

*I am the way
and the truth
and the life.*

John 14:6



St. Dominic Church

May 7, 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

Thomas Bolger	MJ Morrow
Michael Grace	Josef Neusser
Eileen Lyons	Carol Pica

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/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.



As we continue to live in the grace and joy of the Resurrection, the liturgical readings from the Acts of the Apostles direct our attention to the spread of the Faith and the growth of the Church. Time and again we hear and read that the Holy Spirit was guiding the Apostles and early believers through challenges that arose in the community. Through prayer and discernment, the life and structures of the Church began to develop.

The first reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter is one example. It seems that the ministry of the Apostles was not able to reach everyone in the community. People began to complain that there was neglect. As the community worked toward a solution, a distinction in ministry was made. The Apostles would devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word; whereas, others (who would later be identified as deacons) would assume the responsibility of distributing food and material goods within the community.

Much growth and development has happened over the last 2,000 years. We see a wide variety of ministry and service within the Church. Each of us, in virtue of our Baptism, has a place in the community. In our own parish community, there are a variety of opportunities for liturgical ministries and non-liturgical service to meet the needs of others. As your pastor, I am keenly aware that I cannot meet all the needs of each person. Human limitations and the priority of celebrating the liturgy, preaching homilies, providing faith formation, and bringing the sacraments to the Church mean that there are other works that I cannot do. Addressing this reality, the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity of the Second Vatican Council states: "In the Church there is a diversity of ministry but a oneness of mission. Christ conferred on the Apostles and their successors the duty of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in His name and power. But the laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world. They exercise the apostolate in fact by their activity directed to the evangelization and sanctification of men and to the penetrating and perfecting of the temporal order through the spirit of the Gospel. In this way, their temporal activity openly bears witness to Christ and promotes the salvation of men. Since the laity, in accordance with their

state of life, live in the midst of the world and its concerns, they are called by God to exercise their apostolate in the world like leaven, with the ardor of the spirit of Christ" (2).

Our parish is small, but we are called by the Lord to great things because we live, move, and find our being in the Holy Spirit. Greater involvement from every parishioner in the life and mission of the parish makes it possible and easier to spread the kingdom of Christ and to enable every person to share in his saving redemption. We are looking to develop family faith programs to meet the needs of children; to revive our RCIA with sponsors to accompany those who are coming to Christ and his Church; to enhance our adult faith formation offerings that need facilitators; to bring ever greater beauty to the celebration of the liturgy, which needs volunteers; and to establish evangelization teams to reach out to our neighbors who do not know Jesus, or have a church to call home.

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate more fully in the parish with time, talent, and treasure. The needs are great, but greater involvement by everyone will make the commitment manageable for everyone.

This weekend is the last weekend of Brother Dominic's service to the parish as a deacon. He will be leaving on Friday for retreat in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood. His ordination will be on Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome. On Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m., the newly-ordained Father Dominic will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with our parish community. Please consider attending the Mass of Ordination and/or the Mass of Thanksgiving. These are beautiful, grace-filled moments in the living history of our parish and the Church.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Fr. George P. Schommer, O.P.

Pastor

Monday May 8	Tuesday May 9	Wednesday May 10	Thursday May 11	Friday May 12	Saturday May 13	Sunday May 14
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>	Church Cleaning 9:30 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>

Sanctuary Candle



*For the repose of the soul
of Maurice Valldeperas
from Mitzi & Vince Sobash*

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; Bogomila Mireva and Frances White.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carmen-Rosa Torres Mendez and Thomas Graves.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 7

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena 2/9
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, May 8

- 8:00 a.m. † Evelyn Stukes
- 12:10 p.m. Mother's Day Novena 3/9

Tuesday, May 9

- 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena 4/9
- 12:10 p.m. John Lane

Wednesday, May 10

- 8:00 a.m. † Evelyn Stukes
- 12:10 p.m. Mother's Day Novena 5/9

Thursday, May 11

- 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena 6/9
- 12:10 p.m. Jeffrey Joseph Kormos

Friday, May 12

- 8:00 a.m. Patrick George Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. Mother's Day Novena 7/9

Saturday, May 13

- 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena 8/9

St. Dominic Cenacle



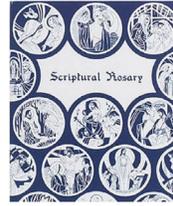
In this Augustine Institute series Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

Please join by Zoom, using the link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84105587170>

The meeting ID: 841 0558 7170

Or by phone +13017158592,,841 0558 7170 # US
 (Wash., DC)

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.



