

*We have found the
Messiah.*

John 1:41



St. Dominic Church

January 14 2024

Pastoral Staff

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Celebration of Holy Mass

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil of Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
 Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
 (8:00 a.m. **only** on a Federal Holiday)

Holy Days: See Bulletin or Website

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
 Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
 Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

* Or by appointment through the Parish Office

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Devotions—Rosary Shrine of St. Jude

Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Monday-Friday
 (not on Federal holidays)

Scriptural Rosary: 9:45 a.m. Saturday

Administration of the Sacraments

- **Baptism**
 Please contact the Parish Office.
"Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks."
 (Code of Canon Law, 867§1).
- **Matrimony**
 Please contact the Parish Office.
 A minimum of six months preparation is required by the Archdiocese.
- **Holy Eucharist at Home**
 Please contact the Parish Office.
- **Anointing of the Sick or Prayers for the Dying**
 Please contact the Parish Office.

Church & Parish Office Addresses & Hours

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Parish Office Hours
 Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Church Hours
 Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Saturday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Sunday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Federal Holidays: 7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Community Fellowship with Coffee & Donuts

Each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass,
 in the parish meeting room
 (unless otherwise noted).
 All are welcome.



The first reading at Mass today is from the First Book of Samuel. In that reading, the Temple priest Eli teaches the young Samuel to respond to the call of the Lord with these words, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” It is a response of attentiveness and receptivity. Praying on those words, I propose that we all can make use of that phrase whenever the Scriptures are proclaimed in the Mass. For example, the lector announces, “A reading from the First Letter of Samuel” and we can respond in our hearts, saying, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” Or when the priest or deacon announces, “A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark,” we respond, “Glory to you, O Lord.” And then we can say silently, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” My proposal intends to draw us into an active encounter and engagement with the living word of God. We become receptive to the Holy Spirit who impresses upon us a personal meaning, purpose, or application of the word proclaimed. Try it and see what happens.

As we begin the new calendar year, please consider making a weekly commitment to pray before the Blessed Sacrament at the Thursday evening holy hour of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration from 7-8 p.m. In this sacrament, the Lord Jesus is truly present, Body and Blood, soul and divinity. He is Emmanuel – God with us. Through the quiet encounter with him, we can express our gratitude for his blessings and petition him for what we need. Additionally, a priest is available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Later this week, the National March for Life will occur on Friday, January 19. Our parish will host several groups of people coming from different areas of the country, representing dioceses, parishes, and universities. They will use the church for Mass, Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The meeting rooms will be used for lodging. Our location near the National Mall and the Museum of the Bible has increased requests to use the church and the parish meeting rooms. Providing such hospitality is a concrete expression of charity and allows the parish to support the event. Please pray for our nation that it will respect each life from conception to natural death.

The end of year documentation of financial giving for income tax purposes will be prepared and mailed at the end of the month. All who donated \$250 or more should expect a letter. Please contact the parish office if there is a discrepancy or a letter was not received. Thank you for your generosity.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.
George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

In observance of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued a statement:

On Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day we pause and reflect on Rev. King’s indelible legacy, and his rallying cry in the pursuit of justice and peace.

As Rev. King taught us, we must confront the evils of racism and prejudice with the love of Christ: ‘Deeply etched in the fiber of our religious tradition is the conviction that men are made in the image of God . . . the heirs of a legacy of dignity and worth. . . This call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one’s tribe, race, class, and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all men.’

Each of us can and must work for justice and peace, remembering Rev. King’s call to action: ‘Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’

Martin Luther King, Jr., was a champion of civil rights. Dr. King used the Word of God to effect change of hearts and minds. Given the issues of migration, antisemitism and racial and religious discrimination touching our communities, we are reminded that the work of bringing people together in mutual recognition and cooperation is never really done. There remain forces in the human condition that would tear asunder what has been accomplished. Let us remain vigilant to take advantage of positive signs existing in evangelization efforts and continued civic progress within human relations. These things help shape communities that manifest the affirmative outcomes arising from our varied races, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds. The Catholic Church is committed to this endeavor and willingly clasps hands and hearts with all others of like mind, faith, and hope.

