

*As the Apostles were looking on,  
Jesus was lifted up.*

Acts 1:9



St. Dominic Church

May 21, 2023

## Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor  
 Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar

## 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

Church — 501 6th Street, SW  
 Parish Office/Priory — 630 E Street, SW  
 Washington, DC 20024  
 Phone: (202) 554-7863  
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Web address — [www.StDominicChurch.org](http://www.StDominicChurch.org)  
 E-mail — [Office@StDominicChurch.org](mailto: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.



Today is a day of rejoicing as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven. Because Jesus ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, he can live in the heart of every person and not just in one place in history. Because he sits at God's right hand, Jesus can be a closer friend to each of us than he could while he walked the earth in a physical body. He is no longer limited to specific times and places; rather he has made all times and places present to himself. Jesus tells each of us today, "know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." We are never alone.

The Ascension of the Lord is the final act of the Incarnation. An early Church Father once said that "God became man so that man might become God." "Only the one who came from the Father can return to the Father: Christ Jesus" (CCC 661). The mystery of the Ascension teaches us that Jesus returned to the Father with the fullness of his human nature. Jesus lives now, in heaven, in a glorified human body. This truth is the source of our hope and why our life is better because he has gone to the Father. This is what the Catechism teaches us: "Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the 'Father's house,' to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us" (CCC 661). Jesus' Ascension means that the entire human race has the possibility of sharing in the divine life of God.

The life we live now is a life of faith. We are separated from the Lord physically, but united with him in the Holy Spirit. Faith now reaches to the Son who is equal to the Father. We no longer need his bodily presence. Yes, his human nature continues to exist, but we are closer to him by faith. In faith we touch the only begotten Son of God and become as he is in glory.

Today is a day of rejoicing as we join with now Father Dominic Koester, O.P. for his Mass of Thanksgiving to God for his Ordination to the Priesthood. He, along with eight classmates, were ordained yesterday at a beautiful Mass in the upper church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Father Dominic has served in the parish for the last 2 years. Now, as a priest, he will move to Baltimore and begin to exercise his priesthood as a parochial vicar at the Church of Sts. Philip and James. On behalf of the

parish, I extend expressions of gratitude to Father Dominic for his zeal, joy, attention to detail, and generous service at liturgies and within the parish. May the Lord bless him abundantly and make his ministry fruitful for the preaching of the Gospel and the salvation of souls.

This coming week brings large change to the membership of the Dominican community residing in the priory here at St. Dominic's. Twelve young priests are moving out to begin ministry at new assignments. Two priests are moving in. Five deacons are moving in to complete their final year of formation before ordination to the priesthood next May. Three student brothers will reside in the community for the summer months as they engage in their summer ministry placements in DC and VA. Expect to see new faces wearing the familiar white Dominican habit. Please introduce yourself and extend a welcome.

St. Dominic's will not have a Dominican brother for a summer ministry placement, nor will there be a deacon to serve in the parish in the next academic year. The reason is that there are fewer brothers available who would benefit from the ministry experience we can provide here at St. Dominic's. Please pray for more vocations.

The restoration of the façade of the organ loft continues with "in-house" labor. We are trying different color schemes. These will have to be evaluated considering an overall color scheme for the entire church, which is to be determined. There is a need for skilled carpentry and millwork to make repairs where needed, and this will take some time to locate. Thank you for your patience.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

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

#### COVER IMAGE:

The Ascension of Jesus by Gustave Gore  
(C. 1879)  
Musée des Beaux-Arts de la ville de Paris

Monday May 22	Tuesday May 23	Wednesday May 24	Thursday May 25	Friday May 26	Saturday May 27	Sunday May 28
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	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. Church	<b>NO Holy Couples &amp; Married Saints discussions today. Series resumes on Sunday, June 4</b>
Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. Church	Holy Hour 7 p.m. Church			Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass Parish Mtg Room

**Sanctuary Candle**



*For the poor, the lonely, the unemployed, and all who are disheartened in any way: that they find consolation and peace in the love of Jesus.*

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, Nora Courtney, Bogomila Mireva and Frances White.

**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, May 21**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Kenneth Gartlir
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, May 22**

- 8:00 a.m. † Dr. Ramin Oskoui
- 12:10 p.m. † Gerard Francis Policicchio

**Tuesday, May 23**

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Brendan Baran, O.P.
- 12:10 p.m. Fr. Vincent Bernard, O.P.

