



## **St. Dominic Catholic Church**

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**Rev. Trumie C. Elliott, Pastor**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday @ 4:30 p.m. & Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday Masses:** See bulletin for this week's Mass schedule

**Spanish Masses:** Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. or anytime by request

### Mission Statement of St. Dominic Church

*As members of St Dominic Church, we are called through our baptism to give witness to the presence of the Holy Trinity by accepting the Gospel message of Jesus Christ as part of our daily lives. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel; to teach and share our faith; and to show the love of God to all through our daily lives.*

*December 7, 2014 ~ Second Sunday of Advent*

### EXILE

Both Isaiah and Peter had the task of comforting and encouraging their communities during times of exile. The Israelites were in geographic exile from Israel; to them this was, in effect, the same as being in exile from their God. The early Christians, following the Resurrection, expected an immediate return of Christ in glory; they, too, felt in “exile” as the delay of the Second Coming grew longer and longer. All four of scripture’s authors today—Isaiah, the psalmist, Peter, and Mark—hasten to help us see things in God’s terms, not ours. They want us to know that we can never truly be exiled from God, or from God-among-us, since we know that when the faithful are gathered, Christ has come into their midst. Instead, we are encouraged today to do what we can from our end to shorten the time of our exile: to repent of our sins, to return our lives to the Lord, to live as people who seek the coming day of the Lord, when “kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss” (Psalm 85:10).

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

December 8-14, 2014

Monday: Immaculate Conception

**8:30 a.m. For the Parish**

**12:00 p.m. Jane Barber & Rosaline Nally Mudd**

**6:30 p.m. Mission & Mass-**

**Charlie, Christine & Phil Hamilton**

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

**8:30 a.m. (not 5:30 p.m.) Tommy Fenwick**

**Mission @ 6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday: Advent Weekday

**8:30 a.m. Thomas R. Parrott Family-  
Living & Deceased Members**

**Mission @ 6:30 p.m.**

Thursday: Advent Weekday

**5:30 p.m. Frankie Clements**

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

**8:30 a.m. Mary Katherine O'Nan**

Saturday: Weekday

**8:30 a.m. Special Intentions (C.F.)  
& Brownie Clements**

**4:30 p.m. For the Parish**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

**8:30 a.m. Scout & Helen Smith, Tonya Bridges**

**10:30 a.m. Simeon Montgomery**

## \$\$ Weekly Collections \$\$

November 30, 2014

**Sunday Collection:** \$6,055.00

**During the Week:** \$617.00

**Automatic Withdrawal:** \$11,916.15

**Total Received:** \$18,588.16

\*\*Tithing amount needed weekly for the 2014/15 budget:  
\$14,500.00

### Fiscal Year TITHING Contribution Summary

(July 1, 2014 - To Date)

**Tithing Contributions:** \$308,529.04

**Tithing Budget:** \$319,000.00

**Overage/ Shortage:** \$-10,709.96

**Annual Budget:** \$754,000.00

\*\*These figures reflect only the Sunday collections as part of the Parish Budget. It does not indicate the budget or income of St. Dominic School or other parish organizations.

**Weekly St. D Capital Campaign Contributions:** \$1,300.00

**Weekly Arch. BFOH Campaign Contributions:** \$415.00

**SVDP 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection:** \$705.00

**Cap. Camp. Building Fund Loan Balance:** \$765,305.21

December 7, 2014

*Second Sunday of Advent*



### **REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR**

**PRAYERS:** U.S. Military, Gary Clifton, Tommy & Julie Noel, Frank Wheatley, Bill Essex, Sue Carter, Lenny Carrico, Lera Birch, Bill Newton, Richard Stover, Theresa Carey Coppock, Patricia O'Bryan, Jo Ann Arnold, Doris Coulter, Cloteal Funk, Pee Wee Nally, Diane Holt, Donnie Parrott, Russell Buckman, Laura Montgomery, Julie Devine, Brent Mattingly, Parker Beam, Andrew Osborne, James O'Daniel, Clay Bradshaw, Mary Peterson, Jenna Taylor, Joe David Barber, Annie Boone Roution, Dorothy Ballard, Lula Mae Adams, Jeanne Hanley, Bro. Greg Bowen, Mollie Kennedy, Janet Mattingly, Harry Duckwall, Larry Godshall, Anthony Hamilton, Katie Boone, Tony Royalty, Nell Otis, Alberta Carrico, Bruce Burkhead, Gene Breeding, Mike Grigsby, Pam Rogers, Carol Carrico, Benny Lewis, Kenny Corbett, Jonie Cambron, Madison Wheatley, Nora Smith, Charlotte Buckman, Charles Smith, Kathleen Pinkston, Tony Clements, Colin Patrick Walker, Carl Thomas Brady, Barbara Wheatley, Fanny Rudd, JoAnn Cambron, Garland & Patsy Fenwick, Perry Carrico, Cassie Robinson, Juanita Reed, Terri Hill, Delena McMichael, Janet Boone, Parker Thompson & Charlotte Russell.

