



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**December 31, 2017 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**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



Today is the Feast of the Holy Family; and we are reminded that Christ shares in all the dimensions of human life except sin. The Catechism teaches that "Christ's whole life is a mystery of *redemption*. Redemption comes to us above all through the blood of his cross,

but this mystery is at work throughout Christ's entire life: -already in his Incarnation through which by becoming poor he enriches us with his poverty; - in his hidden life which by his submission atones for our disobedience; - in his word which purifies its hearers; - in his healings and exorcisms by which 'he took our infirmities and bore our diseases'; - and in his Resurrection by which he justifies us"(CCC 517). And so, we, in the face of our vulnerabilities and tragedies, are invited to fix our gaze upon Christ who "...enables us to live in him all that he himself lived, and he lives in us"(CCC 521). Christ is not separated from us in our trials, difficulties, and tragedies. No, he is present in all of our experiences so that we may find our hope and our strength in him. He has the power to bring the triumph of love and grace into our lives.

We are invited to renew our focus upon the person of Jesus and to engage our life with his. We have the opportunity and grace to reorient our attention so that our lives revolve around his. A life of holiness does not mean that our lives are without trials; rather, a life of holiness means that we live each day with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of our faith (cf. Heb 12:2). From him we discover and experience that he is Emmanuel – God is with us. By his triumph over sin and death, he is more powerful than all the evil in the universe. He is our hope.

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I am sincerely grateful to every person who has helped to make our celebration of Christmas joyful, meaningful, and beautiful. Thank you to all who helped decorate the church; thank you to all members of the music ministry who practiced many hours to enhance our worship of God with song; thank you to the other liturgical ministers who fulfill their roles faithfully and well.

Thank you to all the generous benefactors to our outreach programs to the poor and needy. Thank you to all who made a donation for the Christmas flowers. May the Lord bless all who have given gifts of time, talent, and treasure so that we may worthily celebrate the Christmas feasts.

Let us pray for one another and for our families,  
Fr. Schommer, O.P.

## COFFEE AND DONUTS RESUMES ON EPIPHANY

To allow our volunteers and parish staff the opportunity to spend a little more time with family during the Christmas Season, we will suspend the usual gathering that follows the Sunday 10:30 Mass. **Coffee and donuts will resume Sunday, January 7.**

## PARISH OFFICE—HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed January 1. The office will reopen on January 2.

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

*(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Monday, January 1**

10:30 a.m. ~ Solemn Mass

## FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

This Sunday we continue the celebration of the Christmas season, joyfully recalling the day when the Perfect Gift, Jesus came to us through His Mother Mary. As we ponder the role that Mary, Mother of God played in bringing us the Christ we are reminded that we play a similar role in the lives of our friends and families. We who have received Jesus are to share him with those we love. This week continue to invite others to experience the joy of being Catholic! Find inspiration and celebrate the season at [FindthePerfectGift.org](http://FindthePerfectGift.org).

## ST. DOMINIC'S YOUNG ADULTS

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

**Thursday, January 4**

- 7:00 p.m.—Adoration with Confession (Church)
- 7:40 p.m.—Discussion: The Presentation of Our Lord

## 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)

## RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR 2017-2018

*Sundays 6:30 p.m.*

Parish Meeting Room

**Resumes January 7: Polycarp**

## 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.

### **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. Wish you a Blessed Christmas and New Year to all.

## 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. Lectors, Acolytes and EMHCs 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. PETER SCHOOL

Wishing you a Happy New Year from the St. Peter School Community! As you ring in the new year, may you enjoy the company of friends and simple pleasures.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SERVICES

**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.

St. Dominic Church will work with the Knights of Columbus to support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in the next year. This is an exciting opportunity to provide outreach to our neighbors in the Southwest. We will start by holding regular collections of non-perishable items on the last weekend of the month. The first food drive will be the weekend of January 27/28.

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](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.

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](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org).

## CHURCH HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE

We will next clean the church on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please help get our church ready for Christmas.

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**History:** *January 18th is the feast day of Saint Margaret of Hungary (1242-70). The 3rd double window on the north wall shows St. Margaret's devotion. During Lent she fasted, went without sleep, and performed austerities with long prayers. The book of music symbolizes the Dominican tradition of chanting the office daily; the white lily signifies purity.*

- *Courtesy of Mary Moran*

## THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun, Dec 31</b>	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>
8:00 AM	Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
5:00 PM	John Wilson (D) & Claire Wilson (L)
<b>Mon, Jan 1</b>	
10:30 AM	The Lyons Family (D)
<b>Tue, Jan 2</b>	
8:00 AM	New Year Novena 1/9
12:10 PM	Deceased Sisters of Our Lady of the Spring of Bridgeport
<b>Wed, Jan 3</b>	
8:00 AM	New Year Novena 2/9
12:10 PM	Special Intentions for Jerry Torrelli
<b>Thu, Jan 4</b>	
8:00 AM	New Year Novena 3/9
12:10 PM	Joseph Smith (D)
<b>Fri, Jan 5</b>	
8:00 AM	New Year Novena 4/9
12:10 PM	Poor Souls
<b>Sat, Jan 6</b>	
9:00 AM	New Year Novena 5/9
5:00 PM	Salvation of Souls

## MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

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 BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY



*For Peace in the World*

## 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, Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Barbara Dever, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannon, Mary Hogan, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Pat Lyles, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Mary McMorro, Rose Montas, Tomas Ramirez, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Sandra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	12/17/2017	\$6,754.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	12/17/2017	\$1,908.00

### FAITH DIRECT

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 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, Faith Direct, in your packet 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:



*Felicia Garcia Taliaferro  
Leopoldina Marinez  
LeAndrea Long  
Leslie Israel Lee  
Maria G. Hernandez  
Patrick Getek  
Pauline Getek  
Joseph L. Davis  
Elvina Johnnie*

### Christmas Flower Donations 2017



#### In Memory of:



*The Bondi Family  
The Gralton Family  
Frances & Daniel Lyons  
The Lyons Family  
The Gravey Family  
The O'Donnell/Moore Family  
The Modvack Family  
Members of the Harold Family  
Alfred Jaeger  
Paul Jaeger  
Jody Jaeger Raskind  
Cynthia Shepherd  
Volodymyr Mayrwsky  
Tekla Salapata  
Deceased Skaugren, Malone Family  
Joseph Krauth  
Denis Dornford Figuera Family & Friends  
Jenner Alfaro  
Diane Robinson  
Ed Griffin  
Ida Walton  
William Walton  
John Walton  
Doris Cole  
Henrietta Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. T.L. Satterfield  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Satterfield  
George & Marguerite Parker  
Damian A. Jones  
Loretta Humber Greene  
Deceased Skaugen, Malone Family*

#### In Honor of:

*Fr. Carlton Jones, O.P., Denise Coddington, The Jones Family, The Parker Family, Our Parents*

#### Contributors 2017

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