



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

December 10, 2017 — The Second 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."



422 Third St., SE • (202) 544-1618 •
<http://www.stpeterschooldc.org/>

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.

"Like" us on Facebook, [St Dominic Church—Washington DC](#) • Email listserve signup: social@stdominicchurch.org

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.

630 E Street, SW • Washington, D.C., 20024 • (202) 554-7863 • Fax (202) 554-0231

office@stdominicchurch.org • www.stdominicchurch.org

2 blocks from L'Enfant Plaza Metro



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 Restricker, 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



A key detail revealed in the Gospel for today applies to our lives as well. We are told that "people of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to meet [John the Baptist] and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins." The people took the personal initiative to go out to John and they had to acknowledge their sins. The importance of this personal initiative cannot be understated. St. Augustine makes the point that "He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent." We are participants in God's work of saving us and cooperators with the power of his grace to straighten out our lives.

The graces of the Advent season help us to go to Christ and acknowledge that our sins have become the obstacles that prevent him from dwelling within our hearts. Through our repentance we can receive forgiveness and be revived in the gift of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There, we encounter Christ, we acknowledge our sins, receive forgiveness through absolution, and are strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit to live our lives on a new and straight path.

Our parish has expanded times for sacramental confession during this Advent season. A priest is available on weekdays from 11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; on Thursday from 5:00 – 5:30 (during the Holy Hour); on Saturday from 4:30 – 5:00; and on Sunday immediately following the 10:30 Mass. Please take advantage of these opportunities so that you may experience the gift of the Lord's love and mercy in your life.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

TWO FOR ONE?????

In a newsletter issued earlier this year, the U.S. Catholic bishops addressed questions regarding whether Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations can be fulfilled with a "two-for-one" Mass attendance. These questions arise because Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday. Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass. The U.S. Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship has said that the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help religious communities. “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

A weekly group of discipleship for adults.

Tuesday, December 12

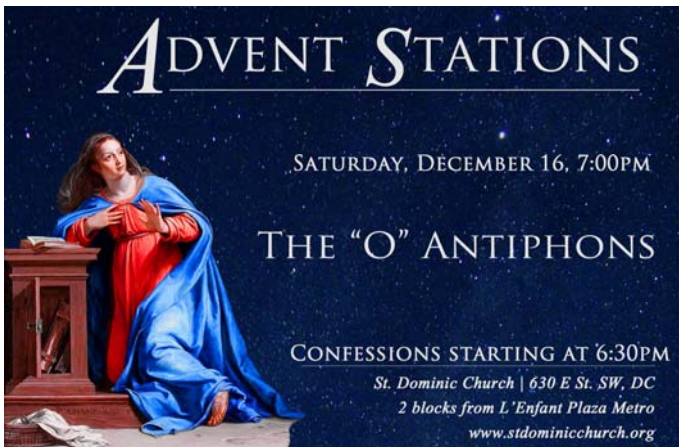
- 6:45 p.m. — Adoration & Confessions
 - 7:25 p.m. — **Discussion on: Joy**
- Visit our website: www.stdominiccenacle.org
Email us: cenacle@stdominicchurch.org

ST. DOMINIC’S YOUNG ADULTS

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

Thursday, December 14

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



ADVENT STATIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7:00PM

THE “O” ANTIPHONS

CONFESSIONS STARTING AT 6:30PM

*St. Dominic Church | 630 E St. SW, DC
2 blocks from L'Enfant Plaza Metro
www.stdominicchurch.org*

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sunday, December 24:

- 5 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass
- 9 p.m. ~ Mass During the Night, (Midnight Mass)

Monday, December 25:

- 10:30 a.m. ~ Mass During the Day

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, January 1:

- 10:30 a.m. ~ Solemn Mass

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).

Please silence your cell phone: As an overt act of courtesy (and respect for the prayer of all), please remember to silence/ turn off your cell phone when you arrive in the church.

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 masses for the season of Advent we will be using the responses from the Missa Simplex. (Reminder—the Gloria is not sung during the season of Advent except at special Feast Masses).

- Missa Simplex is found in the Blue St. Michael Hymnal # 135 - 140. It is also included in the insert attached to front cover of the Breaking Bread Book on pages 4 and 5.