Let us also pray for our own parish members and others, who are in assisted living or nursing homes, especially: Ed & Dorothy Graves, Catherine Spalding, Ruth Burns, Joe Cambron, Lloyd Haydon, Bear Keene, Fred & Rita Edelen & Geraldine Pinkston.

*Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion, please do not hesitate to call our parish office to let Fr. Pepper and our ministers to the sick and homebound know your need. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic.*

## MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

**Holy Day Masses for the Immaculate Conception:** Monday @ 8:30 a.m., Noon & 6:30 p.m.

**"Make Ready the Way of the Lord-An Advent Mission:"** Fr. R.B will be joining us at all Masses this weekend as an introduction to the Mission. Mon., Dec. 8 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Baptismal Emphasis (will include Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary); Tues., Dec. 9 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Penitential Theme, with Advent Penance Service; Wed., Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Anointing for Healing & for Mission. Join us for song, prayer, scripture and a little preaching from Fr. R. B. Williams. What a way to open our hearts during Advent!

**Welcome:** Congratulations to Courtney Murphy who received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening, Nov. 22. Welcome Courtney, we are so blessed to have you as part of our parish family! The Rite of Enrollment for Catechumens was also held with David Drury and Elizabeth Shehan stating their intentions to be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church, which will take place at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please keep Courtney, David and Elizabeth in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith as Catholic Christians.

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** The collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious* will be taken up in our parish next weekend, Dec. 13/14. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have spent their lives ministering to others, often for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and health care. Your gift to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of roughly 35,000 senior religious, providing necessities such as prescription medications and nursing care. An envelope for this collection can be found in your envelope packet & at the end of the pews.

**St. D Pictorial Directories** were distributed after all Masses last weekend, Nov. 29/30. Directories will now be distributed from the parish office. IF you had your picture taken by Lifetouch or submitted a picture for the directory, please stop by the parish office for your free copy (Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) If you weren't able to participate, but wish to purchase a directory, they will be available for \$10 each, on a first come first serve basis.

**St. D Athletics Pancakes with Santa:** Sun., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-Noon @ St. D Gym. Adults: \$7, Children \$4, Walk-in to-go meals: \$7. Join us for great breakfasts that consist of pancakes, eggs, sausage & a drink. Bring the kids and have their picture taken with Santa; there will be crafts & games too!!

**Kids 4 Jesus** will meet on **Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** in church basement. Children will make Christmas crafts and have cookies and hot chocolate. At approximately 3:15 p.m., we will carpool to Sansbury to deliver crafts and sing Christmas carols for residents (we will need parents to help transport children). We will arrive back at St. Dominic at approximately 4:30 p.m. Each family needs to bring cookies or brownies to share. This is the **ONLY** K4J session for December.

**St. D Christmas Program:** St. Dominic School students will celebrate the Spirit of Christmas in "The Greatest Present Ever." Join us for any of the three performances: Wed., Dec. 17 at @ 12:45 p.m. (Dress Rehearsal) OR on Thurs., Dec. 18 @ 12:45 p.m. & 7 p.m. Catch the Christmas spirit, come and listen to our students sing!

**Needing gift cards for your own personal use or as a Christmas gift?** **This is your last chance to order Scrip cards for Christmas!!** There are numerous gift card options to choose from. If you purchase a gift card for \$25 that's what it is worth. There are no hidden fees. Scrip is a great fundraiser for St. D at no extra cost to you. Order forms can be found on the table in the back of church. Put your order form & check in an ENVELOPE and drop it by the school office or send it to school with a St. D student. You will be contacted once order has been fulfilled. **So if you need gift cards for Christmas order BEFORE or BY 9 a.m. by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Theresa Mattingly at 336-3730 with any questions.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. - church basement.

**Midnight Mass Intentions:** Please use the white envelopes in the pews to submit names for Midnight Mass Intentions. Envelopes need to be returned to the Parish Office by Thurs., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Blessing of a Child in the Womb:** In the Catholic Church there is a new Rite of Blessing for unborn children. This rite serves to publicly affirm the precious gift of human life and to embrace parents and families as they prepare to welcome the birth of a child. As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas Season, we invite all expectant mothers & fathers to participate in this blessing. Fr. Pepper will conduct the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb at the weekend Masses, Dec. 20/21.

**Youth Group** will meet on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the church basement to make snowmen, which will be delivered by youth group members to some very special St. Dominic parishioners, along with a few Christmas carols! Christmas party will follow caroling at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**School News:** Mass on Monday for Feast of the Immaculate Conception @ 8:30 AM. All students need to have their costumes for the Christmas program by Wednesday, Dec. 10. Thursday, Dec. 11 is Christmas Spirit Day. Students may pay \$1 to wear non-uniform pants and wear Christmas-themed tops. The WC Band Christmas Concert is at 1 PM on Dec. 11 in the PCC gym.

