



*If your brother or sister listens to you,
you have won them over.*

Matthew 18:15



St. Dominic Church

September 10, 2023

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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

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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 we announce and begin a short period of reflection on stewardship in our parish. Stewardship, quite simply, is recognizing that the person we are and everything we have is a gift from God. In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve – meaning that their very existence was a gift – he gave them “dominion (i.e. stewardship) over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth” (Gn 1:28). St. Paul asks this question of the Corinthians and us: “What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?” (1 Cor 4:7) Stewardship means being grateful and generous with all the gifts that God has given to each of us. As the Psalmist asks, “What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?”

Throughout the history of Israel, God has taught and invited his people to return to the Lord a portion, in fact, the first fruits of what he has given. These sacrifices reminded the people that God is the creator of all things and the giver of all good gifts. Giving to the Lord demonstrated an acknowledgment of his providence and humanity’s trust in that providence. In short, God has no need of our sacrifices, but we need to make sacrifices to the Lord to maintain and strengthen our bond with him.

In our modern time, we speak of stewardship of time, talent, and treasure – again recognizing that all these come from the Lord and rightly belong to him. Personal stewardship of these gifts within a parish setting makes our faith and discipleship in the Lord Jesus practical and meaningful. Time, for example, is God’s gift. There are 168 hours in a week. The one hour given to Sunday Mass is less than 1% of the time God has given. Can you and I make an incremental increase by praying the rosary every day, attending the weekly Holy Hour on Thursday evenings, or attending solemn Vespers once a month? Increasing prayer time to 1.5% means 2 ½ hours a week. Surely, this is possible.

The stewardship of our talents bring glory to God when we utilize them according to his will and purpose. Here we can consider the ways of serving within and outside of the parish. Liturgical ministries at Mass utilize the talents God has given for proclaiming the word of God as a lector, singing in the choir, or serving at the altar. Engaging more actively in volunteer opportunities to serve the poor,

maintain the parish grounds, or help clean the church each month are additional ways of being good stewards of our talents. Can you and I make an incremental increase with the talents God has given for the benefit of others and the strengthening of our parish life and worship? As St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, “I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”

The stewardship of treasure is most familiar and generally the most difficult to discuss. But we cannot ignore the teaching and invitation of the Lord to make an offering of our financial resources: “give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back”(Lk 6:38. Or Jesus’ commendation of the poor widow who contributed two copper coins into the temple treasury – all that she had to live on. (cf. Lk 21:1-4)

Monetary giving to one’s parish (our parish) supports the 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. A challenge regarding parishioner offertory giving is the recordability of the gift. All who give using envelopes, a check, Faith Direct, or Venmo have their gift recorded in the parish database. Those who give cash anonymously cannot be recognized, though we are grateful for their gift. Recordable giving is a reliable way of knowing if someone is active in the parish. No recordable giving could mean that a person is inactive, has moved, or died. Parishioner status is determined through recordable giving. With this information in mind, a review of parishioner giving shows that 113 of the 271 total registered households do not financially support the parish in a recordable way.

The stewardship initiative during September is to invite everyone to “Take the Next Step” with the giving of time, talent, and treasure. It is an opportunity to increase the time given to prayer and study, the sharing of one’s talents, and the financial offering made to the parish. This is an occasion to review and to pray to the Lord, asking him how you can grow in your love, service, and giving to him within the parish setting. On the financial side, all of

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Monday September 11	Tuesday September 12	Wednesday September 13	Thursday September 14	Friday September 15	Saturday September 16	Sunday September 17
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>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <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>		Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Rooms</i>	

Sanctuary Candle



For help and comfort to be given to people on the margins of society, especially to mothers in need.

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:

All of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 10

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Dolores Carley
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, September 11

- 8:00 a.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena
- 12:10 p.m. † Mary & George Yeager

Tuesday, September 12

- 8:00 a.m. † Diane Roberts
- 12:10 p.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena

Wednesday, September 13

- 8:00 a.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena
- 12:10 p.m. † Diane Roberts

Thursday, September 14

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce Leland
- 12:10 p.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena

Friday, September 15

- 8:00 a.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena
- 12:10 p.m. † Daniel Dingman

Saturday, September 16

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena

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all of us are aware of and impacted by inflation, including the parish. If you have received an increase of income because of a raise or a cost-of-living allowance (COLA), making an adjustment of your giving according to the percentage model will be helpful. It will provide for the COLA increase given to our employees, the utility costs for air conditioning, and a list of other regular operating expenses. An increase in offertory giving will support an expansion of the sacred music program, faith formation opportunities, and efforts of evangelization and service to others.

