



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.

November 29, 2015 ~ First Sunday of Advent

THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR

PRAYERS: Unborn & Elderly, U.S. Military, Addictions, Baby Violet Ehringer, Tom Mudd, Dickie Mudd, Maggie Mudd Hayden, Reco Bishop, Fred Hollingshead, Helen Parrott, Judy Mudd, Sarah O'Bryan, Bradlee Aguilar, David Devine, Pee Wee Nally, Patricia O'Bryan, Reed Spaulding, Darrell Smith, Kyle Logsdon, Sue Carter, Richard Stover, Theresa Carey Coppock, Donnie Parrott, Russell Buckman, Brent Mattingly, Parker Beam, Andrew Osborne, Mary Peterson, Annie Boone Roution, Jeanne Hanley, Mollie Kennedy, Janet Mattingly, Mike Grigsby, Carol Carrico, Benny Lewis, Jonie Cambron, Madison Wheatley, Nora Smith, Charlotte Buckman, Charles Smith, Kathleen Pinkston, Tony Clements, Colin Patrick Walker, Fanny Rudd, JoAnn Cambron, 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: Audrey Edelen, Dorothy Graves, Catherine Spalding, Ruth Burns, Joe Cambron, Lloyd Haydon, Bear Keene, Fred & Rita Edelen.

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2015

Monday: St. Andrew

8:30 a.m. Dick Arnold

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. Garland Fenwick

Wednesday: Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mary Boone

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier

5:30 p.m. James B. & Flora Nell Noe

Friday: Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Trumie C. Elliott Sr.

& Martha Parrish Elliott

Saturday: Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Juanita Janes

4:30 p.m. For the Parish

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 a.m. Paul Abell Family

Spanish Mass @ 2 p.m.

\$\$ Weekly Collections \$\$

November 22, 2015

Sunday Collection: \$5,582.00

During the Week: \$20.00

Automatic Withdrawal: \$0

Total Received: \$5,602.00

**Tithing amount needed weekly for the 2015/16 budget:
\$13,847.00

Fiscal Year TITHING Contribution Summary
(July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

Tithing Contributions: \$306,136.82

Tithing Budget: \$290,787.00

Overage/ Shortage: \$+15,349.82

Annual Budget: \$720,044.00

**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.

Campaign

Weekly Orig. Capital Campaign/ BFOH Contributions: \$25.00

Weekly Preservation Campaign Contributions: \$1,600.00

Capital Campaign Building Fund Loan Balance: \$616,850.91

Amount of Monthly Payment: \$15,066.64

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden. Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called “penal” days, extending from 1691 to the “Catholic Emancipation” in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them.

The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!

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Liturgical Roles (Weekdays)

Lectors

Mon. Rita Rust
Tues. Belle Sutton
Wed. Catherine Clements
Thurs. Wassie Parrott
Fri. School
Sat. Reba Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers

Mon. Joe David Clements
Tues. Mary Ann Hale
Wed. Reba Hamilton
Thurs. Jerry Mudd
Fri. School
Sat. Wassie Parrott

Liturgical Roles (Next Weekend)

Gift Bearers

4:30 p.m. Brenda & Belle Begley
8:30 a.m. Billy & Wassie Parrott
10:30 a.m. Bonnie Hamilton

Lectors

4:30 p.m. Glenn Mattingly, Lori Tucker
8:30 a.m. Jimmy & Jenny Taylor
10:30 a.m. David & Lynn Foster

Servers

4:30 p.m. Mary Medley, Mason Boone
Joshua Curtsinger
8:30 a.m. Kayleen Taylor, Hunter Hall
John Weatherly
10:30 a.m. Luke & Cole Mattingly
Ava Abell

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.

Theresa Lynn

Euch. Min. to the Sick & Homebound for DEC.

Mary Lou Robertson (Group A), Shirley Barber
(Group B), Beverly Sagrecy (Group C)

Weekend Eucharistic Ministers for DEC.

4:30 p.m. Cindy Begley, Lori Tucker
Dianne Kelly, Ione Pinkston
8:30 a.m. Maura Walker, Lori Graves
Colette Hill, Linda Parrott
10:30 a.m. Chris Brady, Susan Spalding
Belle Sutton, Mary Lou Robertson

Weekend Ushers for DECEMBER

4:30 p.m. Dennis Rust, 3 Volunteers
8:30 a.m. Martin, Dominic & Jack Murphy
John Parrott
10:30 a.m. Bryan Lanham, Joey Maupin
Bobby Mudd, John Yates

Weekend Greeters for DECEMBER

4:30 p.m. Megan & Noah Sagrecy
8:30 a.m. Jerry & Inez Grider
10:30 a.m. Stephen & Amy Hale & Family