**High School Placement Test:** If you have a child who is thinking about enrolling at Bethlehem High School in Fall 2015, the placement test for incoming freshmen takes place from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM on Saturday, Dec. 13. Advance registration for the test is not required. Students need to bring \$10 and two #2 pencils. For more information, call BHS at 502-348-8594.

## Liturgical Roles (Weekdays)

### Lectors

- Mon. School (8:30 a.m.), Tony Smith (Noon)  
Youth Group (6:30 p.m. @ Mission/Mass)
- Tues. Perry Carrico (8:30 a.m.)  
Wassie Parrott (6:30 p.m. @ Mission)
- Wed. Mary Ann Hale (8:30 a.m.)  
Bob Goodlett (6:30 p.m. @ Mission)
- Thurs. Martin Murphy
- Fri. School
- Sat. Rita Rust

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Mon. School (8:30 a.m.), 2 Volunteers (Noon)  
3 Volunteers (6:30 p.m. @ Mission/Mass)
- Tues. Joe David Clements (8:30 a.m.)
- Wed. Reba Hamilton (8:30 a.m.)
- Thurs. Jerry Mudd
- Fri. School
- Sat. Wassie Parrott

## Liturgical Roles (Next Weekend)

### Gift Bearers

- 4:30 p.m. Sarah Libby
- 8:30 a.m. Kindergarten/8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:30 a.m. Betty Ann Mattingly

### Lectors

- 4:30 p.m. Bonnie Hamilton, Rita Rust
- 8:30 a.m. Kindergarten/8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:30 a.m. Tammy Sallee, Theresa Mattingly

### Servers

- 4:30 p.m. Joey Libby, Ben Whitney  
Rachel Smith, Belle Begley
- 8:30 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- 10:30 a.m. Haydon Dean, Andrew Blandford  
Logan Wilson, Joshua Burkhead

\*\*Kindergarten & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also serve as Ushers & Greeters at the 8:30 Mass, Sunday, December 14. Communion Ministers will remain as bulletin states.

## Liturgical Roles (Monthly)

### Altar Caretakers for DECEMBER

- Mary Lou Robertson (wk. 1), Ann Grigsby (wk. 2),  
Rita Clements (wk. 3), Colette Hill (wk. 4)

### Purificator Washing Committee Member for DEC.

- Teresa Lynn
- ### Euch. Min. to the Sick & Homebound for DEC.
- Perry & Anna Carrico (Group A)  
John Boyd Reed (Group B, East & West Wings)  
Betty Montgomery (Group C)

### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers for DECEMBER

- 4:30 p.m. Dennis & Rita Rust  
Cindy Begley, Volunteer
- 8:30 a.m. Sally Isaacs, Cheryl Mattingly  
Logan & Fran Spaulding
- 10:30 a.m. Belle Sutton, Susan Spaulding  
Perry & Anna Carrico

### Weekend Ushers for DECEMBER

- 4:30 p.m. Paul Borders, Steve Kelly, 2 Volunteers
- 8:30 a.m. Mike McCain, Michael McCain  
Scott Mud, Volunteer
- 10:30 a.m. Michael Hale, Stephen Hale  
Tim Donnelly, Greg Greathouse

### Weekend Greeters for NOVEMBER

#### (\*added as a monthly liturgical role)

- 4:30 p.m. Forrest & Faye Carrico
- 8:30 a.m. Stephanie Frantz & Family
- 10:30 a.m. Casey & Lauren Story

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Have you seen *Antiques Roadshow* on television? People bring attic treasures to experts for appraisal and possible cash. Catholic attics, or maybe Grandma's wall, often hold a "sick call crucifix." It is a curiously bulky crucifix hiding a sliding panel and a secret compartment. Two tiny candles, a squeeze bottle of holy water, a stringy purple mini-stole, a tube of prayers, and some cotton balls are all hidden inside. The cross folds up to form a mini-altar that can be propped up by a sick person's bed. All that is needed is a priest with the oil of the sick and Holy Communion. Forty years ago, when these crosses enjoyed great popularity, the sacrament of the sick was often an encounter between priest and sick person alone, and often only in a last crisis of illness.

Gradually, we are reclaiming the sacrament of anointing from this minimal, hidden expression. It is celebrated more richly and more often, even in the Sunday assembly, at every stage of illness and across a wide range of human suffering. The "sick call crucifix" is not a tradition, it is a curiosity from another time, but it reminds us of true tradition: we are a people who care for our sick, who accompany them in faith, and who sustain them with an experience of Christ's presence.

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**Lost & Found:** By chance would you be missing a single car key on a key chain (found on Main Street about a month ago near Main Attraction, but turned in to us do to it having a St. D keychain)? Or would you be missing a key chain with 4 keys on it (left in church about 2-3 months ago)? If so, give us a call at the Parish Office to identify (336-3569).