



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 — *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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 1786, 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.

WEEKEND

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

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, 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.
Deacon: Rev. Bro. Edmund McCullough, O.P.

PARISH STAFF:

Business / Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel
Administrative Assistant: Denise Marshall
Sunday Receptionist: Marlene Mattison
Worship Coordinator: JC Cantrell

PARISH MINISTRIES:

Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Alice Serar
Lectors: Carrie Yauch
Music: JC Cantrell
RCIA: 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:

Patricia D'Antonio, Robert Davis, Timothy Fouts, Olivia Hnat; Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David Stewart, Doris Stukes, Andrew Vasile, Carrie Yauch

Parish Finance Council Members:

Bill Fagan, Jackie Griffin, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

Prior: Father Carleton Jones, O.P.
Reverend Father: Patrick Briscoe, O.P., John Burke, O.P., Albert Caprio, O.P., George Christian, O.P., Barnabas Davis, O.P., Clement Dickie, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., Norman Haddad, O.P., Fred Hinnebusch, O.P., Jordan Kelly, O.P., Joseph-Anthony Kress, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Louis Bertrand Lemoine, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., James Muller, O.P., Athanasius Murphy, O.P., Andrew Nicolichia, O.P., Gregory Pine, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P., John Sica, O.P., Raymund Snyder, O.P., Donald Thibault, O.P., Raymond Vandegrift, O.P., Michael Weibley, O.P., Bruce Williams, O.P.
Reverend Brother: Bonaventure Chapman, O.P., Thomas Davenport, O.P., Luke Hoyt, O.P., Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, O.P., Edmund McCullough, O.P., Alan Piper, O.P.

PASTOR'S CORNER



This week we continue our homily series on our baptismal identity in Christ. Through baptism, we have a share in his 3-fold mission as priest, prophet and king. This week, the homily for the Sunday Mass will highlight the priestly mission of every disciple of Jesus. We are more familiar with the ministerial or ordained priesthood – the men who celebrate the Mass and provide the sacraments for us. Equally important, however, is the priesthood of all believers. Everyone baptized into Christ has the responsibility to offer to God a sacrifice of praise and worship. In fact, our lives are meant to be a living sacrifice to God. St. Paul gives us a teaching on this point when he writes: “I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, pleasing and perfect” (Romans 12:1-2).

We've all heard the phrase “offer it up” in association with suffering. The words are an invitation to unite our sufferings with the sufferings of Christ for our own and others' saving. But what about the rest of our lives? Can we not offer up the whole of our lives to God? Yes, we can and should. There is a tradition in our Catholic history of praying a Morning Offering when we begin each day. The prayer is an expression of our priestly identity – ordained and laity alike. Here is an example of such a morning offering prayer that you can incorporate into your morning routine each day (other texts of prayers may be found online or in Catholic prayer books):

My God, I adore You, and I love You with all my heart. I thank you for having created me, made me a Christian, and preserved me this night. I offer You the thoughts, words and actions of this day. Grant that all of them may be in accordance with Your holy Will and for Your greater glory. Protect me from sin and from all evil. Let Your grace be always with me and with all my dear ones. Amen.

A Morning Offering prayer like the one above can be united with the prayer that Jesus taught us – the Our Father; followed by the Hail Mary, and then the Glory be to the Father.... Such a routine of prayer first thing in the morning will give a foundation and focus for everything else of the day. It only takes a couple of minutes, but it makes a difference because it is a priestly function. And fulfilling the duties of our baptismal identity brings us an abundance of blessings.

PASTOR'S CORNERCONTINUED

Today we mark the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The tragic events of that day in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania have left their mark on history and scars in the minds and hearts of many. A small memorial display in the church today gives honor to all those who died in the attacks or in responding to the fire and rescue effort. The Paschal Candle near the display reminds us that Christ is the Light of the world who penetrates the deepest darkness of our lives and gives us the hope of eternal life. May he have mercy on all the departed and give consolation to all who mourn their passing.

I hope to see you for our faith formation series on Priest, Prophet and King on Sunday evenings; and at the parish picnic next Sunday afternoon.

Let us pray for one another,

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING SERIES

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? Join Fr. Schommer and others as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based Study Program: *Priest, Prophet, King*.

The series continues on the following Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.

September 11: "The High Priest" Understanding Christ as the High Priest who reconciles us with God and restores our identity as children of God.

September 18: "Challenging False Worship" How the prophetic word of God brings us to renewal and integrity of relationship with God.

September 25: "The Word Made Flesh" Understanding the thoughts and desires of God for our lives.

October 2: "Ordering the Kingdom" Serving God and others according to the Divine Will.

October 9: "King of Kings" Living in the power and love of God through our individual vocations and within our circles of daily activity.

Becoming Catholic, RCIA

Do you know someone who is interested, or might be open, to becoming Catholic? Or, do you know someone who hasn't received Confirmation or First Communion? R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for these persons. RCIA begins with a period of initial

inquiry followed by a guided initiation into the fullness of our Christian and Catholic Faith. **Classes begin Monday evening, September 12, from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in our parish meeting room.** RCIA is a grace-filled journey.

Please encourage anyone who may be interested to contact Fr. Hyacinth at vicar@stdominicchurch.org

PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND COMMEMORATION ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

Fifteen years have passed since the devastating Sept. 11 attacks that shook the United States and communities around the globe. On the anniversary, we continue to honor the memories of those who died, their loved ones and the many first responders who risked their lives or lost their lives to save others and to bring healing to our nation.

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).