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Special Thanks: We would like to thank our church family for the cards of sympathy at the passing of my sister, Claudine Carrico Noel. Special thanks to Fr. Pepper for the beautiful service. We love you all dearly. May God bless each of you for your kindness. ~Julie & Tommy Noel

K4J: Sun., Dec. 13 from 2-4 p.m. - church basement/ **Bethlehem High School Open House:** Wed., Dec. 2, from 5-8 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Wed., Dec. 2 @ 6:30 p.m.- church basement/ **Youth Group:** Wed., Dec. 9 @ 7 p.m. - church basement

School News: There will be no buses running on Monday; St. Dominic will be in session, but the public schools will not. Students in grades P-2nd will take the GRADE assessment Tuesday through Thursday. Students in grades 1-3 will visit with residents at Sansbury Care Center from 1:00-1:45 on Thursday. The 8th grade will travel to Plowshares Farm in Buffalo, KY, on Friday for their annual Confirmation retreat. For our Christmas giving campaign this year, we are collecting items for the homeless and refugees served by the Sister Visitor Center in Louisville, collecting money for the parish food bank, and collecting items for House of Hope. A flyer was sent home last week detailing due dates for the items. Please call the school office if you need more information.

Midnight Mass Intentions: Please use the white envelopes found at the end of the pew when submitting names for Midnight Mass Intentions. Envelopes need to be returned to the Parish Office by Thurs., Dec. 17 (in order to get the names of those remembered printed in the bulletin insert).

Retired Religious Collection: Dec. 12/13. Envelopes can be found in tithing packets & in pews.

Parish Reconciliation/Penance Service for Advent: Go ahead and mark your calendars to attend!! We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a communal penance service here at St. Dominic at 6:30 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 14 in preparation for Christmas. After a brief celebration of the Word of God and prayer, several priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

NEXT WEEKEND-Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers: 5-year mandates have recently been granted by the Most Rev. Archbishop Kurtz, to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for St. Dominic Church for the following people: Joyce Boone, Reed Breunig, Sara Buckman, Anna & Perry Carrico, Heather Carrico, Sarah Downs, Bob Goodlett, Bonnie Hamilton, Martha Ann Hardin, Mary Ann Hale, Colette Hill, Richard & Agnes Keene, Mirna Lozano, Betty Lou Montgomery, Dodie Polin, Mary Lou Robertson, Dennis Rust, Beverly Sagrecy, Katie Simms, Karen Spalding, Susan Spalding & Sandy Warner. These parishioners have recently attended a mandate session for new or ongoing Eucharistic Ministers. Please join us at any of the weekend Masses on Dec. 5/6, where a brief Commissioning will be held for those who are receiving mandates dated 2015-2020.

Blessing of a Child in the Womb: In the Catholic Church there is a 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. 19/20.

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity in Fredericktown. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of the Society is welcome!

Needing gift cards for your own personal use or as a Christmas gift? There are numerous gift card options to choose from. If you purchase a gift card for \$25 or more 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 in the collection basket, 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. Gift card orders are submitted bi-weekly. The sooner you order, the sooner you get your gift cards. So if you need gift cards for Christmas order soon. Next two order deadlines are 12/3 & 12/10; play it safe, have your order turned in BEFORE then! Contact Theresa Mattingly at 336-3730 with any questions.

St. D Catholic Service Appeal Goal: \$31,000. Contributions to date: \$28,020.00 (as of 11/20). CSA envelopes can be found on the table in the back of church. Thanks for taking part! Visit www.archlou.org/CSA.

Washington County Holiday Assistance Program: As in years past, St. Dominic Church is hosting a tree for the Washington County Holiday Assistance Program (formerly known as the Angel Tree Program). If this is something that you and your family wish to take part in, please take a tag from the tree in the entryway. The child's information will be on the front of the tag & drop-off information can be found on the backside. Return date is Dec. 4th. Contact Sheila Hourigan at the House of Hope @ 336-0140 should you have any questions.

Other Announcements

(not yet posted in paper form):

Catholic High School Placement Test: Saturday, DECEMBER 12 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Incoming freshmen are required to take the placement test at the Catholic high school they plan to attend. Students should bring \$10 and (2) #2 pencils. If the HSPT is canceled due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for the following Saturday in December.

Parish Council does not meet in December, next meeting Jan. 28, 2016 @ 6:15 p.m.

Catholic Connection Ezine: Sign up for the *Catholic Connection* and receive monthly updates, inspiration, and information from the Archdiocese of Louisville. Go to www.archlou.org/connection to subscribe.

Advent Prayer for Peace: "The Dominican Sisters of Peace at St. Catharine's invite people of all faiths to join them in an hour of Advent Prayer for Peace at this time of distress in the world. This period of readings from Scripture and of silent prayer will be in Magdalen Chapel at St. Catharine Motherhouse located at 2645 Bardstown Road in Springfield on Sunday, December 6 at 4:45 pm. Please enter by the front door."