

His face shown like the sun.

Matthew 17:2



St. Dominic Church

August 6, 2023

Pastoral Staff

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

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
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Parish Pastoral Council

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| Philip Clarke | Doris Stukes |
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| Thomas Bolger | MJ Morrow |
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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

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 — [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.



“No pain, no gain.” This phrase is often used within the realm of sport training wherein athletes are pushed to their physical limits to advance their strength and skill. In essence, it is a phrase of encouragement so that the athlete will make an internal choice

to embrace the pain to gain the benefits. In light of our Christian faith in Jesus, we look at his life and can alter the phrase to say “no death, no glory.”

The event of the Transfiguration of the Lord highlights the saving work of redemption: the Passion and Death of Jesus leads to the glory of the Resurrection. This is the paradigm of the Christian life. Jesus teaches us this truth when he says: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it” (Lk 9:23-24).

Jesus invites us into glory with him and goes ahead of us to show us the way – the way of the Cross. Just as Jesus entered willingly into his Passion, so we are invited to make the internal choice to enter willingly into the disciplines and sufferings of the Christian life. The penances that we embrace; the time that we spend in prayer; and the charity that we show to our neighbor are all ways that we die to our pride, our sin, and our selfish motivations. This way of suffering and mortification leads to the healing of our sick souls and our strength in virtue and holiness.

The Transfiguration of the Lord invites us to listen to the beloved Son of the Father who teaches us, shows us, and walks with us on the road through death to glory. When we, like the apostles on the mountain, behold the glory of the Lord, we can find the strength to make the internal choice to follow him so that we may always desire and at last attain the glory revealed to us in Christ.

I invite you to look at our local newspaper – *The Southwester*. The August issue has an advertisement and invitation to our neighborhood community to consider “Becoming Catholic” through the RCIA program that begins in September. Please consider using this ad or the parish flier (Becoming Catholic at the doors of the church) as a help to your own personal invitation to those who may be considering becoming a Catholic or to those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The primary reason why people have considered becoming a Catholic is that someone extended a personal invitation.

This invitation can and should be extended to spouses, siblings, relatives, friends, and neighbors. Together, we can all be involved in welcoming people to our parish and to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the midst of the Church.

This week Tuesday, we celebrate the feast of Our Holy Father St. Dominic, the patron of our parish. To honor St. Dominic is to glorify God because we acknowledge that God’s grace has produced a man of virtue and holiness. His life is another shining example that God’s grace brings beauty and perfection to our human nature. We look to St. Dominic and ask him to intercede for each of us that we, too, may receive the grace of God to be a person of virtue, holiness, and perfection. Over a decade ago, Pope Benedict XVI spoke about St. Dominic in one of his Wednesday audiences. In the address, he said: “This great Saint reminds us that in the heart of the Church a missionary fire must always burn. It must be a constant incentive to make the first proclamation of the Gospel and, wherever necessary, a new evangelization. Christ, in fact, is the most precious good that the men and women of every time and every place have the right to know and love!” (February 3, 2010) In light of these words, we do well to ask St. Dominic to make our parish and each of us an instrument of a new evangelization. Since men and women have a right to know and love Jesus Christ, it is a matter of justice that we give witness to the living Lord and invite those men and women to put their faith in Him. St. Dominic Parish is the only Catholic Church in Southwest Washington. May St. Dominic obtain for us the graces we need to invite people to encounter the Lord Jesus in our Catholic Church. We will celebrate his feast with a solemn, sung Mass at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8.

On the last page of this bulletin, you will find an announcement from Nathan Ringkamp that he is resigning as organist from St. Dominic’s. We will bid him farewell next Sunday, August 13 at the coffee and donuts gathering after the 10:30 Mass.

Rest assured that we are in the search process for a new organist, and we will continue to have music at Mass during that time. Please pray for the right person to fill the position.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Fr. George P. Schommer, O.P.

Pastor

| Monday August 7 | Tuesday August 8 | Wednesday August 9 | Thursday August 10 | Friday August 11 | Saturday August 12 | Sunday August 13 |
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| 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> | Scriptural Rosary 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> | The Feast of St. Dominic Sung Mass 7 p.m. <i>Church w/ reception following in front of Church (weather permitting).</i> | Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i> | Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i> | | | Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room w/ a farewell to our organist Nathan Ringkamp</i> |

Sanctuary Candle



For the transformation of our parish by deeper devotion to Our Lord Jesus, present in the Eucharist.

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, Eileen Maturi, Bogomila Mireva, Pia Pell and Frances White

THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Phyllis Ann Desantis.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 6

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
- 8:00 a.m. † Mary Cuccia
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, August 7

- 8:00 a.m. † Rev. Gerard A. Trancone
- 12:10 p.m. Jeff Ball

Tuesday, August 8

- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 12:10 p.m. Delante Green

Wednesday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. † Rev. Gerard A. Trancone
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce F. Leland

Thursday, August 10

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce F. Leland
- 12:10 p.m. Tha Nguyen

Friday, August 11

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce F. Leland
- 12:10 p.m. Amelia Louise Dingman

Saturday, August 12

- 9:00 a.m. † Louise Kormos

The Feast of St. Dominic



Solemn Sung Mass
 Tuesday, August 8, 2023
 7 p.m.

Reception immediately following outside the church, weather permitting.

St. Dominic Catholic Church
 501 6th Street, SW
 L'Enfant Plaza Metro



St. Dominic Neighborhood Cenacles
Forming NOW!

Small groups (Cenacles) will meet in homes or meeting space on a variety of days and times. These meetings are intentionally informal and facilitated by parishioners, who are trained and prepared with professional presentation material. Each cenacle will study the same material so that we as a parish can be united and formed together.

