 72 minutes

PARISH COMMUNITY

The St. Dominic's Young Adult Group is coordinating a reception to follow the Advent Stations event on December 16th. They are in need of volunteers to bring food. We will need a variety of snacks and desserts for this event - homemade, healthy, creative, Christmasy, and delicious food are encouraged! We would need you to drop the dish off between 6-6:45 PM on 12/16 before Advent Stations starts at 7:00 PM or simply bring it when the reception starts. If you are willing to bring a dish, please email the event coordinator Joe Spofford (joe.spofford@gmail.com) to let him know what you plan to bring so he can keep a master list. Thank you, in advance, for any help you can provide to make this event a success and God bless!

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 events:

- **December 10th** - Vocal Classical Music Recital featuring NVCC Vocal Studio of Dr. Patrick Cook (6:30 p.m.)
- **December 16th** – Advent Stations, reception to follow (7:00 p.m.)

2017 PARISH CALENDARS – DECEMBER 2017

DECEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 3	All Masses 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Baby Items Collection Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room
Monday 4	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday 5	6:45 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour followed by Meeting	Church & Parish Mtg Rm
Wednesday 6	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Thursday 7	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Holy Day Mass Young Adult Holy 1/2 Hour, followed by Mtg.	Church Church & Parish Mtg Rm
Friday 8	8:00 a.m. 12:10 & 5:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Day Masses</i>	Church
Saturday 9	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Lay Dominican Fraternity Advent Retreat/Day of Recollection Church Cleaning	Priory Chapel & Parish Meeting Room Church
Sunday 10	All Masses 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Second Collection -Retirement for Religious Vocal Recital with Students of Dr. Patrick Cook Religious Movie Seminar	Church Church Parish Meeting Room

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Sister Mary of the Word Incarnate
 10:30 AM Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
 5:00 PM People of the Parish

Mon, Dec 4

8:00 AM Bogomila Mireva Special Intentions
 L&D
 12:10 PM Ophelia Rinaldi (D)

Tue, Dec 5

8:00 AM Maria Alejandra
 12:10 PM Paul Kennedy, Sr. (D)

Wed, Dec 6

8:00 AM Albert Kassabian
 12:10 PM Patricia Mosquera

Thu, Dec 7

8:00 AM Kristina Stav Kloss (D)
 12:10 PM Poor Souls
 5:00 PM Salvation of Souls

Fri, Dec 8

8:00 AM Connor Irwin
 12:10 PM People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Jane Frances Bury (D)

Sat, Dec 9

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Scimeca
 Family
 5:00 PM Denise Coddington

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, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Pat Lyles, Barbara Mahoney, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Mary McMorrow, 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



In Memory of:
Lula Mahone & Clara Mahone
By: Doris Stukes

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	11/26/2017	\$6,087.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	11/26/2017	\$307.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Offertory Collection	\$19,009.00
Offertory-Faith Direct	\$10,498.08
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	\$2,696.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection Faith Direct	\$1,351.50

FAITH DIRECT

With the Season of Advent upon us, 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.

2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL PROGRESS REPORT

Goal: 2017	\$45,326.00
Pledged	\$45,243.00
Collected	\$37,543.29
Number of Donors	111