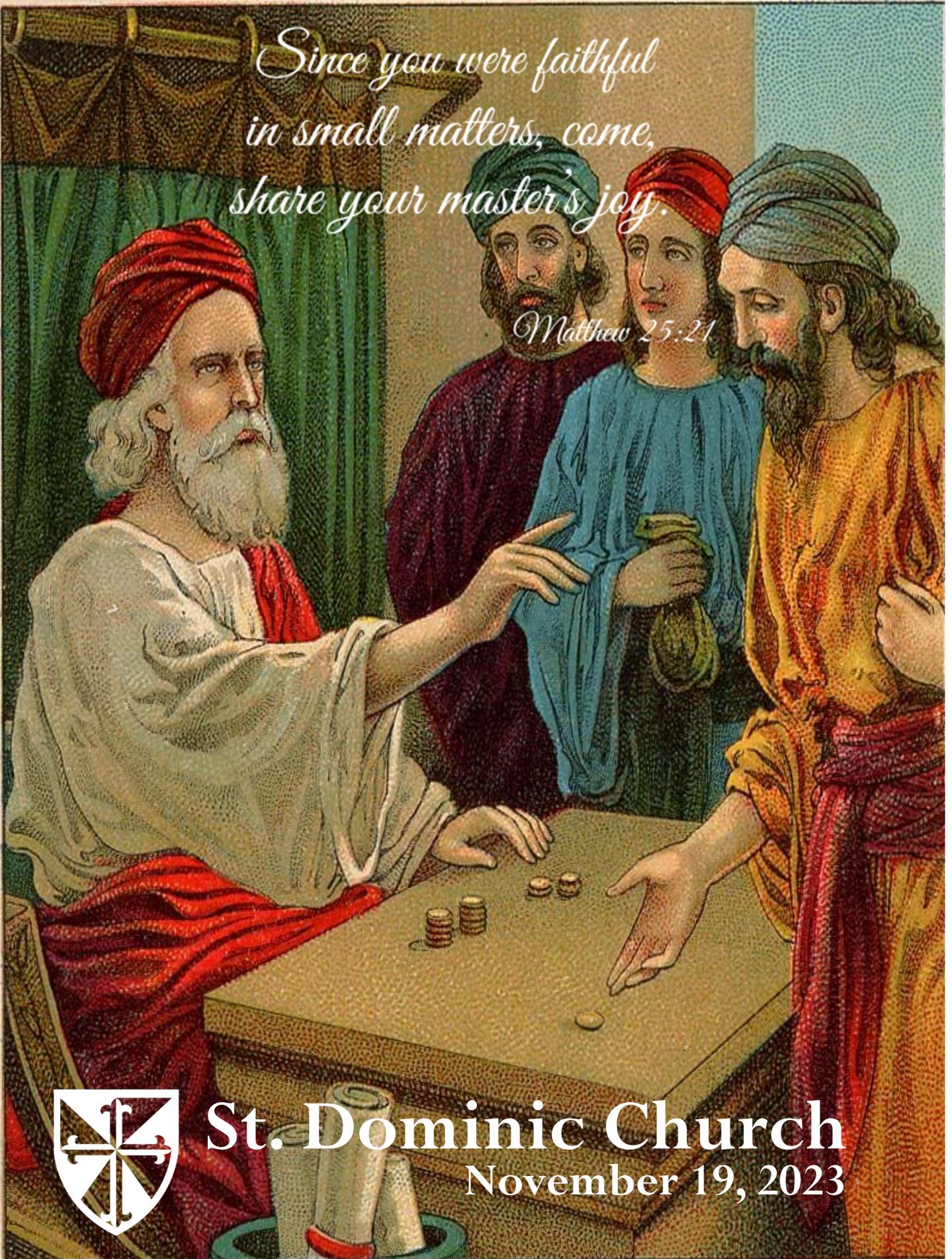


*Since you were faithful
in small matters, come,
share your master's joy.*

Matthew 25:21



St. Dominic Church

November 19, 2023

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shippis, O.P., Parochial Vicar
 Ms. Maggie Friedmann, Pastoral Ministry Intern

