



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 — Twenty-Fifth 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 kingly mission of every disciple of Jesus. There are many dimensions to the exercise of the kingly mission. One important and practical exercise of one's kingly identity is to participate in the political process.

Last week Sunday, The Catholic Standard (the Archdiocesan newspaper) published an essay by Cardinal Wuerl on the role of the laity in the political arena. His essay reinforces the teaching put forth from the Second Vatican Council in the document *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity*. This document (quoted by the Cardinal) states: "The mission of the whole People of God [...] is exercised when they work at the evangelization and sanctification of men; it is exercised too when they endeavor to have the Gospel spirit permeate and improve the temporal order (2). The laity must take up the renewal of the temporal order as their own special obligation. Led by the light of the Gospel and the mind of the Church and motivated by Christian charity, they must act directly and in a definite way in the temporal sphere (7)."

Reflecting on current political dynamics, the crucial issues that need to be addressed, and the fundamental rights that need to be protected, the Cardinal writes: "If we want a society in which public policy defends the life and dignity of all, supports marriage and family, promotes the common good, recognizes objective right and wrong and religious freedom, personally and institutionally, then of course the Church must be involved. Especially, the lay faithful must speak out and become 'salt and light' in our democracy."

Living according to our kingly identity includes the time and effort to be educated in the teachings of the Gospel and the principles enunciated in the teachings of the Church. Such learning forms our consciences and increases our confidence to bring the truths of our faith into public life. The U.S. Catholic Bishops have provided a statement entitled "*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*." This statement provides authentic and practical guidance in the face of the complexity of moral decision making when exercising political responsibility in these challenging times. I encourage you to read and reflect on this document. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and to guide you in the determination of your own implementation of kingly responsibilities. You can find the statement on the parish website on the Resources page.

## PASTOR'S CORNER .....CONTINUED

The parish is blessed to have 12 participants in the RCIA program, which began last Monday. This number of participants is the largest number in years! 2 of the 12 are not baptized; 5 of the 12 are already baptized and are discerning the call of God to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church; 3 are Catholics who need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation; and 2 are fully initiated Catholics in need of further faith formation. Fr. Hyacinth is the chair of the formation team and will facilitate their growth and development as disciples of the Lord. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Please remember these participants in your prayers.

The parish Heritage Day celebration is on Sunday 9 October and everyone is invited. This celebration is an occasion to recognize and honor the commitment and sacrifice of past parishioners who built and maintained the church that we have today. The celebration is also the occasion to forge new relationships among our present parish membership so that we can build a vibrant community of faith and service that reaches out to our local community. Invitations have been mailed to known addresses of past parishioners, school alumni, and members of the Southwest Club. Current parishioners are notified through the bulletin, email invitations and fliers in the church. There is also an announcement in The Southwester newspaper. Everyone is asked to RSVP for the reception. You may call or email the parish office.

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

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 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 began 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](mailto:vicar@stdominicchurch.org)

## JUBILEE REFLECTION— TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus sends his disciples out to all nations. To every people. We too were part of all those people of two thousand years ago. Jesus did not provide a short list of who is, or is not, worthy of receiving his message and his presence. Instead, he always embraced life as he saw it. In faces of pain, hunger, sickness and sin. In faces of wounds, of thirst, of weariness, doubt and pity. ... Jesus said: Go out and tell the good news to everyone. Go out and in my name embrace life as it is, and not as you think it should be. Go out to the highways and byways, go out to tell the good news fearlessly, without prejudice, without superiority, without condescension, to all those who have lost the joy of living. Go out to proclaim the merciful embrace of the Father." (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](http://mercy.adw.org).*

## WORSHIP

**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.

## 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](mailto: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.

Email: [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) for more information. Please join us for the Annual Parish Picnic today after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## Upcoming Event

**October 9th** – Celebration of the 97th anniversary of the Consecration of the church at the 10:30 Mass..

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE

**Church Cleaning:** We are looking for people to help manage our monthly cleaning. Ideally, we would have several volunteers to commit to coordinating at least 3 times a year. Please help maintain our beautiful, historic church. If you are interested, please email [social@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:social@stdominicchurch.org) or call 202-554-7863. The next monthly cleaning will be Saturday, October 8th,

after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please help prepare the church for our Heritage Day event. New volunteers are always welcome.