Monday January 15	Tuesday January 16	Wednesday January 17	Thursday January 18	Friday January 19	Saturday January 20	Sunday January 21
<p>Parish Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.</p> <p>No Rosary, Confessions or 12:10 p.m. Mass</p> <p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p>	<p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p>	<p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p> <p>Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i></p>	<p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p> <p>Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i></p>	<p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p>	<p>Scriptural Rosary 9:30 a.m. <i>Church</i></p> <p>Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Conf Room</i></p>	<p>Modern Well-Married Saints & Holy Couples 9:15 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p> <p>Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p> <p>Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p>

Sanctuary Candle



That God will bless the March for Life this Friday, and that all will be converted to the Gospel of Life.

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for \$15 or a Mass Intention for \$10, can be made in the Parish Office.

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Phyllis Chesley, Nora Courtney, Eileen Maturi, and Frances White.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Darlington, mother of Jerome Darlington, Frank Chesley, and all of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 14

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mildred Mayher
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Infant of Prague Novena (1/9)

Monday, January 15

- 8:00 a.m. Infant of Prague Novena (2/9)
- 12:10 p.m. **FEDERAL HOLIDAY—No Mass**

Tuesday, January 16

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak
- 12:10 p.m. Infant of Prague Novena (3/9)

Wednesday, January 17

- 8:00 a.m. Infant of Prague Novena (4/9)
- 12:10 p.m. Robert F. Zelenak, II

Thursday, January 18

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. Infant of Prague Novena (5/9)

Friday, January 19

- 8:00 a.m. Infant of Prague Novena (6/9)
- 12:10 p.m. † Salvation of Souls

Saturday, January 20

- 9:00 a.m. Infant of Prague Novena (7/9)

Saint of the Day — January 14 Saint Gregory Nazianzen's Story

After his baptism at 30, Gregory gladly accepted his friend Basil's invitation to join him in a newly founded monastery. The solitude was broken when



Gregory's father, a bishop, needed help in his diocese and estate. It seems that Gregory was ordained a priest practically by force, and only reluctantly accepted the responsibility. He skillfully avoided a schism that threatened when his own father made compromises with Arianism. At 41, Gregory was chosen suffragan bishop of Caesarea and at once came into conflict with Valens, the emperor, who supported the Arians.

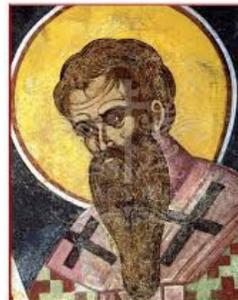
An unfortunate by-product of the battle was the cooling of the friendship of two saints. Basil, his archbishop, sent him to a miserable and unhealthy town on the border of unjustly created divisions in his diocese. Basil reproached Gregory for not going to his See.

When protection for Arianism ended with the death of Valens, Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in the great see of Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for three decades. Retiring and sensitive, he dreaded being drawn into the whirlpool of corruption and violence. He first stayed at a friend's home, which became the only orthodox church in the city. In such surroundings, he began giving the great sermons on the Trinity for which he is famous. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults, and even personal violence. An interloper even tried to take over his bishopric.

His last days were spent in solitude and austerity. He wrote religious poetry, some of it autobiographical, of great depth and beauty. He was acclaimed simply as "the Theologian." St. Gregory Nazianzen shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Basil the Great on January 2.

From Franciscan Media

Who is the Founder of Eastern Monasticism?



Despite his great ability with words, St. Basil crafted a rule of silence and prayer.

St. Basil was born into a family of saints. His father was St. Basil the Elder, his mother was St. Emmelia, his sister Macrina and his brothers, Peter, bishop of Sebaste, and Gregory of Nazianzen, are also honored amongst the saints.

From his father, the young Basil had his first training in the rudiments of Christian doctrine, and he continued his studies first in Constantinople and then in Athens. At the same time, he undertook the study of rhetoric, starting a brilliant career as a lawyer.

However, this brilliant man with his powerful rhetorical skills soon left his work and studies to follow his true vocation: a life of silence and prayer.

St. Basil departed from Caesarea and began to travel, first in Pontus, then to Egypt, Israel, and Syria. He traveled unconventionally, not following a set path but rather allowing himself to be drawn to monks and hermits and learning from them along the way.

During his travels, God spoke to him in prayer and urged him to return to Pontus. There, he reunited with Gregory of Nissa and with him founded a small monastic community, based on rules that Basil had thought out during his travels.

He only set out to establish a humble monastery, but St. Basil's Rule has become the cornerstone of Eastern monasticism—much like St. Benedict's Rule in the West—and is still followed today.

