



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

DECEMBER 11, 2016 – Third 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 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.

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, 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., 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., Athanasius Murphy, O.P., Andrew Nicolichchia, O.P., Gregory Pine, O.P., Matthew Rzeczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipp, O.P., John Sica, O.P., Raymund Snyder, 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



Today is Gaudete Sunday – a moment of joyful anticipation among the Sundays of Advent. We have been praying and waiting for his coming with great expectation. As Henri Nouwen writes *In Joyful Hope*: “Waiting is essential to the spiritual life. But waiting as a disciple of Jesus is not an empty waiting. It is waiting with a promise in our hearts that makes already present what we are waiting for. Waiting for God is an active, alert – yes, joyful – waiting. As we wait we remember Him for Whom we are waiting, and as we remember Him we create a community ready to welcome Him when he comes.” The readings for the Mass teach us that the Lord will rejoice over us because he is the One who will save us. We can have no greater joy than to receive the gift that God extends to us through his Son.

Everyone is invited to Advent Stations this coming Saturday. Advent Stations guides us through the Scriptural prophesies regarding the Savior and prepares our minds and hearts to welcome him as we celebrate his birth at Christmas. The para-liturgical service incorporates readings, short reflections, singing, and the veneration of a relic of the manger of Christ. The church is illuminated with candles. A reception follows. Confession is available at 6:30 p.m. Advent Stations begins at 7:00 p.m. Invite family, friends and neighbors to join you for this event.

VISIT OF DOMINICAN PROVINCIAL

Today, at the 10:30 Mass, we welcome Very Reverend Kenneth Letoile, O.P.—Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. Father is in the midst of his official visitation of the Dominican Friars living in the Priory.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 ~ *the Nativity of the Lord* (*Christmas eve*):

- **9:00 a.m.** — Saturday of the Fourth Week of Advent (No 12:10 pm Mass)
- **5:00 p.m.** — Vigil Mass
(Carols Begin at 4:30 p.m.)
- **9 p.m.** — Mass During the Night, “Midnight Mass”
(Carols Begin at 8:45 p.m.)

December 25 ~ *the Nativity of the Lord* (*Christmas day*): a Holy Day of Obligation

- **10:30 a.m.** — Mass During the Day
(Carols Begin at 10:15 a.m.)



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT. ORG

Happy Gaudete (or Rejoice) Sunday! Parishes across Archdiocese of Washington continue to celebrate Advent through our *Find the Perfect Gift* initiative. This Advent we are challenged to share the Perfect Gift of Jesus with someone in our life who may be searching for meaning or friendship. As we encounter others we offer a glimpse of the love and joy of Jesus through our words and actions! Invite your family and friends to our parish Advent and Christmas community celebrations, so that together we may grow closer to the source of all joy: Jesus Christ. Visit FindthePerfectGift.org to find Christmas resources and Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington,

THE WORD AMONG US

In the book/pamphlet rack in the main vestibule of the church, you will find complimentary copies of the Catholic devotional entitled *The Word Among Us*. This publication is provided to members of the parish to encourage daily prayer and reflection on Sacred Scripture—particularly a reading designated for the Mass of the day. This month is the Advent issue; and it will be the last month the books will be available. Try it out and see if you would like to obtain your own subscription.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday*. The day takes its common name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice") — the first word of the introit (Entrance Antiphon) of this day's Mass:

"Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete."

Which is translated as:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice."

The responsorial for the Third Sunday of Advent is not a psalm but a canticle (in this case, the Magnificat or Mary's Prayer). Canticles are "songs" from the Bible not in the book of Psalms. There are fourteen Old Testament canticles. The Magnificat, however, is from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:46–55), who begins his first chapter with the conception of Jesus. As prescribed in the Liturgy of the Hours, it is common practice to make the sign of the cross at the opening words of the Magnificat.

On *Gaudete Sunday*, Rose (or Pink) Vestments are worn and the "pink candle" of the Advent Wreath is lit — the color symbolizing hope and joy.

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).

During Advent the Liturgical color for vestments and the altar is Purple for the Sundays of Advent (except for the third Sunday of Advent, when rose is an allowed alternate color). During the Season of Advent, we will be singing the Latin Chant Mass setting at all Weekend and Holy Day Liturgies. In accordance with the liturgical rubrics, the Gloria is not sung during Advent.

- Latin Chant Mass setting (#841-845) in the Breaking Bread Book

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Parish Christmas Choir will sing Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. All members of the community are invited to take an active role in the Christmas celebrations by joining the Christmas Choir.

Rehearsals are scheduled:

- Wednesday, Dec 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to sing with the Christmas Choir, please contact JC Cantrell.