**Wednesday, May 24**

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Donahue, O.P.
- 12:10 p.m. † Sonia Kessler

**Thursday, May 25**

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Nicholas Hartman, O.P.
- 12:10 p.m. Doreen McHugh

**Friday, May 26**

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Dominic Koester, O.P.
- 12:10 p.m. Lisa L. Kormos

**Saturday, May 27**

- 9:00 a.m. † William Hope



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

**NOTICE:  
SERIES ON HIATUS  
FOR ONE MORE WEEK.**

**NO SESSION  
SUNDAY, MAY 28.**

**SERIES RESUMES ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 4.**



**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**

**TONIGHT!**

**St. Dominic Cenacle**



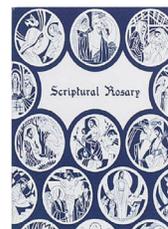
In this Augustine Institute series Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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.

## Offertory

### Monthly Offertory for April 2023

Received	\$26,196
Budgeted	<u>\$15,865</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$10,331
Received via Faith Direct	\$19,874
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$13,750</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 6,124
<b>Summary</b>	
April Deficit/Surplus	\$16,455
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$39,472

## 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.” At the time of this printing, the total amount raised was \$5,725.

## 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](mailto:Office@StDominicChurch.org).

## Offertory

### Week Ending May 14, 2023

Received	\$3,606.00
Budgeted	\$3,173.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 433.00

## 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.

## Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



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## 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.

## Memorial Day

- 8 a.m. Mass **ONLY**
- **NO** 11:45 a.m. Rosary or Confessions
- Parish Office **CLOSED**



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Sunday, June 11** Corpus Christi Procession & Parish Picnic after the 10:30 Mass
- Friday, June 16** Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chant Mass @ 7 p.m. (no reception follows)
- Sunday, June 25** Solemn Vespers @ 7 p.m. with reception following
- Friday, October 27** Roosevelt Organ Rededication Concert & Reception

## Corpus Christi Procession & Parish Picnic

The hospitality committee is looking for volunteers to help in a couple of different ways for our Corpus Christi procession and parish picnic on Sunday, June 11. If you can bring a side dish for the picnic table, such as salads, fruit, desserts, all are welcomed, or if you can help with set-up following the 8:00 a.m. Mass or clean-up following the picnic, we would love to hear from you. Please Email Susan Timoney, [stimoney@att.net](mailto:stimoney@att.net).

## Nathan’s Organ Prelude & Postlude

Prelude: Choral No. 1 in E Major - César Franck (1822-1890)



Postlude: Symphony No. 1: VI. Final - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

## 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](mailto:office@stdominicchurch.org). Items are donated or discarded quarterly.



“Prayer brings our mind into the brightness of divine light, and exposes our will to the warmth of divine love. Nothing else can so purge our mind from its ignorance, and our will from its depraved affections. It is a blessed fountain which, as it flows, revives our good desires and causes them to bring forth fruit, washes away the stains of infirmity from our soul, and calms the passions of our hearts.”

—St. Francis de Sales

## Church History



The 4th double window on the north side of the church depicts a Dominican pleading with Queen Isabella to finance Columbus's expedition in order to establish missions along Columbus's proposed route.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran.

## 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.



## Interested in Joining St. Dominic Parish?

We would love to welcome you into our parish! Visit [StDominicChurch.org](http://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.

## St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

We will be collecting your donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry the weekend of May 27 & 28, 2023.

Make sure your items are unopened and have not expired. Your donations will be shared with those in need in Southwest & Southeast. Place your items in front of the pulpit at the front of the church or you are welcome to drop off donations at any time during normal business hours in the Parish Office.



## 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](mailto:flm@adw.org) or (301) 853-4546.

## 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.

## Archdiocese of Washington's Website

The archdiocesan website, [adw.org](http://adw.org) and [adw.org/es](http://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](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org) for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.



## DC Public Library—Southwest Branch

**Speak Up. We're listening.**

Join our Community Listening Session. Be a part of a conversation about the DC Public Library. We want to hear from you.

Scan the QR code to see if you're eligible or visit: [bit.ly/SOW\\_CLS\\_2023](https://bit.ly/SOW_CLS_2023)

Take the survey to see if you are eligible to participate in the Southwest Library Community Listening Session. Participants will receive a \$25 gift card.

**Wednesday June 21st, 11am**

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY  
900 WESLEY PLACE SW WASHINGTON, DC 20024  
202-724-4517 [WWW.DCLIBRARY.ORG/SOUTHWEST](http://WWW.DCLIBRARY.ORG/SOUTHWEST)

*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.*