



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

MAY 1, 2016 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

Deacons: Rev. Bro. Athanasius Murphy, O.P.
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, Doris Stukes, Andrew Vasile, Carrie Yauch

Parish Finance Council Members:

Bill Fagan, John Michetti, MaryJane Morrow, Dennis Petersen, Ria Nicole Robinson

FRIARS IN RESIDENCE:

Prior: Father Carleton Jones, O.P.

Reverend Fathers: John Burke, O.P., George Christian, O.P., Barnabas Davis, O.P., Thomas Donoghue, O.P., William Gannon, O.P., Norman Haddad, O.P., Fred Hinnebusch, O.P., John Baptist Ku, O.P., Gerard Lessard, O.P., Louis Mason, O.P., James Muller, O.P., Andrew Nicolichia, O.P., Matthew Rzczkowski, O.P., Bede Shipps, O.P., Donald Thibault, O.P., Raymond Vandegrift, O.P., Bruce Williams, O.P.

Reverend Brothers: Patrick Briscoe, O.P., Clement Dickie, O.P., Joseph-Anthony Kress, O.P., Louis Bertrand Lemoine, O.P., Gregory Pine, O.P., John Sica, O.P., Raymund Snyder, O.P., Dominic Verner, O.P., Michael Weibley, O.P.

Envisioning a Parish

Have you ever thought about how to envision and effectively organize a parish as a whole? If you begin listing everything we do, it can all seem overwhelming to grasp, organize, and coordinate for even the best pastor and lay leaders. Might there be a simple yet meaningful way to envision the parish as a whole and to see how everything fits meaningfully into this vision?

Fortunately, there is! And we are starting to do precisely this in our parish through our parish council. In short, the whole parish can be thought of in terms of the *priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission of Christ*. Let me explain.

In the Old Testament, God worked through three main types of figures to sanctify His people: priests, prophets, and kings. Through priests, He blessed, healed, and sanctified His people. Through prophets, He instructed and formed His people. Through kings, He governed and served His people. In the New Testament, Christ fulfills all three roles. He is priest, prophet, and king. As priest He offered Himself in sacrifice, and blessed, forgave, and healed His disciples. As prophet, He taught and formed His disciples. As king, He led and served them. Now, when we are baptized, we are given a share in this three-fold mission of Christ. In other words, through the Church, Christ continues to sanctify, instruct, and guide and serve His people.

Let's now take all this and apply it to the parish. All sacramental activity falls under the priestly mission of Christ (Masses, Baptism, Confessions, Weddings, etc.). All instructional and formative efforts fall under the prophetic mission of Christ (RCIA, the young adult group, various talks and discussion on different aspects of our Catholic Faith). And all the administrative, charity work, and social activities fall under the kingly side.

Why is all this helpful? First, it's spiritually focused! The people helping to count the collection every week, for example, are not just doing a menial task: they are sharing in the kingly mission of Christ for the parish. The person who helps serve or distribute Holy Communion at Mass is not just serving or helping: they are sharing in the priestly mission of Christ. When we witness to our faith and draw others in, we are sharing in the prophetic mission of Christ. Second, this schema is good organization! It's simple, complete, and effective. It captures all the activities of the parish under three categories. It also helps one see the whole and how everything meaningfully fits in. Third, in envisioning the whole, we can become more aware of all the things that go on in the parish, give thanks for all the blessings, identify the weak or missing areas, and over time seek to fill in the gaps and

Envisioning a Parish.....continued

improve ministries under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. So, this is a little taste for now. Sound interesting? Stay tuned: there's more to come!

-Fr. Hyacinth

**Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington
will celebrate the Mass**

**of the
Ascension of the Lord**

on

Sunday, May 8

at

10:30 a.m. in the church.

**A reception follows in the
Parish Meeting Room
with an opportunity to greet the Cardinal.**

**All are welcome and encouraged to participate
in this special visit to our parish.**

Scripture Prayer

Join us for coffee and reflection on the beautiful Scripture readings for the Sundays of the Easter Season.

When: Sundays 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. Contact Fr. Haddad at 202-554-7863 for further information.

JUBILEE REFLECTION— FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



YEAR OF MERCY
AN OCCASION OF BLESSING

"Now that May is here, we're ready to open the doors of our houses and the doors of our hearts. This month, let's think about God's mercy in connection with our homes. One of the most expressive symbols of the Year of Mercy for us is the Door of Mercy in St. Peter's in Rome. That's one place that any Catholic should be able to go into and feel at home. Now I will admit that the image of a door can be confusing. We run the risk of thinking of the Door of Mercy as an entryway to a church building, and we don't see that this open door is really an INVITATION to the home of the Body of Christ, OUR home. The open door bids friends and strangers come in, and once inside, we sit down to eat with them." *Listen to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at mercy.adw.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).

Sung Mass Responses: Our community's sung and spoken responses during the ritual prayers of the liturgy is a core element of communal prayer. At the start of the Mass, the setting and location of the setting will be announced so that all may sing and pray well. The sung Mass prayers can be found in the Breaking Bread insert (attached to the front cover) or in the back pages of the Breaking Bread book.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

(Online: <http://tinyurl.com/StDLayMinSched>)

Sun. May 8—The Ascension of the Lord

	Lectors	Acolyte	EMHC
5:00p.m. (Vigil)	M. Farinelli C. Yauch	J. Gullickson	Br. Athanasius E. Branson J. Boorman
8:00a.m.	M. Jaeger J. Davis	T. Lang	Concelebrant Br. Edmund
10:30a.m.	M. Moy D. Stukes	J. Martin J. Btenance P. Kronstein	Concelebrant Br. Edmunc
5:00p.m.	T. Mazzuca M. Moran	A. Artusa	Br. Athanasius C. Alcalá E. Maturi

THE WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS OF THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2016

(Online: [http://www.rotundasoftware.com/
ministry/StDominicChurch](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/StDominicChurch))

Attention All Lay Ministers of the Mass (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), Lectors and Acolytes) — If you provided us an email address, you should have already received your schedule for the months of May. If you did not receive your schedule, please contact JC Cantrell (email: music@stdominicchurch.org).

