



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**December 24, 2017 – Fourth 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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<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.

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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 Vasilie, 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

Our first joy at Christmas is found through the reception of Christ into our lives. In him we see the dignity of ourselves; in him we see the destiny of our lives. He comes as gift to show us the Father; he comes as gift to lead us to the Father. Jesus comes so that we may know and experience the love, mercy, power and Providence of the Father in our lives. Our acceptance of Christ into our lives fills us with the joy of salvation.

On behalf of the Dominican Friars of St. Dominic Church and Priory, I extend to all who come to St. Dominic's a greeting of "Blessed Christmas!" May this holy season fill you with the wonder of God's love and bring you peace and joy in the New Year.

Let us pray for one another that we may all receive the graces of the Christmas season.

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

## 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. ~ Solemn 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

## CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATION

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 at Christmas this year. In a "relatively rare" situation which last occurred in 2006, Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday. Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on 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 the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

## PARISH OFFICE — HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed from December 23 through January 1. The office will reopen on January 2.

## FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

Is there someone in your life who has been away from Church for a while or may not have a place or loving community in which to celebrate Christmas? Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment to reconnect to the Catholic Faith and many people are waiting for a personal invitation from someone like you! Visit [FindthePerfectGift.org](http://FindthePerfectGift.org) to find Christmas resources and Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington .

## DOMINICAN FRIARS MUSIC ALBUM

The student brothers of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph have produced a new album of folk music: *The Hillbilly Thomists*. Following upon four previous albums of sacred music, including last year's Christmas album, *Christ Was Born to Save*, this new album features friars sharing their Gospel joy through Americana music. Your support of this album will aid the formation of the many Dominican student brothers here in Washington. CDs can be purchased for \$15 through the brothers' daily blog at <http://www.dominicanajournal.org/music/>. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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).

- Missa Simplex is found on pages 135-140 of the blue hymnal. The Missa Simplex is also included in the insert attached to front cover of the Breaking Bread Book on insert pages 4 and 5.

### Our Gratitude to all Volunteers and Lay Ministers!

The Parish of St. Dominic's offers prayers of gratitude and blessing to all whose gift of labor resulted in our beautifully decorated church and the wonderful liturgies of Advent and Christmas. We are thankful for every volunteer who helped prepare and decorate the church and prepared and served the liturgies (our Ushers, Acolytes, Lectors, Music Ministers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion).

### With Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

As a parish, we are also sincerely grateful for and blessed by the ministering of our community by our Pastor and Associate Pastor and all members of the Dominican Priory.

Blessed Christmas and New Year to all.

## CHRISTMAS MANGER OR NATIVITY BLESSING

"God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen"

## ATTENTION WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Reminder:** Vacancies often occur each week due to changes in volunteer availability. Lectors, Acolytes and EMHC 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.

Please contact JC Cantrell by e-mail, if you have questions. ([music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org)).

## ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

*A weekly group of discipleship for adults.*

**Resumes January 9, 2018**

Visit our website: [www.stdominiccenacle.org](http://www.stdominiccenacle.org)

Email us: [cenacle@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:cenacle@stdominicchurch.org)

## ST. DOMINIC'S YOUNG ADULTS

*For all young adults in their 20's and 30's*

**Thursday, December 28**

- 7:00 p.m. — Adoration with Confession (Church)
- 7:40 p.m. — **Social Night**

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES..CONTINUED

\$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](http://faithdirect.net).

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](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) if you have any questions.

## CHURCH HISTORY

*The sixth double window on the north side of the church depicts St. Dominic raising a child from the dead. Like Jesus, he told the woman not to tell anyone about the miracle, but, as with those whom Christ had healed, the news spread rapidly.*

*-- Courtesy of Mary Moran*

## RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR 2017-2018

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

*Movie night will return January 7, 2018*

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Sun, Dec 24

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors  
5:00 PM Felicia A. Garcia-Taliaferro,  
Leopoldina Martinez, LeAndra  
Taliaferro & William C. Taliaferro,

9:00 PM Christmas Novena 8/9

### Mon, Dec 25 Christmas Day

10:30 AM People of the Parish

### Tue, Dec 26

8:00 AM Radka Gicheva (D)  
12:10 PM Christmas Novena 9/9

### Wed, Dec 27

8:00 AM  
12:10 PM

### Thu, Dec 28

8:00 AM  
12:10 PM

### Fri, Dec 29

8:00 AM Penka Gicheva (D)  
12:10 PM

### Sat, Dec 30

9:00 AM  
5:00 PM John Wilson (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, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

## SANCTUARY LAMP

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

## SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY



*In Memory of:*  
*William Hope*  
*By: Mary Ann & Larry Hope*

## 2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL PROGRESS REPORT

Goal: 2017	\$45,326.00
Pledged	\$45,293.00
Collected	\$39,664.10
Number of Donors	112

## CARDINAL'S APPEAL

*It is not too late-- If you have not yet made your pledge or outright gift to the Cardinal's Appeal there is still time to do so for the 2017 Appeal. We need everyone's help to reach our goal not only for our Archdiocese, but the parish as well.*

*Please contact Valerie Brown, Director of the Cardinal's Appeal at 301-853-4574. On behalf of those who benefit from your support, thank you for your generous gift to the Church of Washington, DC.*

## FAITH DIRECT

During the present Season of Advent, 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.

## Christmas Flower Donations 2017



### In Memory of:



Richard Branson  
Ernest Branson  
Joe Davis  
Norma Schlorb  
Bettye Glickert  
Carol Gallina  
Madeline Ferraro  
Salvatore Ferraro  
Lynn Ferraro  
Frieda Askamp  
Emmi Mesaros  
Yolanda Burley  
Ms. Madeline C. Durrett  
Dorothy Goff  
Elmo A. Johnson  
Keith Ogden  
Shirley Ogden

## Christmas Flower Donations 2017



### In Memory of:



Yoon Savina  
Dong Savina  
Paul Jones  
Theresa Song  
Mr. Arthur Mczier  
Andrew Troanovitch  
Mary Troanovitch  
Andrea Troanovitch  
Deceased Family  
Members & Friends  
Deacon Anthony & Sarah Ann Smith  
John & Ella Burns  
James & Margaret Curtin  
Donna Sewell Smith  
Mary Ann Curtin  
Ronald Charles Collins  
Rosa R. de Juarez  
Abel A. Juarez  
Dellimo M. Juarez  
Piita Calderon Juarez  
Elizabeth Buelken  
Johanna Behrens  
Carlos Beaudreau  
Ray M. O'Hara  
Eileen McGee Joseph  
Fr. Leo McGee  
Deceased Members of McGee & O'Hara Families  
James F. & Helen T. McGrath  
James L. & Martha R. Jefferies  
Maurice Scheessele  
Rupert Scheessele Family  
Raleigh Abshier Family  
Mary Albero Family  
Kevin Krauth

### In Honor of:

Pope Francis  
Blessed Mother Mary

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