



*O woman,
great is your
faith!*

Matthew 15:28



St. Dominic Church

August 20, 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

Philip Clarke	Doris Stukes
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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
 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.



This evening (August 20), we continue our monthly gathering for Solemn Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church from the Liturgy of the Hours. Gathering for liturgical sung prayer at the close of Sunday – the Lord's Day, we unite ourselves with Jesus and our brothers and sisters in Christ to direct our prayer of praise, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession to God. Having celebrated the Eucharist earlier on Sunday, we continue and conclude the sanctification of the day with Vespers as the sun sets and the darkness of night begins to surround us. Praying Vespers as a parish provides a visible witness to the presence of Christ and his Church to our local community.

Worship programs are provided for everyone in attendance. The format is the same each time, although the Psalms and readings vary occasionally. We have a talented schola of singers who lead the singing and elevate the beauty of the prayer through their harmonies and the singing of polyphony. The general time length is 25 minutes and there is a gathering for fellowship (with food) afterward.

All are invited and welcome to attend. Since no sacrament is celebrated, Vespers is an excellent opportunity to invite a non-Catholic to come to church with you for beautiful, uplifting prayer. I hope to see you in the pews tonight and each month when Solemn Vespers is prayed in our parish church. More details are provided elsewhere in this bulletin.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The parish pastoral council met last Sunday for its monthly meeting. All members were in attendance. The meeting began with a prayer to the Holy Spirit, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

The council began with a review of the faith formation programs. The new home Cenacles has received little response in the parish with just 5 people signing up. The home hosts/facilitators have all received training for their roles. They will meet again as a group to review the materials selected for use. They will also be present in late September to meet parishioners after Mass to present the program and answer questions. The Becoming Catholic program (RCIA) has 2 people interested in participating.

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

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Advertising has been robust through parish media and the local paper. Parishioners are asked to extend a personal invitation, the most effective manner of bringing people to Jesus and his Church. Those involved in the St. Paul Street Evangelization effort are in the process of completing training online. They will meet together as a group for further development and the determination of when to launch the effort.

A quick review of parish media and upcoming Solemn Vespers yielded a couple of details for greater effectiveness and participation.

Council members discussed the upcoming "Take the Next Step" initiative in September. Thoughts were shared on testimonial points and a couple of members volunteered to assist. A concluding aspect of this initiative will be a Parish Ministry Fair after all Masses the weekend of September 23-24. Details were discussed.

There will be a "Meet & Greet" opportunity with the pastor and pastoral council members on October 15 following the 10:30 Mass. This will be combined with a parish picnic if the weather cooperates. Details will be forthcoming.

The Roosevelt organ rededication concert is scheduled for October 27. 50% of the free-will offering will be donated toward feeding the needy in Southwest DC.

The school supplies effort was very successful. Parishioners were generous with supplies and financial gifts. The distribution effort with Riverside Baptist Church went well with a few of our parishioners helping with the day.

A request to help with meals for the needy in southern MD was considered. I would be a partnership with Catholic Charities. We are waiting for a proposal and details.

Father George communicated to the council that efforts are underway to fill the position of organist for the parish. Two candidates have become known. Meetings and determinations are underway.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with a prayer and blessing.

Monday August 21	Tuesday August 22	Wednesday August 23	Thursday August 24	Friday August 25	Saturday August 26	Sunday August 27
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>		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</i>
					St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Collection at each Mass this weekend.	

Sanctuary Candle



*That our parish may grow in holiness
through the graces of 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 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 20

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

Monday, August 21

- 8:00 a.m. Bogomila Mireva
- 12:10 p.m. † Mary Darling McCann

Tuesday, August 22

- 8:00 a.m. † Vickie and Dominic Healey
- 12:10 p.m. Emily Olearczyk

Wednesday, August 23

- 8:00 a.m. † George Kormos
- 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, August 24

- 8:00 a.m. John and Maria Eugenia Lane
- 12:10 p.m.

Friday, August 25

- 8:00 a.m. Bogomila Mireva
- 12:10 p.m. † Vickie and Dominic Healey

Saturday, August 26

- 9:00 a.m. † Dorothy Sobash

Solemn Vespers—Sunday, August 20

You're Invited
Solemn Vespers
for the 20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY, August 20, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Reception following
in the Parish Hall

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
501 6th St SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

St. Dominic Neighborhood Cenacles
Sign Up 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
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

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

Offertory

Week Ending August 13, 2023

Received	\$3,801.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (45.00)

Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



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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.

Poor Box



Donations to the parish Poor Box can be made by using the envelope in your packet, Faith Direct, Venmo, 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.

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 \$11,765. Thank you! Additional gifts will support the final phase of the organ restoration.



National "Make-A-Will" Month



August is National "Make-A-Will" Month, which serves as an annual reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts God has given you. As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you would make a provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for St. Dominic Catholic Church.

Your legacy gift to the parish will support our mission to preach the Gospel and make disciples, 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.

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.



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.





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

1346 The liturgy of the Eucharist unfolds according to a fundamental structure which has been preserved throughout the centuries down to our own day. It displays two great parts that form a fundamental unity:

- the gathering, the liturgy of the Word, with readings, homily and general intercessions;
- the liturgy of the Eucharist, with the presentation of the bread and wine, the consecratory thanksgiving, and communion.

The liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist together form "one single act of worship"; the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord.

1347 Is this not the same movement as the Paschal meal of the risen Jesus with his disciples? Walking with them he explained the Scriptures to them; sitting with them at table "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them."

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!

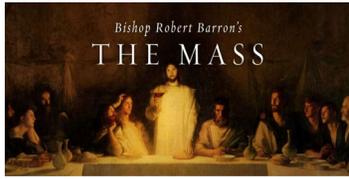
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**Blessing of Children
& Their Backpacks**
Sunday, August 27

**At the end of the
10:30 Mass**
All are welcome.

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

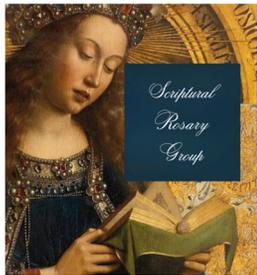
or by phone +13017158592,,84105587170# US
(Washington DC)

Gratitude for School Supplies

A heartfelt “thank you” to all who helped to provide school supplies for children in Southwest DC. The effort was made in collaboration with neighboring St. Augustine Episcopal Church and Riverside Baptist Church. Over 150 students were able to stock up on learning supplies for the beginning of the school year.



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.

Mauí Disaster Relief

Donations to assist in the recovery efforts can be made directly through Catholic Charities USA by visiting their website at catholiccharitiesusa.org or telephone them at 1-800-919-9338. Donations by cash or check may be made through St. Dominic Church with “Mauí Disaster Relief” on the envelope or check memo line.



 <p>KALAS FUNERAL HOME <i>Celebrating Life's Journey</i> Serving St. Dominic Church since the 1940s.</p>	<p>6160 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745 (301) 567-9424 www.kalasfuneralhomes.com</p>
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COVER IMAGE:

“The Woman of Canaan at the Feet of Christ”
By Jean Germain Drouais
Circa: 1784

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.