



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

DECEMBER 25, 2016 — *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

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., 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 Nicolichia, 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



Merry Christmas! This important greeting encourages us to share in the joy of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We welcome the Christ child into our world and into our lives with the song of the angels "Glory to God in the highest." The Christ child is the gift which the human race has needed since the time of Adam and Eve. The Christ child is the gift that the human race has wanted for generations. There may be wars and violence, but the angels continue to sing "peace to people of good will." There may be anxieties and economic hardships, but Jesus has been born in time to dwell among us and to remain with us all days. There may be pain and physical suffering, but we are sustained by the hope that the Christ child comes to take our infirmities upon himself. He is the God-man who is like us in all things but sin, restoring by his obedience our relationship with God.

St. Augustine has a beautiful and insightful reflection on the birth of Christ. He writes: "For what greater grace could God have made to dawn on us than to make his only Son become the son of man, so that a son of man might in his turn become a son of God? Ask if this were merited; ask for its reason, for its justification, and see whether you will find any other answer but sheer grace." Jesus is the gift offered to each of us in perfect love and, like any gift, he must be accepted. Our first joy at Christmas is in the receiving 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. Our acceptance of Christ as gift fills us with the joy of salvation.

In response, we express gratitude. We give praise and thanks to God for his great love. We accept his teachings and commandments and strive to keep them in our lives. Just as the giver of a gift always desires that it is used, so God desires that we cooperate with the gift and grace of Christ in our lives to grow in virtue and holiness. May our joy and gratitude in this holy season deepen our personal encounter with the incarnate Lord.

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. May the Lord

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bles 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.

Fr. Schommer, O.P.

OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 23 THROUGH JAN 2

The parish/priory office will be closed for regular business December 23rd through January 2nd. Normal hours will begin again on January 3rd. Appointments can be scheduled for that period as long as arrangements are made for someone to meet you at the door.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST—

MASS TIMES: 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 1st.

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT. ORG

Is today the last day of the Christmas season, or the first? While storefronts and radio stations might be ready to move on us Catholics continue to celebrate the joyful new of the birth of our Savior! Keep your tree up, the lights, and share joy with family and friends. Continue to celebrate the Perfect Gift of God's love through the entire Christmas season (until the Epiphany on January 8th). Find inspiration and stream Christmas music from church choirs across the Archdiocese of Washington at FindthePerfectGift.org

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 the Season of Christmas, we will be singing the Mass propers from the setting "Mass of Wisdom: at all Weekend and Holy Day Liturgies.

- The Mass of Wisdom is included with the Insert attached to the front cover of the Breaking Bread book starting on Insert page 6

OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL LAY MINISTERS OF THE MASS AND OTHER PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The Parish of St. Dominic's celebrates the accomplishments of and offers prayers of gratitude and thanks for all whose gift of time, talent and labor resulted in our beautifully decorated church and the wonderful liturgies

we celebrated on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We are blessed by the members of our parish who serve as volunteers or staff in support of all our parish activities and events.

LAY MINISTERS OF THE MASS NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

Openings remain in the New Year's Weekend Liturgies for Lay Ministers of the Mass. If you are available, please volunteer using the MSP smart-phone app or website. Please note: On Sunday, January 1st there will be no 5:00 p. m. Mass. Please contact JC Cantrell if you have questions. (email: music@stdominicchurch.org)

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

So Others Might Eat: Next Saturday, December 31st, we will provide lunch for 350 people at SOME. 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.

Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids: To date, the parish has raised more than \$2000 for to help the Knights buy new coats, but it is not too late is 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: The next collection of practical items, including diapers, wipes, and formula, 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.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE AND HISTORY

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 or call 202-554-7863. **We'll clean the church again on Saturday, January 14th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are always appreciated.**

History: The top right scene of the first double window on the north side of the church depicts St. Dominic preaching to the Albigenses. The Albigenses belonged to a heretical sect in Southern France. St. Dominic and his followers demonstrated that an authentic preacher of the Gospel is

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one who lives according to its teachings. Note the Eye of Providence, God's all seeing eye, above St. Dominic's head. The triangle surrounding the eye represents the Holy Trinity.
 — Courtesy of Mary Moran

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS



*Faith makes all things possible,
 Hope makes all things work,
 Love makes all things beautiful.
 May you have all three for this Christmas.*

**Merry Christmas from the
 St. Peter School Family!**

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	12/18/2016	Not Available For Printing Collection
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	12/18/2016	

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. 25 10:30 a.m.	The Nativity of the Lord People of the Parish
Mon. Dec. 26 8:00 a.m.	Saint Stephens, The First Martyr Stephen Hadford (L)
Tues. Dec. 27 8:00 a.m.	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist Radka Gicheva (D)
12:10 p.m.	Brent Kuch
Wed. Dec. 28 8:00 a.m.	The Holy Innocents, Martyr John Joseph Hadford (L)
12:10 p.m.	Deceased Sisters of Our Lady of Springs of Bridgeport
Thur. Dec. 29 8:00 a.m.	Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Mr. Robin Phillips (D)
12:10 p.m.	Mary Esther Gaines (D)
Fri. Dec. 30 8:00 a.m.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Penka Gicheva (D)
12:10 p.m.	Deceased Dominican Sisters
Sat. Dec. 31 9:00 a.m.	Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Marlene Mattison (L)
5:00 p.m.	Bereneta Juma

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, Barbara Dever, 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, Mrs. Pat White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

Christmas Flower Donations 2016

In Memory of:

John & Michael Kennedy
Donna Sewell Smith
Anthony & Sara Ann Smith
James & Margaret Curtin
Mary Anne Curtin
John & Ella Burns
Ray M. O'Hara
Fr. Leo McGee
Deceased Members of McGee & O'Hara Families
Ronald Charles Collins
Madeline C. Durrett
Dorothy Goff
James F. & Helen T. McGrath
James L. & Martha R. Jeffries
Raymond R. Pikus
Versaille & Matthew Tunney
Anne & Peter Pikus
Elisabeth Buelken
Hanni Behrens
Patrick Getek
Madeline Ferraro
Salvatore Ferraro
Lynn Ferraro
Frieda Askamp
Emmi Mesaros
Deceased Family and Friends
Alix Montas
Phillip Wan
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Ruth Williams
Ralph Gill
William Green
Vernelle Rose Dennis
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Christmas Flower Donations 2016

In Memory of:

Alice Lmbrogno
Brenda Hudson & Malver Herson
John W. Kilhehner
Volodymyr Mayewsky & Tekla Salapata
The Lyons Family, The Quinn Family, The Gravey Family,
The Moore Family and the O'Donnell Family
My Parents, Siblings and my Grandparents
Cornelia Szechenyi, Rev. Paul Belvary, Rev. Ron Gillis,
Francis & Maria Szechenyi, Dr. William & Sara Szek
Dr. William Szek, Jr.
Elena D. Sarmiento
Walfredo Alvero
Benjamin Alvero
Reynaldo Alvero
Myrna A. Cortez
Marina Alvero and Aurora Alvero
Paul J. Harold
Catherine Harold and John F. Harold
Our Blessed Mother Mary
Pope Francis
Deceased Relatives and Friends
Andrew Troanovitch, Mary Troanovitch, Andrea Troanovitch,
Jim Russell, William Hope and Elizabeth Hope
Joseph Krauth
World War II Veterans & Pearl Harbor, John Coleman, Harold
Eads, Margaret Eads Bruno, Rodrick Patrick, Jane Buchmann,
Glenn Coleman & Mrs. Colman
Yolanda Berley, Russlle Adams, Jr., Ryan Adams and
Mar'e Ayers
Alaw Wiest and Benard Jout



In Honor of:

Sinceria & Dayionne Jones, Sr. Angela Pikus, O.C.D.

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