We are encouraging and inviting you to register for the cenacle group that best fits your availability. You are not restricted to a geographical area. Please see the list below and register through the parish office (office@stdominicchurch.org or 202-554-7863).

If you are interested in this initiative, but cannot find a group that fits your schedule, please contact the parish office. We'll see what can be done.

Hosts & Frequency

| Host | Day & Time | Frequency | Location |
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| Alice Coulter | Tuesday 7 pm | First & Third | 5413 15th Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782 |
| Blake Musgrove | Wednesday 10:30 am | Second & Fourth | DC Public Library 900 Wesley PL, SW DC |
| Doris Stukes | Saturday 10 am | First & Third | St. Dominic Church |
| Joe Wasiak | Tuesday 6:30 pm | Second & Fourth | Wharf Marina Boaters Lounge SW, DC |
| Mary Moran & Mary Michaud | Wednesday 2 pm | Second & Fourth | 700 7th St, SW DC |
| Maryalice Locke | Monday 7 pm | First & Third | ZOOM |
| Tim Lang | Monday 7 pm | Second & Fourth | 6803 Stoneybrooke Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306 |
| Vince & Mitzi Sobash | Tuesday 7 pm | First & Third | 555 E St, SW DC |

Visit our website to read the entire letter from Fr. George explaining this new initiative.

Becoming Catholic

Are you searching for...

- A deeper relationship with God?
- An encounter with Jesus Christ?
- A sense of belonging in a Christian community?
- A greater fulfillment of your purpose in life?



Have you been curious...

- What Catholics believe about God, Jesus, Mary, and the Saints?
- What Catholics believe is God's plan for human life and happiness?
- What makes the Catholic Church different from other Christian churches?
- What is the meaning and purpose of the sacraments?
- What are the benefits of going to Mass?
- How Catholics serve the poor and engage in social justice?
- Why the church teaches what it does about human life, sexuality and happiness?

Consider living your life as a Catholic

Register for **Inquiry** – a casual meeting format to begin answering questions and curiosities. General topics will be presented to inform and facilitate conversation. Participation does not mean a commitment to become Catholic. Meetings begin after Labor Day on Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 am. Register today. Scan the QR code below.

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Offertory

Weeks Ending July 23 & 30, 2023

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| Received | \$ 5,050.00 |
| Budgeted | \$ 7,692.00 |
| Deficit/Surplus | \$(2,642.00) |

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.



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.

Southwest Washington.

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.

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." The total amount received in donations so far is \$11,615. Thank you! Additional gifts will support the final phase of the organ restoration.



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.

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.



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

"Do this in memory of me"

1341 The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words "until he comes" does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father. [165]

1342 From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command. Of the Church of Jerusalem it is written:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.... Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts. [166]

1343 It was above all on "the first day of the week," Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, that the Christians met "to break bread." [167] From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the center of the Church's life.

1344 Thus from celebration to celebration, as they proclaim the Paschal mystery of Jesus "until he comes," the pilgrim People of God advances, "following the narrow way of the cross,"[168] toward the heavenly banquet, when all the elect will be seated at the table of the kingdom.

COVER IMAGE:

"The Transfiguration"
By Raphael
Circa: 15th Century

To support the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Barron's file series, The Mass,

FREE to watch online!



Walk through the Mass with Bishop Barron and be transformed through in sights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm; how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church; and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

Watch for FREE!

Click the button above to start watching or go to <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1>.

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.



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.



A Letter from Our Organist

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Nathan Ringkamp. You may not know my face if you saw me, but you may know me through my regular organ accompaniments at St. Dominic's.



I first came to St. Dominic's as the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass organist in February of 2021. The following September, I began playing for all liturgies that have organ accompaniment. These past two years of Sunday Masses, Holy Days, Sunday Vespers, and seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter have been a true blessing to me. To return my musical gifts to the Lord through our communal worship at St. Dominic's has been spiritually fruitful and uplifting to me.

This past May, I graduated from The Catholic University of America with my Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance degree. My primary organ professor was Benjamin LaPrairie (Associate Music Director at the National Shrine), who many of you may remember as a past organist at St. Dominic's. This fall, I will begin my Master of Music in Organ Performance degree at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. Due to the nature of this relocation for my degree, I have decided to resign as organist at St. Dominic's. I will begin the next chapter of my faith journey and professional development as Music Director and Organist at the National Shrine of Saint Alphonsus Liguori in downtown Baltimore. My last Sunday at St. Dominic's will be next Sunday, August 13.

I have sincerely appreciated getting to know many of you over these past couple of years, and it is my hope that I can remain in contact with you.

I appreciate any prayers you can spare for me as I enter this exciting chapter of my life. Please know of my prayers for each of you and the parish.

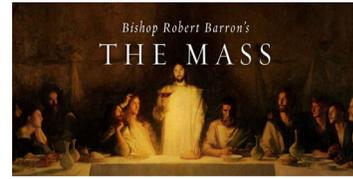
Sincerely,

Nathan Ringkamp

ncringkamp@gmail.com

St. Dominic Cenacle—Mondays

Bishop Robert Barron's The Mass series



Join Cenacle on Monday Evenings at 7 p.m.

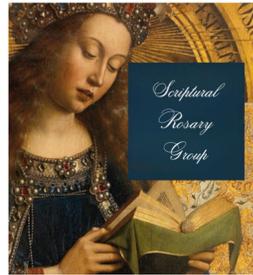
Please join by zoom with the following link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84105587170>

Meeting ID: 841 0558 7170

or by phone +13017158592,,84105587170# US
(Washington DC)

Scriptural Rosary—Saturdays



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.

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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.