

My *Lord*
and my God.



St. Dominic Church

April 16, 2023

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar
 Brother Dominic Koester, O.P., Deacon

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
 Business/Facilities Manager - Ed Von Hagel
 Liturgical/Music Director - J.C. Cantrell

Parish Pastoral Council

Philip Clarke	Doris Stukes
Jules Hurst	Susan Timoney
Tim Lang	Carrie Traverso
Maggie Smith	

Parish Finance Council

Michael Grace	MJ Morrow
Jackie Griffin	Josef Neusser
Eileen Lyons	

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 of 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
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Web address — www.StDominicChurch.org
 E-mail — Office@StDominicChurch.org
 FaceBook — [stdominicchurhdc](https://www.facebook.com/stdominicchurhdc)

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.



“My Lord and my God!” This exclamation of St. Thomas the Apostle is a profound and powerful expression of faith. Thomas can say them when he sees the Lord and the wounds that remain in his resurrected body. He believes because he

sees. In a rudimentary way, his experience corresponds with our modern desire for scientific evidence. We have in our being a kind of “withholding of faith” until something is proved to us. We hold within ourselves the criterion of “I won’t believe it until I see it for myself.” It is a self-imposed limit that can prevent us from encountering and experiencing the Risen Lord.

To assist us and help us, God provides the gift of theological faith and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit “... who opens the eyes of the mind and ‘makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth’” (CCC 153); and this truth is always unfolding. The gift of faith that we receive at our Baptism “is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop” (CCC 1253). We can and should always be growing in our faith so that we can more profoundly encounter the Risen Lord. “It is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith and to understand better what He has revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love” (CCC 158).

The graces of the Easter season help us to encounter the Risen Christ with the eyes of faith. Through the Scripture readings of the Sacred Liturgy and the Sacraments, Christ presents himself to us. He stands in our midst and invites us to reach out to him. He invites us to touch the realities that we do not understand. St. Augustine once said, “I believe in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe” (cf. CCC 158). Our faith in Christ and our relationship with him began on the day of our baptism. Now it grows through prayer, spiritual reading, and participation in the life of the Church. Hence, we need not be discouraged because of our struggles in faith. Rather, we persevere in hope because we are the ones about whom Jesus speaks when he says to Thomas, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (Jn 20:29).

In collaboration with the pastoral council, we are developing an ongoing faith formation program for adults that would be available in different “regions” of our parish. Most parishioners do not live within the parish boundaries of

Southwest DC and come for Mass from the metropolitan area. We are looking to identify host facilitators in these different regions so that it would be easier for people to come together for faith formation and fellowship. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. I had hoped to begin this program after Easter, but the process is taking longer than expected. More to come.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. In the year 2000, then Pope John Paul II declared that “The Second Sunday of Easter from now on throughout the Church will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’” His declaration is based upon the message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy found in the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ. Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

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Monday April 17	Tuesday April 18	Wednesday April 19	Thursday April 20	Friday April 21	Saturday April 22	Sunday April 23
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	Morning Prayer 9 a.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Couples & Married Saints 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
Cenacle 7 p.m. <i>(via Zoom)</i>		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>		Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. <i>Church</i>	Donut Social After the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
						Pastoral Council Meeting 11:45 a.m. <i>Parish Conference Room</i>
						Solemn Vespers 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>

Sanctuary Candle



*For the intentions of
Angel and Milagros Paraoan
& Family*

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:

Frank & Phyllis Chesley and Bogomila Mireva.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

All of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 16

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Andrew Troanovitch
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Octave Novena 7/9
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, April 17

- 8:00 a.m. Easter Octave Novena 8/9
- 12:10 p.m. † Audrey Jones Prout

Tuesday, April 18

- 8:00 a.m. † Rev. Frederick H. MacIntyre
- 12:10 p.m. Easter Octave Novena 9/9

Wednesday, April 19

- 8:00 a.m. Irene Butchkosky
- 12:10 p.m. † Rev. Frederick H. MacIntyre

Thursday, April 20

- 8:00 a.m. † Rev. Frederick H. MacIntyre
- 12:10 p.m. † Martin Hagan

Friday, April 21

- 8:00 a.m. † Sandra Holman
- 12:10 p.m. Rick Pica

Saturday, April 22

- 9:00 a.m. † Daniel Dingman

From the Pastor's Desk *(continued from page 2)*

The parish will observe Divine Mercy Sunday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Benediction. It all begins at 3 p.m. in the church.