This is our first schedule with the new systems. We believe we captured all your inputs — there are vacancies at several Masses — please volunteer using the on-line tool. If your personal commitments change and you need a substitute, the same on-line tool will facilitate your request.

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 1	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Dominican Sisters
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Shrine
Mon. May 2	St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
12:10 p.m.	Poor Souls
Tues. May 3	Sts. Philip & James Apostles
8:00 a.m.	Robert Ihlenfeldt (D)
12:10 p.m.	Salvation of Souls
Wed. May 4	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Sciemeca Family
12:10 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Torrelli Family
Thurs. May 5	The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 a.m.	Ernest & Alice Oliver (D)
12:10 p.m.	Thomas Halwick (D)
Fri. May 6	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Dominican Sisters
12:10 p.m.	For All the Dominicans (I promised to pray for)
Sat. May 7	
9:00 a.m.	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
5:00 p.m.	Luis Bustarnante (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.

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK



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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Deacon John Briscoe, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Khristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Daniel Collins, Jason DeLorenzo, Frank Fernandes, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, George Farris, Erica Pittman Harrison, Mary Hogan, Karla Humbles, Marilyn Jarvis, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, Merced Velena Mirandilla, MaryJane Morrow, Bill Orr, Diane Jaeger Pittman, Olivia Reynolds, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Sheilah Scott, Cynthia Wilder, Mary Davis Williams, and the sick of the Parish and Priory.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Capitol Hill Pregnancy: Please leave your donation for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center in front of the pulpit. Your gifts will be used to help relieve the financial strain on families who have chosen life.

Knitting Circle Group: The St. Catherine of Sienna knitting circle will meet in the parish meeting room at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. Everyone is welcome, we will help anyone who wants to learn. We are making scarves to distribute as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids giveaway in this Fall. If you prefer to work on your own, the scarves should be at least 6" by 36." Alternatively, you may want to knit or crochet a baby blanket (36" by 36") for the DC Christ Child Society.

So Others May Eat: Thank you to everyone who helped make the SOME meal a success. We will provide an update in next week's bulletin.

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 you are interested, please contact: social@stdominicchurch.org.

PARISH COMMUNITY & UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who helped make our latest Spaghetti Supper a success. We raised \$604 for the church's poor box, which helps people who need emergency cash.

Please join the Hospitality Committee if you want more opportunities to socialize with other parishioners. Email social@stdominicchurch.org for more information.

Upcoming events:

May 8th - Reception following the 10:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl

August 7th - Celebration of the feast of our patron, St. Dominic.

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

CHURCH HISTORY & MAINTENANCE



The Garden Angels are working the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of the month. We start at 9:00 am and work until 12:00 p.m. The more volunteers that show up the more tasks we can accomplish.

For more details contact Elysia Branson at 202-285-8099 or email ebowserbuddy@aol.com.

CHURCH HISTORY & MAINTENANCECONTINUED

Church Cleaning: We are looking for people to help coordinate our monthly cleaning. Ideally, we would have several volunteers who could commit to coordinating at least 3 times a year. Please consider helping to 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.

Our next monthly cleaning will be Saturday, May 14, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

History: *St. Antoninus's feast day is May 10th. The 6th double window on the north wall of the church features St. Antoninus (1389-1459) giving to the poor. St. Antoninus joined the Dominican Order when he was 16 years old. St. Antoninus taught that the state has a duty to govern for the common good. - Courtesy of Mary Moran.*

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS



It is with great joy that we congratulate the St. Peter School Confirmandi receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today!

As they continue on their journey with Jesus that began at Baptism, we pray they live more fully in the Father's love through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Congratulations to the following students:

Mollie Beckham, Anna Ceballos, Zach Drozdowski, Dagny Fisher, Luca Garzone, Camilla Johnson, Zachary Klebes, Tatsie Masters, Donald Neidecker-Gonzales, Nathan Peot, Joe Rathgeber, Rose Safford, Rylee Saunders Jackson, Kendall Wienecke, Maya Rose McGuire, Ella Walter.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	4/24/2016	\$4,240.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	4/24/2016	\$424.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 2016

Offertory Collection	\$16,204.50
Offertory-Faith Direct	\$8,422.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	\$3,113.00
Capital Repair & Maint Collection - Faith Direct	\$1,083.00

FAITH DIRECT

Are you starting to plan your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC117. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances through the busy (but beautiful) summer months.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

God Bless You,
Fr. Schommer, O.P.



WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR 2016

Day	Masses	Activities	Location
Sunday 1	All Masses 9:15 a.m. - 10:15a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Baby Items Collection Scripture Prayer Confessions Lay Dominican Fraternity Meeting	Church Parish Meeting Room Church Chapel/Parish Mtg. Room
Monday 2	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree	Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday 3	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults	Conference Room
Wednesday 4	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for 5:00 Sunday Ensemble	Church
Thursday 5	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 6			
Saturday 7	4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sunday 8	9:15 a.m. -10:15a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Scripture Prayer Ascension Sunday Mass w/Cardinal Wuerl Reception	Parish Meeting Room Church Parish Meeting Room