**History:** *The 5th window on the north side of the church honors the establishment of the Second Dominican Order. In 1206 shortly after Bishop Diego and St. Dominic began preaching in France, St. Dominic established the Second Order Dominicans for women converted from the Albigensian heresy. Dominican nuns fast often, abstain from meat, rise during the night for prayer, and offer their lives to God for the salvation of souls and the welfare of the church.*

— Courtesy of Mary Moran.

## ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS

As a school embedded with Catholic values, academic excellence, and service to others, we teach our students to be successful both in and out of the classroom. The SPS virtue program emphasizes character development through a positive behavior reward system and monthly classroom lessons dedicated to the virtue of the month. The school counselor, Meghan Keller, plans developmentally appropriate lessons to teach in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. Every classroom has one bulletin board dedicated to the Catholic virtue of the month.

Students who demonstrate Christ-like and virtuous behavior may be given a “Cool Cat.” Every grade competes to win the most “Cool Cats” each week. The class with the most “Cool Cats” gets to keep the virtue trophy in their classroom for one week and add a decoration to the trophy. The grade winner of the virtue trophy is announced every Monday morning. Every month, the students who won the virtue trophy receive a “free dress” day! September Virtue: Responsibility

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR 2016

SEPTEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
<b>Sunday 18</b>	All Masses  11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Second Collection – Capital Repair/ Maintenance Confessions ADW Care for Creation Committee Meeting Priest, Prophet & King Series	Church  Church Parish Meeting Room Parish Meeting Room
<b>Monday 19</b>	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	RCIA Knights of Columbus 4th Degree	Conference Room Parish Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday 20</b>			
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for 5:00 Sunday Ensemble	Church
<b>Thursday 22</b>	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Holy Hour Young Adult Holy Half Hour Young Adult Meeting	Church Church Parish Meeting Room
<b>Friday 23</b>			
<b>Saturday 24</b>	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
<b>Sunday 25</b>	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Priest, Prophet & King Series	Parish Meeting Room

**ATTENTION ALL MUSIC MINISTERS  
(AND PARISHIONERS INTERESTED IN SINGING)**

Parishioners who would like to sing with our parish choir or ensemble are welcome! Please contact JC Cantrell for more info ([music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org)). The Parish Choir serves at the Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass. 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.

**THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sun. Sept. 18</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Dominican Sisters
10:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish Shrine
5:00 p.m.	
<b>Mon. Sept. 19</b>	<i>Saint Janarius, Bishop and Martyr</i>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Dominican Sisters
12:10 p.m.	Deceased Dominican Sisters
<b>Tues. Sept. 20</b>	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, Companions, Martyrs
8:00 a.m.	Ronald H. Vajgrt (D)
12:10 p.m.	Michael Butvinik's Family
<b>Wed. Sept. 21</b>	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
8:00 a.m.	Marilyn McEUILLY (D)
12:10 p.m.	Kathryn Marmario (D)
<b>Thur. Sept. 22</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Mara Gicheva-Mireva (D)
12:10 p.m.	Richard Teske (D)
<b>Fri. Sept. 23</b>	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
8:00 a.m.	Anthony Hadford (L)
12:10 p.m.	Alice Oliver (D)
<b>Sat. Sept. 24</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Christina Hadford (L)
5:00 p.m.	William Baran (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 O'Brien  
By: Deirdre O'Brien*

**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, 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, Olivia Reynolds, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Barbara Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Cathryn Tsu, Mary Davis Williams, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Collection	9/11/2016	\$5,796.00
Capital Repair & Maintenance Collection	9/11/2016	\$368.00

**2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL PROGRESS REPORT**

2016 Goal	\$45,326.00
Total Pledged	\$145,410.00
Total Donated	\$136,041.78

**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](http://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.