

December 20, 2009 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH

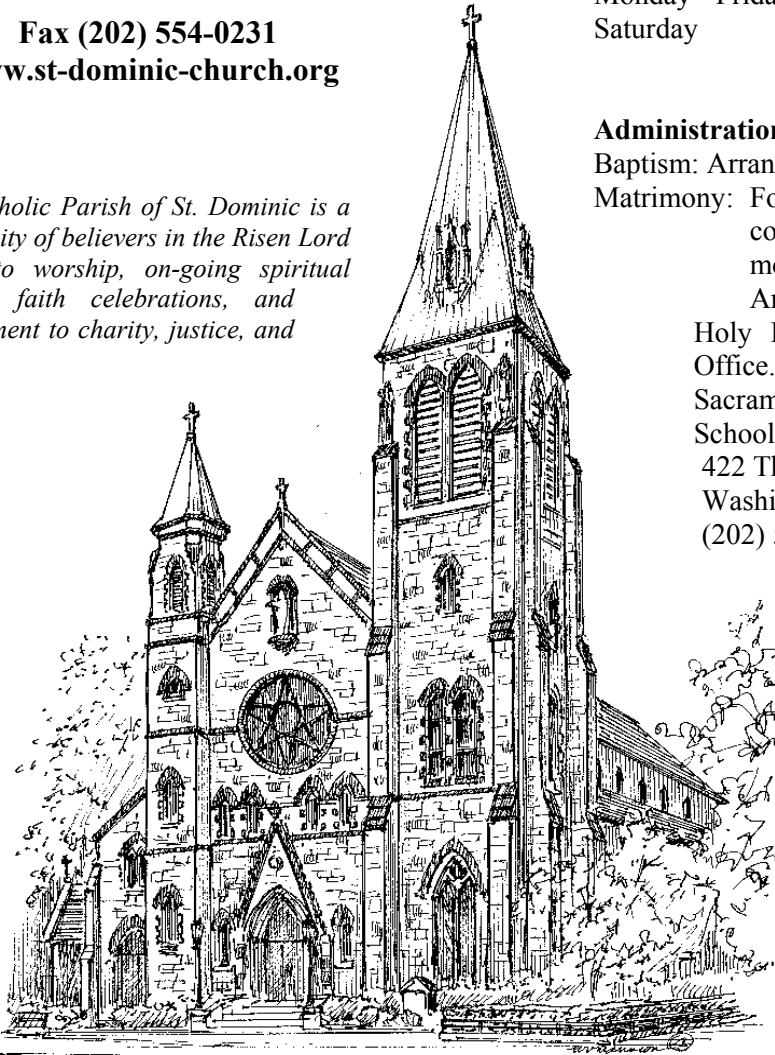
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The Catholic Parish of St. Dominic is a community of believers in the Risen Lord called to worship, on-going spiritual growth, faith celebrations, and commitment to charity, justice, and peace.



Parish Staff

Pastor: Father Gregory R. Salomone, op
Business / Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel
Secretary / Administrative Assistant: Denise Marshall
Worship Coordinator: J.C. Cantrell
Finance Council Chair: Rich Santiago
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Sat., Sun. & Holidays

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Saturday: 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m. (Vigil of Sunday)
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. (Spanish),
and 5:15 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. in the Church
(There are no services in the Church on a
Federal holiday)
Holydays: Please see inside bulletin.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday 11:50 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Upon request at the Priory

Administration of the Sacraments

Baptism: Arranged in advance.
Matrimony: For registered and active parishioners please
contact the Parish Office. A minimum of six
months preparation is required by the
Archdiocese.
Holy Eucharist at Home: Contact the Parish
Office.
Sacrament of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.
School: St. Peter's Interparish School
422 Third Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003
(202) 544-1618

Bulletin Deadline

Monday noon, in writing, to
the Parish Secretary, with
your name and telephone
number on the copy. When
Monday is a holiday, deadline
is the preceding Friday.



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Pastor's Corner

Just a reminder to take a copy of the schedule for Christmas home with you. They are the Advent/Christmas brochures that are available at all the church entrances and on our website (www.st-dominic-church.org) as well. Please note especially that there are **NO CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH** on December 24, 25, 31 or January 1.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 24 at noon, Friday, December 25 all day, Thursday, December 31 at noon and closed Friday, January 1 all day.