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
 Business/Facilities Manager - Ed Von Hagel
 Music Director - Denny Layendecker
 Assistant to the Music Director - J.C. Cantrell

Parish Pastoral Council

Philip Clarke	Doris Stukes
Jules Hurst	Susan Timoney
Tim Lang	Carrie Traverso
Maggie LaPrairie	

Parish Finance Council

Thomas Bolger	MJ Morrow
Jim Courtney	Carol Pica
Michael Grace	Scott Warady

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



In today's Gospel parable, Jesus praises those who are prudent and at work with the graces and blessings given to them. They are not paralyzed by fear, but confident to use what has been given for the sake of serving and honoring the master. They are stewards of what they have received, which does not diminish the gift but serves to increase it. Such is the way of the kingdom of God. We see examples of this type of stewardship through the generosity of parishioners to respond to the physical and material needs of others.

Thank you to all who took a gift tag from the Christmas Giving Tree in the church. We have 120 tags that will go to assist 30 families in our neighborhood. The effort is coordinated with the local district of the police department here in SW Washington. Please, if you took a tag, return your gift no later than November 29. The gifts will be distributed to the families in the first week of December.

As the outdoor temperatures become colder, many of us become more aware of the needs of homeless men and women. The proceeds from our parish virtual Poor Box assist people as best we can, and I must say that the people of the parish are very generous. Thank you. Note, however, that we cannot force people to accept an offer of help. For instance, someone who clearly needs a winter coat and gloves will refuse these items because it makes him/her vulnerable to physical assault and being stripped of these new items. Now, he/she is injured and naked. That is just one reason I have learned over the years. We offer when we can and respect the response we receive. Please remember the poor and homeless in your prayers.

This week our nation observes Thanksgiving Day. Our parish will celebrate Holy Mass on that day at 10:30 a.m. only. The following day, Friday, Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. only.

I am in Cincinnati, OH this weekend for the 100th anniversary of St. Gertrude Church where I was pastor for 2 years before coming here last year.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

The Parish Pastoral Council gathered for a meeting last Sunday afternoon. After approving the minutes from the September meeting, the members began a discussion to debrief on events in September and October. The Parish Ministry/Organization fair in September generated some interest, but not to the level for which we hoped. It was noted that many parishes struggle with a lack of volunteers to sustain and support the life, mission, and activities of the parish. We seem to be no different. Nevertheless, we will continue to seek volunteers through announcements and a personal invitation, which is the most effective way to engage more volunteers. The council recommends that the ministry/organization fair be continued on an annual basis in September.

The October 15 parish picnic was considered a success. Colder weather and wet ground forced the gathering into the Parish Meeting Room, but the BBQ grills were still used outside to prepare the hamburgers and hot dogs. The estimated 60 people in attendance all appeared to have an enjoyable time and lingered for quite a while in conversation.

Looking at faith formation, the council was informed that there are 3 cenacle groups meeting within the parish. Some groups had a slow start but are gaining greater participation. Father George will be visiting each group to lend his support and encouragement.

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) has 5 people in formation. They are an engaged and attentive group with excellent questions. The period of the Catechumenate begins on the first Sunday of Advent. Father George will be awaiting each person's decision to move forward.

Our pastoral associate, Maggie Friedmann, is hosting an Advent wreath making event on Sunday, December 3 following the 10:30 Mass. All parishioners are welcome to participate. Reservations are required so that supplies can be purchased.

Training has stalled for those interested in the St. Paul Street Evangelization. A renewed effort will be made to bring interested people together for training.

Three parishioners have expressed an interest in attending the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN July 17-21. Hopefully, more parishioners will attend.