As you prayerfully consider enhancing your stewardship of all that God has given to you, may your faith and trust bear much fruit. As St. Paul said, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity" (2 Cor 9:11).

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ministry & Organization Fair

This is your opportunity to check out the various liturgical ministries, service opportunities and organizational memberships available in our parish.

**Saturday & Sunday
September 23 & 24, 2023
Following ALL Masses**

Note: Coffee & Donuts after the 10:30 Mass will be outside in front of the Church.

**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 15 th 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 7 th 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.

Offertory

Week Ending September 3, 2023

Received	\$3,061.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (785.00)

Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



venmo

Mass Intentions Availability

Plenty of dates through the remainder of 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.



The 2024 calendar for Mass Intentions is now open.

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, Venmo 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.

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.

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage

DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE
9.30.2023
SCHEDULE
 Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC

9:00 AM	Doors open
10:00 AM	Conference The Virgin Mary, Our Refuge in Heaven Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.
11:00 AM	Exposition and Eucharistic Adoration
11:00 AM	Confessions Confessions will be heard from 11:00 AM to 1:45 PM.
12:00 PM	Book signing Signings will be from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
1:45 PM	Benediction
2:00 PM	Conference The Holy Rosary, Our Recourse on Earth Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.
3:00 PM	The Most Holy Rosary
4:00 PM	Fervorino Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P., Promoter General of the Rosary
4:30 PM	Vigil Mass Fr. Paul Marich, O.P., Main Celebrant Fr. James Brent, O.P., Homilist

DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE
 Visit rosarypilgrimage.org and follow us @dominicanrosary.

Scan me to learn more and register.



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

1353 In the epiclesis, the Church asks the Father to send his Holy Spirit (or the power of his blessing[178]) on the bread and wine, so that by his power they may become the body and blood of Jesus Christ and so that those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit (some liturgical traditions put the epiclesis after the anamnesis).

In the institution narrative, the power of the words and the action of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, make sacramentally present under the species of bread and wine Christ's body and blood, his sacrifice offered on the cross once for all.

1354 In the anamnesis that follows, the Church calls to mind the Passion, resurrection, and glorious return of Christ Jesus; she presents to the Father the offering of his Son which reconciles us with him.

In the intercessions, the Church indicates that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church in heaven and on earth, the living and the dead, and in communion with the pastors of the Church, the Pope, the diocesan bishop, his presbyterium and his deacons, and all the bishops of the whole world together with their Churches.

1355 In the communion, preceded by the Lord's prayer and the breaking of the bread, the faithful receive "the bread of heaven" and "the cup of salvation," the body and blood of Christ who offered himself "for the life of the world":[179]

Because this bread and wine have been made Eucharist ("eucharisted," according to an ancient expression), "we call this food Eucharist, and no one may take part in it unless he believes that what we teach is true, has received baptism for the forgiveness of sins and new birth, and lives in keeping with what Christ taught."

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>.



“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

—John The Baptist (John 1:29-31)

Congratulations: Fr. Jordan Turano, OP

Father Jordan, previous pastor here at St. Dominic's, has been appointed by the Master of the Order of Preachers as *socius* for the Dominican Provinces of the USA and the Vietnamese vicariate (in Canada). A *socius* is a direct assistant to the Master for the region assigned to him. Responsibilities include membership in the curia of the Order to represent the needs and interests of the friars and provinces he represents. The *socius* also visits provinces, vicariates, and the friars when needed. Father Jordan will be moving to Rome in a few weeks to begin his new appointment. Please remember him in your prayers.

Dominican Community News

The Dominican community at St. Dominic's has elected Father James M. Sullivan, O.P. to be prior (superior) of the community for a 3-year term. The provincial has confirmed the election. Father currently lives in Providence, RI and serves as pastor of St. Pius V Church. No further information is available regarding his arrival. (Note: Father George remains in place as pastor of the parish.)

With the beginning of the academic year, 5 transitional deacons have moved into the community as they continue their studies and formation in preparation for ordination to the priesthood in May 2024. A few new priests have joined the community for other academic purposes. Please welcome all the new Dominicans to St. Dominic's.

There is Still Time to Register!

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 St. Dominic's
website!

Maui 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 "Maui Disaster Relief" on the envelope or check memo line.



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