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

Rehearsal for the Christmas Choir will be on December 13, 14, 20 and 21 ~ 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

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

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

Reminder: Vacancies often occur each week due to changes in volunteer availability. Ministers 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” schedule (and openings).

The Christmas Eve Vigil Masses (5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.) and the Christmas Morning Mass (10:30 a.m.) need additional Acolyte and EMHC Lay Ministers. Please volunteer for these very special masses.

ATTENTION LECTORS: Workbooks for Lectors are available for pick-up in the Sacristy. Please see/ask JC Cantrell for your copy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES

S.O.M.E. ~ Baking pans and sign-up sheets are in the main vestibule for the SOME meal on December 30th. If you will be out of town, you may place your donation in the parish freezer. Please remember those who are in need over the Christmas season.

Christmas Giving Tree ~ Thank you for your generous response to the Christmas Giving Tree. The gifts were distributed at the DC Police Christmas Party on Saturday. More information will be in the next bulletin.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center ~ We appreciate last week's donations for Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center. Our next collection of practical items (diapers, wipes, and formula) will be on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6/7. Thank you for your support for families who have chosen life.

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.

Knitting and Crocheting Scarves ~ 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".

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, pray-ers, and cooks. For more information, contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

PARISH COMMUNITY

St. Dominic's Young Adult Group is coordinating the reception following Advent Stations on Saturday, December 16th. They are in need of volunteers to bring a variety of food, snacks and desserts for this event. Homemade, healthy, creative, and Christmassy foods are encouraged! Please bring your items to the Parish Meeting Room between 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., before Advent Stations on December 16. If you are willing to bring a dish, please email the event coordinator Joe Spofford (joe.spofford@gmail.com). Thank you, in advance, for any help you can provide to make this event a success and God bless!

CHURCH MAINTENANCE AND HISTORY

Thanks to those who sacrificed their Saturday morning to clean the church. The next cleaning is on **Saturday, January 13th**, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Please visit the shrine to Our Lady of the Rosary on the right side of the church. The statues depict St. Dominic, who is credited with the origin and creation of the rosary, receiving the rosary from Our Lady, who is holding the infant Jesus and standing on a cloud. Tradition holds that the Blessed Virgin gave the rosary to St. Dominic as a way to convert the Albigensians and other sinners.

- *Courtesy of Mary Moran*

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to help with decorating the Church for Christmas on **Saturday, December 23**, starting at 9:30 a.m. All help is welcomed regardless of the amount of time you have to share.

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR

Sundays: 6:30 p.m. ~ Parish Meeting Room

- **December 10:** The Fourth Wiseman ~ (1985), 72 min.

PARISH CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2017

DECEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
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 - Students of Dr. Patrick Cook Religious Movie Seminar	Church Church Parish Meeting Room
Monday 11	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Christmas Rehearsal – Music Ministry RCIA	Church Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday 12	6:45 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.	Cenacle Holy Half Hour followed by Meeting	Church & Parish Mtg. Rm.
Wednesday 13	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 14	4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Holy Hour Young Adult Holy 1/2 Hour, followed by Mtg.	Church Church & Parish Mtg. Rm.
Saturday 16	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Advent Stations and Reception	Church & Parish Mtg. Rm.
Sunday 17	All Masses 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Second Collection - Capital Repair & Maint. Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Dec 10	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	The Szele-Hadford Family
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
5:00 PM	Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
Mon, Dec 11	
8:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Torrelli Family
12:10 PM	Special Intentions for Jerry Torrelli
Tue, Dec 12	
8:00 AM	Nakayla Irwin
12:10 PM	
Wed, Dec 13	
8:00 AM	
12:10 PM	
Thu, Dec 14	
8:00 AM	Petko Ivanov (D)
12:10 PM	
Fri, Dec 15	
8:00 AM	
12:10 PM	
Sat, Dec 16	
9:00 AM	Delphine Grezlik (D)
5:00 PM	Mr. John Clarke (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, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannon, 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



*For the Sick and Homebound Members
of the Parish*

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	12/03/2017	\$ 3,819.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	12/03/2017	\$ 730.00

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.

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.