The parish will be sending out letters for your income tax reporting around January 20. These letters will automatically be sent to those who are registered and have contributed \$251 or more over the chronological year, January 1-December 31, 2009. If your contribution is \$250 or less you will **NOT** automatically receive a letter. If you wish to receive a parish letter and your contribution is \$250 or less **OR** if you are not registered and your contribution has been made by check, please contact the parish office after January 4 to request a letter. If you are not registered and have given cash we cannot provide any corroboration. Those of you who contribute via Faith Direct will receive your letter directly from Faith Direct.

The Parish Deficit Reduction Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.



JESVS CHRIST OVR SAVIOR IS BORN

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**Worship
J.C. Cantrell, Chair**

Celebrate Christmas at Saint Dominic Church

Christmas Vigil Mass— December 24 begins at 5:15 p.m.
Prelude music and community carols begin at 4:30 p.m.
Spanish Language Christmas Mass begins at 8:00 p.m. on December 24th.

Christmas Midnight Mass starts at Midnight!

Prelude music and community carols begin at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Mass of the Day begins at 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Day: Prelude music starts at 10:30 a.m.
This is the only Mass in the church on Christmas Day.

Come help decorate the church for Christmas!

Please join us on Monday, December 21, starting at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help “deck the halls” and “trim the tree.” Flowers will surround the altar and the crèche will be assembled to beautify our church for Christmas. **Come join us Monday, December 21, starting at 1:00 p.m.**

Our community’s song is most often best expressed during the singing of the Mass Propers. Please open your Breaking Bread Book and sing:

	<u>Organ Masses</u>	<u>Ensemble</u>
Gloria	#927	#899
Holy	#876	#904
Memorial Acc A	#877	#905
Amen	#878	#909
Lamb of God	#879	#910

Out of solemn respect for the liturgy and courtesy for everyone, please silence/turn off all electronic devices and cell phones when you arrive in the church.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas is not quite here — but the anticipation is building. Imagine the anticipation of the young Mary, waiting for the birth of her Blessed Son.

The image of an expectant mother captures the tone of the liturgy for Advent. We are the Church, "Holy Mother Church," nourishing one another's faith as we grow to adulthood. Our human development, in the context of our experience of faith, depends on rite and symbol.

We, the Church, are called to become patient and caring parents getting ready to give birth to Jesus.

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As we prepare to give birth, to bring new life into the world, we take delicate steps to prepare a home that will receive the child. Our life gives meaning to the rites of Advent. Our parish becomes the home that must be prepared to welcome this new life. Joyful anticipation, the attitude characteristic of new parents, is the spirit of Advent.

Some of the verses in today's Gospel are incorporated in the prayer we know as the Hail Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). We will be using a new sung setting of the Magnificat prayer this year. It is printed on the last page of the insert stapled to the front cover of the *Breaking Bread* books (in the pews).

Parishioners/Family Requesting Prayers. We are updating the list below of parishioners, friends, and family needing prayers. If you have friends or family members whose names should *remain on or be added to* the list, please call the parish office at 202-554-7863 or send an email to: receptionist@st-dominic-church.org.



Preston Adams, Bob Bark, Rita Barksdale, Daniel Brochier, Rudy Cirell, Joan Cody, Dan Collins, Jose Cordova, Genevieve Cromer, Thomas Cromer Jr., Mark Russell Davis, Maxine Davis, Edward C. Dever, James Early, Juanita Eaton, Marie Helena Ferrira, Richard J Fanning, Irene Fields, Lorraine Fleming, Elizabeth Fuller, Ely Frias, Bette Glickert, Peggy Gooding, Pete Grelish, Joanne Grobe, Vivian Hardrick, Jean Hazou, Mary Hewitt, Larry Hunt, Billie James, Thomas Jackson, Marilyn Jarvis, Margaret Kelly, Kathleen Lake, Presley Lawrence, John Leino, Stacy Lombard, Emily Mandell, Jackie Manotas, Richard Medcalfe, Jody Mosesso, Daniel Metzlar, Jerry Mulvihill, Christine Nguyen, Ann Nguyen, Scottie O'Neal, Maryann Peterczak, Ana Petkova, Maia Petkova, Theresa Puzzupo, Bernice Scott, Deloris Saltis, Patrocinio Sandoval, Clementina Sandoval, John Soos, Scott Spacie, Colleen Stanford, Mitchell K. Teasley, Agnes Timcheck, Carol Marie Tucker, Arturo Velena, Matthias B. Vogel, Mary Davis Williams, Hattie Wilson, Cheryl Yates, Loli Zimbrano, and the sick of the Parish and Priory.

