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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.

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

Church — 501 6th Street, SW Parish Office/Priory — 630 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20024 Phone: (202) 554-7863 Fax: (202) 554-0231

Web address — www.StDominicChurch.org E-mail — Office@StDominicChurch.org FaceBook — stdominicchurchdc

> 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.

^{*} Or by appointment through the Parish Office

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Last Wednesday, we embarked upon our Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads. While many look forward to this time as an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal, quite often many of us

see it as a liturgical season to dread. We focus on "What am I going to give up?" "How long can I live without whatever it is I am going to give up?" "How many more days before I don't have to give up whatever it is that I am giving up?" Who wouldn't dread a liturgical season with such a narrow focus?

Lent is a season of grace that provides many opportunities for God to heal our sin-sick souls. Certainly, these graces are available to us throughout the year, but the season of Lent engages our mind and heart in the ongoing work of conversion so that we may experience in our lives the dying and rising of Jesus. God desires our happiness—true happiness—which comes to us through the intentional response we make to God's call to conversion. His grace prompts us to welcome his word and his will as saving, renewing, and perfecting of ourselves. His mercy forgives our sins and restores a good and righteous relationship with him. Over these next few weeks, we are all encouraged to begin reflecting anew on the real purpose of Lent, the power such a season can be for us, and the real potential for a deeper commitment to our Catholic faith, and most important, a deeper communion of love with God. Such a deeper understanding could give us a new attitude for Lent.

Baptism is one of Lent's foundational focuses. At the Easter Vigil, the catechumens (referred to as "the elect") will be fully initiated as Catholics through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Furthermore, on Easter Sunday, all the baptized will renew their baptismal promises. Renewing our baptismal promises recognizes something still foundational in our lives. Renewing our baptismal promises opens our hearts to God's grace. Grace reveals God's great love for us and God's purpose for our lives. This great divine love energizes our own love and leads us to a deeper commitment to live these promises more faithfully. Easter is one time in the liturgical year for us to remember that we are baptized once for a lifetime and not merely once in a lifetime. Lent is the time set aside to prepare us to make that renewal faithfully.

As we begin our Lenten journey, I ask you to pray for those who are continuing to prepare for full initiation into our Catholic faith. Pray for Armando Kiest and his wife Jada Rivers-Kiest who will receive all the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. And pray for Paul Lenoir and Daniel Padilla who are baptized Catholics who will complete their initiation into Catholic faith with the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. They will be fully incorporated into our parish community through these sacraments and be one with us in the worship of God and Catholic life.

During this Lenten season, the parish and the Dominican friars offer different opportunities for prayer (eucharistic adoration, for example), sacramental confession, and faith formation and development. (Information is found in the bulletin and on the parish website.) I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities and resources offered to you so that you may grow in your personal relationship with Jesus and experience the fullness of life in him.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. Seorge, O.P. George P. Schommer, O.P.

Pastor



Why Register at the Parish?
Because you need your parish
as much as your parish needs you!

By registering at St. Dominic's, you are declaring your desire to be part of our Catholic faith community as you journey in faith, through praying, serving, giving, learning and belonging. We are a vibrant Catholic community whose members support one another in living out Jesus' Great Commission to be his evangelizing disciples.

 Registration enables the priests and staff to get to know you better, to welcome and to minister to you. This especially important during a time of crisis so that we can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.

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Monday February 19	Tuesday February 20	Wednesday February 21	Thursday February 22	Friday February 23	Saturday February 24	Sunday February 25
Federal Holiday ONLY 8 a.m. Mass Parish Office CLOSED A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Scriptural Rosary 9:30 a.m. Church Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. Parish Conf Room	Modern Well-Married Saints & Holy Couples 9:15 a.m. Parish Mtg Room Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass Parish Mtg Room Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. Parish Mtg Room
Refer to the Do	ominican Friar Len	ten Devotions Flier	and Lauds & Ves	pers Flier on the ba	ack page for daily I	enten activities.

Sanctuary Candle



That families will recommit themselves to fervent prayer this Lent to grow in love and holiness.

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

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

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:

Phyllis Chesley, Howard Owens, Christine Brehm, and all of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 18

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Ann Runyon

8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

10:30 a.m.† Rosa Chui Chun Wong5:00 p.m.Lenten Mass Remembrance

Monday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance 12:10 p.m. Federal Holiday — No Mass

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 a.m. Robert F. Zelenak

12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

12:10 p.m. † Salvation of Souls

Thursday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak

12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Friday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

12:10 p.m. Camille Reh

Saturday, February 24

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish



Pilgrimage with your family, friends or parishioners



We are thrilled to welcome you to the upcoming National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which will travel through the Archdiocese of Washington from June 7 – June 9, 2024.

On Saturday, June 8, 2024, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will have a public Mass and Procession in D.C. All are welcome!

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will also have a stationary pilgrimage for those with limited mobility, or other disability, at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine at the same time as the walking Procession.

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 8, 2024

8:00 am: Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

9:00 am: Eucharistic Procession though the Brookland neighborhood of D.C., stopping at The Catholic University of America (CUA), various religious communities, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) building, and ending at the St. John Paul II National Shrine.

12:00 noon: Benediction at the Saint John Paull II National Shrine.

12:30 pm: Catechesis on the Eucharist led by Archdiocese of Washington Auxiliary Bishop Evelio Menjivar and a young person from the Archdiocese of Washington.

There will be time at the Saint John
Paul II National Shrine for rest and
refreshments.



The theme for the Procession will be Walk with Jesus: To Jesus Through Mary.

Each stop on the Procession will have a short period of prayer and the language at each prayer session will alternate between English and Spanish.