During the Easter Vigil Mass, a large quantity of water was blessed for the Sacrament of Baptism and the renewal of our baptismal commitment. The font of this Easter water is located in front of the ambo and Paschal Candle. All are welcome to bring a bottle to take this water home. With this water, we can renew our baptismal promises daily and bless ourselves in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

Triduum and Easter Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Paschal Triduum and Easter celebrations beautiful, prayerful, welcoming, and celebratory. All was made possible because of our church cleaners, decorators, lectors, altar servers, ushers, choristers, musicians, those that had their feet washed, and the Dominican community members. Your willingness to serve and volunteer directed our attention to the adoration and worship of God for his love and mercy manifested in the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. We could not have done it without you. Thank you, again, and God bless you.

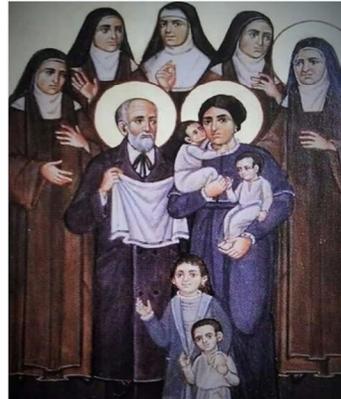
St. Dominic Cenacle



Monday evening, St. Dominic's Cenacle will meet **IN PERSON** for a Potluck Party.

Please bring a dish to share.

Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.



St. Dominic
Roman Catholic Church
630 E Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

*Holy
Couples
&
Married
Saints*

*A series of talks
on modern-day
married saints.*

*Led by
Fr. Kevin Kraft, O.P.*

Sundays
April 16 - August 27, 2023
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Parish Meeting Room

You're Invited
Solemn Vespers
for the 3rd Sunday
of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023
7:00 P.M.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
Reception following in the Parish Hall

501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

Offertory

Monthly Offertory for March

Received	\$14,781
Budgeted	<u>\$12,692</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 2,089
Received via Faith Direct	\$15,639
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$13,750</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 1,889
Summary	
March Deficit/Surplus	\$ 3,978
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$23,017

Offertory

Week Ending April 9, 2023

Received	\$5,573.00
Budgeted	\$3,173.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$2,400.00

Poor Box Donations & Disbursements

For the quarter (January-March) ending March 31:

Because of the generosity of so many parishioners, there were some extraordinary disbursements of the Poor Box money so that it would go to need and not be hoarded. \$2,600 was donated to sponsor one person for the 2023 Archdiocese for the Military Services—Knights of Columbus Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage. \$1,000 was donated to The 5000 Food Ministry in Southwest, DC, which provides food and cleaning supplies to our neighbors in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Leave a Legacy

Please remember St. Dominic Church in your will and estate planning. Your thoughtfulness will enable the parish to maintain its presence, ministry and outreach in South-west Washington.

Matching Gift Opportunity

The rededication of the Roosevelt Organ will be on Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m. To support the event with a concert organist, advertising, and hospitality, a \$7,500 pledge has been made as a 1-for-1 matching gift. Donors are needed to receive the monies of this pledge. Please consider a gift for this purpose, payable to St. Dominic Church with the note for “Organ.”



Mass Intentions Availability



Plenty of dates through 2023 are available now! If the date of your Mass intention isn’t important, nor does it need to be mentioned during the Mass or in the bulletin, “unannounced” Masses are also available. “Unannounced” Masses are said by the Friars in their chapel and in the other small chapels within the Priory and are said within one year of the intention request.

Contact the Parish Office, at (202) 554-7863 or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org.

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, 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, etc.



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.

Children’s Faith Formation Program



As Fr. George mentioned in his “From the Pastor’s Desk” article in the bulletin on March 5, he is working to create a Faith Formation Program for the Parish.