Pray for Our Military ...

- LT Johnathan Willis, USN, grandson of June Jaeger
- 2d Lt James Cantrell IV, USAF, son of JC & Mary Lou Cantrell

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:45 a.m. Peter Glickert (d)
- 12:15 p.m. Henrietta Foy (d)
- 5:15 p.m. Intention of Donor

Mon. Dec. 21

- 8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
- 12:10 p.m. Peter Glickert (d)

Tue. Dec. 22

- 8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
- 12:10 p.m. Intention of Donor

Wed. Dec. 23

- 8:00 a.m. Nikolay Petrov II (d)
- 12:10 p.m. Anna Orsinger (d)

Thu. Dec. 24 - Christmas Vigil Mass

- 5:15 p.m. Marian Cedris Carrington, Jr.
- 8:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish / Spanish
- Midnight **MIDNIGHT MASS**

Fri. Dec. 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

- 10:45 a.m. Intention of the Donor

Sat. Dec. 26

- 12:10 p.m. Benefactors
- 5:15 p.m. Radka Gicheva-Drumeva (d)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
[12] Mi 5:1-4a/ Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45
- Monday: [197] Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-81a
Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday: [198] I Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday: [199] Mal 3:1-4,23-24/ Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday: [200] 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a16/ Lk 1:67-79
- Friday: **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**
Vigil: [13] Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17,22-25
Mt.1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: [14] Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14
Day: [16] Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18
or 1:1-5,9-14
- Saturday: **St. Stephen, first martyr (F)**
[696] Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22

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Catechesis
Mary Moran, Maryalice Locke, Co-Chairs

Bible Study — Parish Hall
Sundays — 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study will resume after Christmas

Inquiry/R.C.I.A. — Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish meeting room.

- **Dec. 22 & 29 - No Class**
- **Jan. 5 - God The Father**

Movie Seminar — Enjoy the Religious Movie Seminar every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. now through March 28 in the parish meeting room.

- **Dec. 20 - In the Beginning: Quo Vadis & the Genesis of the Biblical Epic (43 minutes)**

Learn from viewing films, documentaries, handouts, and discussions, while sharing food and companionship. Spanning the gamut from biblical epics to controversial modern films, the seminar will judge how well the art has conveyed the truth.



Parish Finance Council		Rich Santiago, Chair	
Offertory Collection	12/13/2009	\$5,629.39	
Deficit Reduction	12/13/2009	\$405.00	

Facilities Calendar

Sun. Dec. 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
11 a.m.– noon	English Class	Parish Hall
6:30 p.m.	Movie Seminar	Parish Hall
Mon. Dec. 21		
Noon - 1 p.m.	AA Meeting	Parish Hall
7:30 p.m.	K. of C. Meeting	Parish Hall
Tue. Dec. 22		
Noon - 1 p.m.	AA Meeting	Parish Hall
Wed. Dec. 23		
Noon - 1 p.m.	AA Meeting	Parish Hall
Thu. Dec. 24		
Noon - 1 p.m.	No AA Meeting	Parish Hall
Fri. Dec. 25	Christmas Day	
Noon - 1 p.m.	No AA Meeting	Parish Hall

Social Justice & Community Service
Cecilia Daly, Chair

Thank you for your generous response to our food drive. The food has been donated to the families served by the South Washington/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative. We especially want to thank the Knights of Columbus for their assistance.

St Dominic's has been catering meals for S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) for more than 20 years. In 2010, we are scheduled to provide meals on January 30, May 29, July 31, and October 30. We are looking for several people with commissary privileges who could periodically purchase the milk and dessert. We also need parishioners with vans or large cars to help transport the meal. This is an excellent project for students interested in community service credit.

Our collection of diapers, wipes and formula for the Northwest Pregnancy Center will continue on the first weekend of every month throughout 2010. Due to the economic downturn, many young families find it difficult to afford these necessities. We need coordinators who can help put away the gifts after Mass. Our next collection will be January 2/3.