(E-mail: music@stdominicchurch.org)

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

So Others May Eat: Our next SOME meal is Saturday, December 31st. Sign-up sheets and baking pans are in the main vestibule. If you are going to be travelling, you can leave your donation in the parish freezer.

Christmas Angel Tree: Thank you for your overwhelming response to the toy drive for the DC police Christmas party, which was held on Saturday morning. We collected more than 100 toys, which will help make Christmas brighter for children who are staying in shelters in the area.

Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids: We distributed 25 coats as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program. The rest of the coats have been donated to Amidon Elementary School and homeless children living in shelters. So far, the parish has raised more than \$2000 to help the Knights buy new coats, but it is not too late if you still want to support the program. Make your check out to St. Dominic Church and write "Coats for Kids" in the subject line. Just \$20 buys a new, warm coat for a child in need.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy: We appreciate the donations of practical items for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center last weekend. Because of the holidays, we'll skip January and our next collection will be the weekend of February 4/5.

Our social justice ministry will offer more opportunities for spiritual growth in the new year. More information will be available in the bulletin soon. If you are interested, please contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

PARISH COMMUNITY

If you are interested in more opportunities to socialize with other parishioners, please join the Hospitality.

Committee. For more information, please email Cecilia Daly at social@stdominicchurch.org.

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 Cecilia Daly at social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

Thanks to everyone who helped clean the church on Saturday morning. We'll next clean on Saturday, January 14th.

History: *The 5th double window on the north side of the church depicts the Miracle at St. Sixtus. The friars had given their food to the poor and had nothing to eat. At St. Dominic's intercession, two angels appeared with bread and began to serve the brothers, beginning with the youngest member of the community. Dominican priories and convents commemorate this miracle by serving meals first to the younger members of the Order. - Courtesy of Mary Moran.*

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR!



Sundays: 6:30 p.m. through April 2, 2017
St. Dominic Parish Meeting Room
(downstairs)

Dec. 11, Close to Jesus: Joseph of Nazareth (*Gli amici di Gesù – The Friends of Jesus*) – Tobias Moretti, Stefania Rivi, Massimo Reale (2000) 90 minutes

Dec. 18, Mary, Mother of Jesus – Christian Bale, Geraldine Chaplin, John Shrapnel, Edward Hardwicke (1999) 91 minutes

2016 WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR – DECEMBER

DECEMBER	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sunday 11	All Masses 6:30 p.m.	Second Collection - Retired Religious Fund Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room
Monday 12	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Conference Room
Tuesday 13	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday 14	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for 5:00 Sunday Ensemble Knights of Columbus O'Boyle	Church Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 15	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
Friday 16			Church
Saturday 17	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Confessions Advent Stations Reception	Church Church Parish Meeting Room
Sunday 18	All Masses 6:30 p.m.	Second Collection Capital Repair & Maintenance Religious Movie Seminar	Church Parish Meeting Room

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Volunteers are needed to help with Christmas decorating on Friday, December 23. We will be putting up the crèche, wreaths, pine roping, trees and flowers.

All help is welcomed regardless of the amount of time you have to share. You may help in the morning, afternoon, or both. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will take a break for lunch at 11:45 (we will provide either subs or pizza in the meeting room) and continue after Mass at about 12:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CD

The student brothers of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph have released a new album in time for Christmas purchases. *Christ Was Born to Save*.

It's excellent! CDs can be purchased for \$15 from Br. Edmund after all Masses on December 17th and 18th or at <http://www.dominicanajournal.org/music/>.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	12/4/2016	\$4,052.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	12/4/2016	\$896.00

FAITH DIRECT

With the busy times of Advent and Christmas coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct today 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 this fall. Visit 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.

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 11 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Third Sunday of Advent Shrine People of the Parish Anthony Hadford (L)
Mon. Dec. 12 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Christina Stiv Closs (D) Diane Coleman
Tues. Dec. 13 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Denise Wasserstron Petko Ivanhov (D)
Wed. Dec. 14 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Christina Hadford (L) Deceased Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Springs of Bridgeport
Thur. Dec. 15 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Advent Weekday Dr. John Seans (D) Mary Proctor (D)
Fri. Dec. 16 8:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Advent Weekday Rev. Donald P. Worch (D) Rev. Donald P. Worch (D)
Sat. Dec. 17 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Late Advent Weekday George Kormos (D) Richard Branson (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, Mary Hogan, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, Mary Moran, Bill Orr, Diane Jaeger Pittman, Olivia Reynolds, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Barbara Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Cathryn Tsu, Mary Davis Williams, Francis White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.