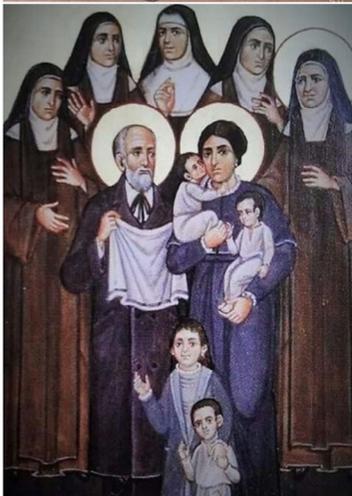
St. Dominic
 Roman Catholic Church
 630 E Street, SW
 L'Enfant Plaza Metro

*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*

**The Ascension
 of the Lord**

**Sunday
 May 21, 2023
 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Dominic
 Church**

*Reception to follow
 in the Parish Hall*

**501 6th Street, SW
 L'Enfant Plaza Metro**

Offertory

Week Ending April 30, 2023

Received	\$2,674.00
Budgeted	\$3,173.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (499.00)

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 Southwest Washington.

Faith Direct

We are so grateful for those who continue to generously support the parish through Faith Direct. For those using weekly envelopes, we hope you consider giving by Faith Direct by visiting <https://membership.faithdirect.net/DC117> and signing up.



Or, try scanning the Venmo QR code found on the back of each pew in the church.

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, and other important, local social concerns and organizations.

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.



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.” As of May 4, the total amount raised is \$4,725.

Mass Intentions Availability

Plenty of dates through 2023 are available now! Or, 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.

2023 Annual Appeal Update

Thanks to the generosity of 71 families, our parish currently stands at 92% of our 2023 Annual Appeal goal with \$41,156 committed as of this past week. If you haven’t yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by visiting appeal.adw.org. By donating today you will help us reach our goal and, more importantly, you will support more than 70 ministries vital to the life of our local Church. Also, 50% of Annual Appeal gifts received over our parish goal will be rebated back to the parish. Thank you for your generosity!



Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!

- St. John Chrysostom

Monthly Church Cleaning



Volunteers needed to help with our monthly church cleaning on Saturday, May 13th after the 9 a.m. Mass. No experience required. New volunteers are always welcome. *No more than an hour of your time.*

If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org.

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.

Parishioner House Blessings



Time is running out to schedule an Easter blessing. Have your home blessed with the Easter water during the Easter season 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.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Saturday
May 20** NO 9 a.m. Mass
- Saturday
May 20** Dominican Priestly Ordination
9:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Sunday,
May 21** Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. by Fr. Dominic Koester, O.P. - reception following
Solemn Vespers @ 7 p.m.
(see flier on page 4)
- Sunday,
June 11** Corpus Christi Procession & Parish Picnic
- Friday,
October 27** Roosevelt Organ Rededication Concert & Reception

Nathan's Organ Prelude & Postlude

Prelude: Not available at time of printing.

Postlude: Not available at time of printing.



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.

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.



Volunteer with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities ADW is seeking volunteers for many different projects this summer! Here are some ways you can get involved, both individually and with a group:

St. Maria's Meals is back! Every Tuesday in Temple Hills and Wednesday in downtown D.C., Catholic Charities volunteers and staff members provide individuals and families with hot meals.

Food Distributions: Throughout the summer, Catholic Charities will help deliver food items at St. Bernard in Riverdale, MD every other Tuesday.

To learn more or to sign up for the above opportunities visit their event calendar at: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/>

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.

Grieving Parent Reflection Gathering

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Silver Spring is hosting a Grieving Parent Reflection Gathering on Tuesday, June 6 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the All Purpose room. Any parent who is grieving the loss of a child is welcome to attend. You will not be asked to share your story. There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you please register for planning purposes. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grieving-parent-one-hour-reflection-tickets-622029977407> to register.

For more information, contact the Office of Family Life @ flm@adw.org or (301) 853-4546.

COMMUNITY SEMINAR

NUTRITION & LIFESTYLE

Free Educational Series

3rd Saturday May - October	11-12pm SE LIBRARY	403 7th St SE, Washington, DC 20003
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- Introduction to Nutrition
- Metabolic syndrome
- Gut health
- Sleep
- Fitness
- Healthspan

Learn more and register

<https://form.jotform.com/230947358328162>

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.