St. Dominic's offers English classes for immigrants at 11:00 on Sunday mornings. Classes are free and everyone is welcome. We also plan to offer classes for people planning to become U.S. citizens. Please feel free to invite anyone you think may be interested.

Please contact Cecilia at cecilia@st-dominic-church.org or leave a message at the priory if you are interested in these projects.

Schedule for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Sat. Dec. 19 - Vigil		
5:15 p.m.	J. Flowers	A. Hunt
	M. Ortiz	P. Haley*
Sun. Dec. 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent		
8:00 a.m.	T. Ocampo	R. Morgan*
	J. Davis	J. Darlington
		H. Morgan
10:45 a.m.	K. Layne	E. Branson*
	O. Chowbay	R. Branson
5:15 p.m.	C. Yauch	B. Daigneault*
	M. Moy	A. Artusa
		M. Daigneault

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**Comunidad Hispana
Padre Eugenio Cahouet, O.P.**

**Cuatro Domingo
del Adviento
20 de diciembre de 2009**

Estimada Comunidad Hispana:

La liturgia de la Palabra de hoy se abre con un clásico de la teología mesiánica, el célebre oráculo de Miqueas 5 (*primera lectura*).

Miqueas es un profeta que cumple su misión profética al mismo tiempo con el Primer Isaías. Sobre el horizonte oscuro de la corrupción de la injusticia, que sofocaban al reino de Judá, aparece una raya de luz y de esperanza. Esa luz viene de Belén, la ciudad de David, y se apoya en la promesa que a David había hecho el profeta Natán. Es aún posible que se rasgue la tiniebla de la injusticia de Dios nueva y salvadora. Es la misma presencia que Isaías, quizá algunos años antes, había anunciado en las misteriosas páginas de su “libro del Emmanuel” (Is 7-12)

También para Miqueas, “*laque está embarazada dará a luz a un dominador en Israel, que lo pastoreará con la fuerza del Señor*” y le traerá justicia y paz. más aun, “*El será la paz*” (Miq 5,4).

Si nos desplazamos siete siglos y nos situamos de nuevo en la misma región de Judea en que Miqueas había levantado su voz, en el centro de la nueva escena encontramos a otra mujer embarazada que, sin embargo, está viviendo la experiencia de una maternidad muy especial. A esta mujer, a María de Nazaret, su prima Isabel a quien sita la describe “*bendita entre las mujeres*”, y proclama también: “*bendito*” al Niño que lleva a su seno (Lc 1, 42). Esta palabra de Isabel formó el primer canto que se repetiría por siglos hasta nuestros días en el Ave María.

El sentido profundo de esta ‘bendición’ es la conciencia que tiene Isabel, y con ella toda la Iglesia, de que María es el lugar privilegiado de la presencia de Dios, que se puede experimentar precisamente como un ‘bendición’. María es la nueva “*arca de la alianza*”, en donde Dios se hace presente y bendice a la humanidad se vuelve certeza: en María se manifiesta a la humanidad el amor de Dios, que quiere venir al encuentro del ser humano, y para encontrarlo se abaja hasta el entrando en el seno de María, para nacer como todo ser humano a la luz del mundo. **¡Que esta Eucaristía nos prepare por la NAVIDAD!** (Según C Soltero, SJ *Actualidad I* n.211)

Community Information

Education+Parish+Service. The (EPS) will present **Conversational Spanish for Parish Ministry** for English speakers who want to speak enough Spanish to be effective greeters, ministers to the homebound, bulletin editors and participants in bilingual liturgy and prayer. The course will be offered in two six-week sessions at EPS on the campus of Trinity (Washington) University, 125 Michigan Ave., NE. The winter introductory session runs days, Mondays, Jan. 11 – Feb. 22, 2010, 10 a.m. – noon; or evenings, Wednesdays, Jan. 13 – Feb. 24, 2010, 7 – 9 p.m. The spring session, for students who have completed the introductory session, will run Mondays, March 15 – May 3, 2010, 10 a.m. – noon, or Wednesdays, March 17 – April 28, 2010, 7 – 9 p.m.. Requested donation of \$150 for each six-week session. Contact Ann Kitterman, 202-884-9030 or kittermana@trinitydc.edu, or visit <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>. EPS relies solely on donations.

Calendars : If you did not get one of the 2010 religious calendars distributed in the church in November we have a few left. You may pick one up at the parish office. Please see the receptionist.



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