With the support and approval from the Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. George is utilizing the large library of resources of The Offices of Catechesis of the Archdiocese, to create this program.

As we work to grow and revitalize our parish, we invite parents with children to make their interest known to Margaret Maxwell in the parish office at (202) 554-7863. Once we have a list, there will be a meeting with parents to listen to their needs, hopes, and desires so that a program can be developed in response. The goal is to have a program in place at the end of August or the beginning of September.

Parishioner House Blessings

The Church offers a blessing of the home with the Easter water during the Easter season. Consider having your home blessed by Fr. George, the pastor at St. Dominic’s. Call or email the parish office soon to schedule a day and time in the Easter season. Visits will be coordinated as best as possible.

Parish Hospitality Committee

The parish council is forming a hospitality committee to support community building activities in the parish. If you like to plan events, create a welcoming environment, set a nice table, bake and or assist with serving food, we would welcome you to serve on this committee. If this is not the right time to join a committee but you love to bake and would be available to help at a specific event, we’d like to hear from you as well. **We will be hosting a reception on April 23, following the Solemn Vespers at 7:00 p.m. and need baked goods and snacks.**



If you would like to learn more or become part of the committee, please contact Susan Timoney at stimoney@att.net



“My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, #699)

Nathan’s Organ Prelude & Postlude

Prelude: Not available at time of printing.

Postlude: Not available at time of printing.



Nathan Ringkamp’s Organ Recital

Nathan Ringkamp, pictured above, has been our organist here at St. Dominic Church since the spring of 2021 and is an undergraduate student at The Catholic University of America (CUA) finishing up his B.M.—Organ Performance.

Nathan, a senior at CUA, under the tutelage of former St. Dominic organist and current parishioner, Benjamin LaPrairie, will perform a 60-75 minute recital at St. Matthew the Apostle Cathedral on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. This recital is free of charge and all are welcome!

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.

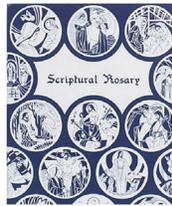
Save the Date!



Sunday, May 21, 2023. Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Brother/Deacon Dominic Koester, O.P. who will be ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 2023.

Scriptural Rosary

Can we interest you in joining our group to pray for your intentions? We are a small group, but would like to grow. We meet after the 9 a.m. Mass every Saturday at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary to say the Scriptural Rosary.



Each week, a different member leads the group and we pray for their petition and national or world intercession. No rosary necessary. We will provide you with a Scriptural Rosary booklet to use. Join us one Saturday and check us out.

The Garden Angels



St. Dominic's Garden Angels work their magic on the Church grounds on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Anyone is welcome to join them, whether it be regularly or occasionally, from 9 a.m. to 10:30/11:00 a.m.

No skill required, just the desire to work in the gardens to beautify our grounds. We do have our own tools, but if you have garden tools that you prefer to work with, feel free to bring them. All we ask is that you bring your own gardening gloves.

The group meets in the parking lot at 9 a.m..

If you have any questions, please call or email the parish office.

SOUTHWEST DC SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid and Christ United Methodist Church 5000 Food Ministry are hosting a food drive **NOW** through **April 30** to help our neighbors in SW throughout the Spring and Summer.

**Donate non-perishable food and toiletries at
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
900 4th Street SW — Courtyard Entrance (back entrance off the pathway to the SW Public Library)
Hours: Wed. 3pm-5pm / Sat. 12pm-2pm

**Donate online to support the drive at
bit.ly/swdc-springfooddrive**



**WARD 6
MUTUAL AID**

For more info, email:
SWMutualAid
@serveyourcitydc.org

or scan here with your phone's camera!



2023 Catholic High School Fair

Designed for rising 7th and 7th graders, the Archdiocese of Washington will host a Catholic High School Fair which features exhibits by all Catholic high schools in the archdiocese. This informative event will help future high school students learn more about high school options and the application process.

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023 **Time:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Catholic University of America - Heritage Hall.

To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adw-catholic-high-school-fair-feria-de-escuelas-catolicas>

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.



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.