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.”

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.

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.

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

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 Year’s 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 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).

**St. Dominic Cenacle**

*A weekly group of discipleship for adults. Resume January 9, 2018*

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*

- 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 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.

**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.

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.

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

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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.

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

Pray for the Sick
Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Kristofer 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.

Social Justice Community Services..continued

2017 Cardinal’s Appeal Progress Report

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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.
In Memory of:
Richard Branson
Ernest Branson
Joe Davis
Norma Schlorb
Bettye Glickert
Carol Gallina
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God Bless You,
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Leave a Legacy
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Dong Savina
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Theresa Song
Mr. Arthur Mczier
Andrew Troanovitch
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John & Ella Burns
James & Margaret Curtin
Donna Sewell Smith
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Ronald Charles Collins
Rosa R. de Juarez
Abel A. Juarez
Dellimo M. Juarez
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