From The Catholic Company's Get Fed

Offertory

Monthly Offertory for December 2023

Received	\$15,467
Budgeted	<u>\$19,231</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$(3,764)
Received via Faith Direct	\$17,911
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$15,125</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 2,786
Summary	
December Deficit/Surplus	\$ (978)
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$ 6,441

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, Venmo or by giving it to one of the priests. Your generosity enables the parish to assist the poor with one-meal gift cards, rent assistance, utility assistance, and other important, local social concerns and organizations.



Taking the Catholic Faith to the Streets!

Offertory

Week Ending January 7, 2024

Received	\$2,847.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	(\$ 999.00)

Electronic Giving Options



Mass Intentions - Now Available Online

Mass intention for 2024 are available by calling the parish office (202/554-7863), by emailing the parish office (office@stdominicchurch.org), or by visiting the parish website and clicking on the “Mass Intentions” header.



ONLY intentions for “Announced Masses” are available online and payable by credit card. You will still need to contact the parish office for “Unannounced” and “Gregorian Mass” intentions.

St. Dominic Church is partnering with the St. Paul Evangelization Institute to bring the Gospel of Jesus and the faith of the Catholic Church to our neighborhood and city. The mission of the Institute is to Train, Equip and Mobilize Catholics for the urgent work of evangelization.

Why evangelize? Consider that 41% of those baptized and raised as a Catholic leave the Church permanently; 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; and for every 1 person that joins the Catholic Church, 6 people leave. Beyond the Catholic realm, about 3 in 10 US adults are now religiously unaffiliated, some identified as “nones” - people who describe themselves as atheists, agnostics or “nothing in particular” when asked about their religious identity.

Consider that God “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth,” there is an Imperative for the disciples of Jesus to give witness the love, mercy, forgiveness, and new life received from a personal relationship with Christ.

The training program, with Father George in attendance, begins on Sunday, January 28, 2024. All interested persons are invited to contact the parish office for information and registration.

(Office@StDominicChurch.org or (202) 554-7863)



From the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A weekly, continuous reading of the Article on the Sacrament of the Eucharist:

In Brief

1406 Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; . . . he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and . . . abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:51, 54, 56).

1407 The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.

1408 The Eucharistic celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of his Son; the consecration of bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord's body and blood. These elements constitute one single act of worship.

1409 The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action.

1410 It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, who is the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

1411 Only validly ordained priests can preside at the Eucharist and consecrate the bread and the wine so that they become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

1412 The essential signs of the Eucharistic sacrament are wheat bread and grape wine, on which the blessing of the Holy Spirit is invoked and the priest pronounces the words of consecration spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper: "This is my body which will be given up for you.... This is the cup of my blood...."

Church History

The feast day of St. Margaret of Hungary (1242-70) is January 18th.

The 3rd double window on the south side of the church depicts the saint in prayer before a crucifix.

St. Margaret was the daughter of King Bela IV of Hungary. At the age of three, she began studying with Dominican nuns at Veszprém.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran



"If we could comprehend all the good things contained in Holy Communion, nothing more would be wanting to content the heart of man."

—St. John Vianney

Interested in Joining St. Dominic Parish?

We would love to welcome you into our parish! Visit StDominicChurch.org and on the landing page click on Parish Registration Form. Be sure to fill out both sides and mail it or email it to the parish office. Paper copies of the registration form can be found in the church and in the Parish Office.

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is located in the Parish Office. To inquire about a lost item, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at office@stdominicchurch.org. Items are donated or discarded quarterly.



Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage



This year, Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. **Couples must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024** to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

Catholic Charities Legal Network

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

COVER IMAGE:

Saint John Pointing Christ to Saint Andrew
By Ottavio Vannini
C. 17th Century

Archdiocese of Washington's Website

The archdiocesan website, adw.org and adw.org/es (Spanish) is updated regularly with current information. Daily news and information about archdiocesan parishes, schools and ministries are also available at cathstan.org and elpreg.org for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.



For Those with a Hearing Impediment

The parish has a number of personal listening system receivers with an over-the-ear speaker for use at the Mass. Please inform a Music Minister (Director or Cantor) if you would like to use one of the receivers, and it will be provided. Kindly return the receiver to the Music Director after Mass so that it can be sanitized for others to use.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

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, and 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.