START NOW

Please, complete the registration information below by Monday, **April 15, 2024**. If you are attending with your family or group, please register **each person separately**.

To register in English, visit: <u>National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Registration</u> - <u>Archdiocese of Washington (adw.org)</u>

To register in Spanish, visit: <u>National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Registration - Archdiocese of Washington (adw.org)</u>

What route will pass by our Archdiocese?

St. Elizabeth Ann-Seton Route



ABOUT THE INTERCESSOR

The route is named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church.. A lifelong protestant, the young mother was drawn to the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. St. Elizabeth Ann opened the first free Catholic school for girls in American in 1810. Her work laid the foundation for what is now the

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!





To learn more about the East route, visit https://
www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st
-elizabeth-ann-seton-route

To learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, visit

National Eucharistic Revival - Archdiocese of Washington (adw.org)



"The accidents of life separate us from our dearest friends, but let us not despair. God is like a looking glass in which souls see each other. The more we are united to Him by love, the nearer we are to those who belong to Him."

-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Offertory

Monthly Offertory for January 2024

\$10,105
<u>\$12,692</u>
\$(2,587)
\$17,867
<u>\$15,125</u>
\$ 2,742
\$ 155
\$ 6,596

Offertory

Week Ending February 11, 2024

Received	\$3,108.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (730.00)

Electronic Giving Options





Faith Direct

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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.

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.

CREDIT CARD payments now accepted for ALL transactions.

February 14 ADW 2nd Collection Moved to Next Weekend

The second collection for the Archdiocese of Washington (Church in the Developing World) scheduled for Wednesday, February 14 has been moved to next weekend.

Disposing of Blessed Palm Leaves

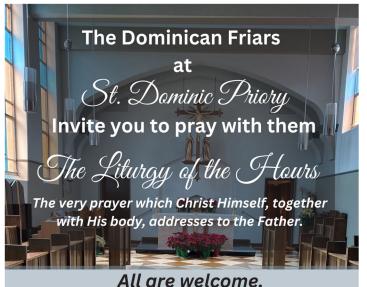


Anyone wishing to dispose of old, blessed palm leaves are welcome to bring them to the church and deposit them in the basket found on the table as you walk into the church through the mail vestibule.

Did you know we burn the palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday?

COVER IMAGE:

The Temptation of Christ By Sandro Botticelli 1481 — Sistine Chapel



All are well

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

Mon-Fri: 7 a.m.

Sat: 8 a.m.
with Office of Readings

Sun: 7 a.m. with Office of Readings

Vespers

(Evening Prayer)

Mon-Fri: 5:30 p.m. with Office of Readings

Sat-Sun: 5:30 p.m. (Rosary precedes Vespers each day at 5:10 p.m.)

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 14 (Through Lent.)

Entrance to the Chapel is at 630 E St. SW

Interested in Joining St. Dominic Parish?

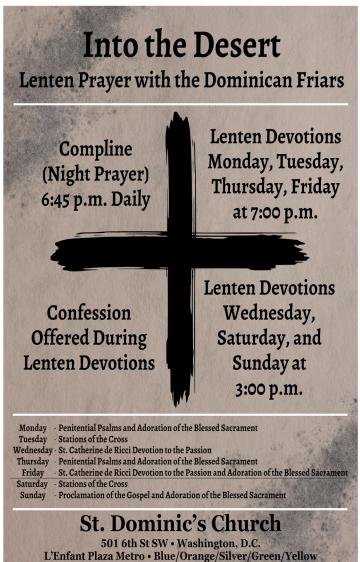
We would love to welcome you into our parish! Visit StDominicChurch.org and on the landing page click on Parish Registration Form. Be sure to fill out both sides and mail it or email it to the parish office. Paper copies of the registration form can be found in the church and in the Parish Office.

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 discarded quarterly.



at are donated or



For Those with a Hearing Impediment

The parish has a number of personal listening system receivers with an over-theear 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!

Why Register at the Parish?

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- Registration helps you stay connected with the parish and the parish with you. Providing your contact information is important so that we can provide you timely updates via email, Flocknote, phone, etc.
- If you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation. Other parishes often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, etc. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
- You need to be registered in a parish to be married in the Catholic Church.
- By registering, census numbers assist us in our annual pastoral reports to the Archdiocese and enable us to plan programs and services properly.

What about Children who are 18 years of Age or Older?

Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to participate in the Mass and to register as a member independent of their parents.

So, How do You Register?

Pick up a parish registration form from the bulletin racks in the church and return it to the parish office at your earliest convenience. Or, visit our website at www.StDominicChurch.org and click the button just below the picture of the sanctuary marked "Parish Registration." If you have any questions about becoming a registered parishioner, or not sure if you are registered, please contact the parish office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at office@StDominicChurch.org. If you are currently registered and are moving, changing a phone number, email address or marital status, please call or email us at the above phone number or email so we can update your information in the database.

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena

This weekend, we join the Dominican friars and hundreds of people associated with them to pray the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena for the second of nine months. The prayer can be found here or prayer cards can be found in the church literature racks and at the entrances of the church.



God our Father, we thank you
for the gift of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom
we are adopted as your beloved sons
and daughters.

At Pentecost you poured out the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles while they were at prayer.

Pour out that same Holy Spirit upon us as we meditate upon the mysteries of Christ contained in the Most Holy Rosary.

Enlighten our faith, strengthen our hope, and set us ablaze with love for you and our neighbor.

Graciously grant us St. Dominic's own zeal for the salvation of souls.

Bless the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage.

May it lead many souls to Jesus through Mary, so that we may know you and your saving power now and for all eternity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us! St. Dominic, pray for us!



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.