Sung Mass Responses: Our community's sung and spoken response during the ritual prayers of the liturgy is a core element of communal prayer.

- At the Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Mass, we are singing the *Mass of Wisdom* setting found on pages 2-5 of the
- Breaking Bread Book insert.
- At the masses with organ accompaniment, we are singing the *Missa Simplex* setting found on pages 6-9 of the insert attached to the inside front cover of the Breaking Bread Book.

ATTENTION ALL MUSIC MINISTERS (AND PARISHIONERS INTERESTED IN SINGING)

All members of the St Dominic Community are invited to participate/serve as members of the music ministry.

Parishioners who would like to sing with our parish choir or ensemble are welcome! Please contact JC Cantrell for more info (music@stdominicchurch.org)

The Parish Choir resumed serving at the Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass this week. The choir usually meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse, then serves at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The Parish Ensemble continues to serve at the Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please contact JC Cantrell for the rehearsal schedule.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Capitol Hill Pregnancy: Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center last weekend. Our next collection of practical items, diapers, wipes and formula will be October 1/2.

St. Martin de Porres Society Group: The St. Martin de Porres Society meets on the last Saturday of the month to serve the community. Our projects include serving the noon meal at SOME, distributing Coats for Kids, knitting scarves and baby blankets, delivering groceries, giving out Christmas toys, and volunteering at the homeless shelter. If interested, email: social@stdominicchurch.org.

PARISH COMMUNITY

If you enjoy entertaining, please join the Hospitality Committees. We need people to help plan new events and occasionally provide refreshments. Volunteers also help set up and clean up.

Please email: social@stdominicchurch.org for more information.

Please contact social@stdominicchurch.org if you want to bring either a salad or a dessert to the church picnic.

Upcoming Events

September 18th – St. Dominic parish picnic

October 9th – Celebration of the 97th anniversary of the Consecration of the church.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Church Cleaning: Please help maintain our beautiful, historic church. If you are interested, please email Cecilia at social@stdominicchurch.org or call the parish office at 202-554-7863.

Thanks to everyone who helped clean the church on Saturday. The next monthly cleaning will be Saturday, October 8th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

History: A major fire destroyed the interior of the church in 1885. There was \$30,000 of insurance on the building, but the damage was estimated at \$40,000. There was no insurance on the altars, vestments or furnishings. Catholics and non-Catholics joined the effort to refurbish the interior. The window in the main vestibule honors "The Little Girls" who sold oysters to raise funds for reconstruction.

- Courtesy of Mary Moran.

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR 2016

SEPTEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 11	All Masses	Second Collection-Catholic University of America	Church
	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Priest, Prophet & King Series	Parish Meeting Room
Monday 12	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Conference Room
Tuesday 13			
Wednesday 14	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus O'Boyle	Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 15	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Holy Hour	Church
	7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Holy Half Hour	Church
	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Young Adult Meeting	Parish Meeting Room
Friday 16			
Saturday 17	All Masses	Second Collection – Capital Repair/ Maintenance	Church
	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sunday 18	All Masses	Second Collection – Capital Repair/ Maintenance	Church
	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	ADW Care for Creation Committee Meeting	Parish Meeting Room
	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Priest, Prophet & King Series	Parish Meeting Room

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept. 11	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Shrine
5:00 p.m.	BVM Birthday Novena - 4/9
Mon. Sept. 12	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
8:00 a.m.	BVM Birthday Novena - 5/9
12:10 p.m.	Beatrix M. Szele-Szehenyi (L)
Tues. Sept. 13	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m.	BVM Birthday Novena - 6/9
12:10 p.m.	Victor D. Carbonell (D)
Wed. Sept. 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:00 a.m.	BVM Birthday Novena - 7/9
12:10 p.m.	Frank Filip (D)
Thur. Sept. 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
8:00 a.m.	BVM Birthday Novena - 8/9
12:10 p.m.	Richard Branson (D)
Fri. Sept. 16	St. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr.
8:00 a.m.	BVM Birthday Novena - 9/9
12:10 p.m.	Danny Dingman (D)
Sat. Sept. 17	St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m.	Deceased Dominican Sisters
5:00 p.m.	Caroline Gillan (D)

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.

The Mass Intention Calendar for 2017 is available now.

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK



*In Memory of: Richard Branson
By: Elysia Branson*

Note: Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle can be made in the parish office.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jane Boorman, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Daniel Collins, Joe Davis, Jason DeLorenzo, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Erica Pittman Harrison, Mary Hogan, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, Merced Velena Mirandilla, Mary Moran, Mary Jane Morrow, Bill Orr, Diane Jaeger Pittman, Tomas Ramirez, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Barbara Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Cathryn Tsu, Mary Davis Williams, Sandra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	9/4/2016	\$5,813.00
Capital Repair & Maintenance Collection	9/4/2016	\$728.00

FAITH DIRECT

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic eGiving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy this back-to-school season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week - no more envelopes to find and checks to write before you go to Mass.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC117

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
Fr. 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.

JUBILEE REFLECTION— TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus not only wanted to show solidarity with every person. He not only wanted everyone to experience his companionship, his help, his love. He identified with all those who suffer, who weep, who suffer any kind of injustice. He says this clearly: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). Faith makes us know that God is at our side, that God is in our midst and his presence spurs us to charity. Charity is born of the call of a God who continues to knock on our door, the door of all people, to invite us to love, to compassion, to service of one another." (Pope Francis in Washington, D.C., during his Apostolic Visit) *Continue your Walk With Francis and celebrate God's mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.*