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Monday November 20	Tuesday November 21	Wednesday November 22	Thursday November 23	Friday November 24	Saturday November 25	Sunday November 26
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>	Thanksgiving Day 10:30 a.m. Mass ONLY	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>			A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>		Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Rooms</i>	
					St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Collection at each Mass this weekend.	

Sanctuary Candle



*For an end to terrorism,
and for the blessings of peace
throughout the world.*

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, and Frances White.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mollie Murphy, Bogomila Mireva, Marion Maxwell, and all of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 19

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Connor Hersey
8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
10:30 a.m. † Poor Souls & the Salvation of Souls
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, November 20

8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls & the Salvation of Souls
12:10 p.m. † Al Antonioli

Tuesday, November 21

8:00 a.m. † Rev. Robert C. Richardson
12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls & the Salvation of Souls

Wednesday, November 22

8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls & the Salvation of Souls
12:10 p.m. Teresa T. Dinh

Thursday, November 23

10:30 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

Friday, November 24

8:00 a.m. † Louise Kormos
12:10 p.m. **NO MASS**

Saturday, November 25

9:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

All are invited to
Solemn Vespers



NEW DATE!

**Sunday, November 19, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

St. Dominic Catholic Church

THERE'S NO BETTER
COMPANY THAN YOU!

FRIENDS GIVING DINNER

Please bring a dessert and/or drinks.

Turkey, Dressing/Stuffing, Washed Potatoes,
Sweet Potato and Corn Casserole, Peas &
Mushrooms and Cranberry Sauce will be
provided.

Be there or be square!
November 23 | 2 PM
St. Dominic Parish Meeting Room

RSVP BY 11/17 TO VFARRIS@USCCB.ORG
OR TEXT GINNY @ (202) 486-2222
WITH YOUR NAME, HOW MANY IN
YOUR PARTY AND IF YOU ARE
BRINGING ANYTHING.

WE WELCOME HELP CLEANING UP.



St. Dominic Catholic Church

DO YOU KNOW THESE HOLY SPOUSES?

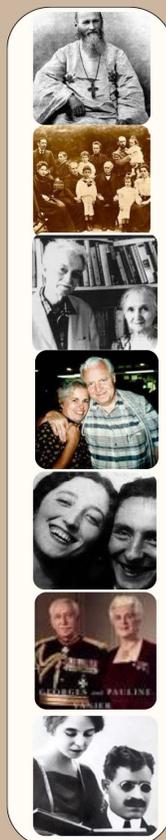
Come and learn with us the
secret to their happiness!

MODERN WELL-MARRIED SAINTS & HOLY COUPLES

A new cycle begins December 3rd
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Parish Meeting Room

It's not just for couples; singles will also
find it inspirational.

St. Dominic Catholic Church
630 E Street, SW
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www.stdominicchurch.org



Join St. Dominic's parish community for

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 3rd
after the 10:30am
Mass in the Parish
Meeting Room

RSVP to Maggie at
friedmann@stdominicchurch.org
by November 19, 2023.



Offertory

Monthly Offertory for October 2023

Received	\$16,633
Budgeted	<u>\$19,231</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$(2,598)
Received via Faith Direct	\$20,827
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$15,125</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 5,702
Summary	
October Deficit/Surplus	\$ 3,104
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$ 1,870

Offertory

Week Ending November 12, 2023

Received	\$3,074.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (772.00)

Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



venmo

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.

Coming Soon

Giving Tuesday

Support St. Dominic Church

#iGIVECATHOLIC
November 28, 2023

Mass Intentions Availability

Plenty of 2023 dates through the remainder of the year still available as well as dates in 2024! 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.

Limited Sponsorship Opportunity

Help St. Dominic Church paint and stencil the 37 façade pipes of the Roosevelt Organ. A donation of \$5,000 per pipe can be made in gratitude, in honor of, or in memory of a person or organization. A donor recognition plaque will be installed.

Contact the parish office for the full brochure. Payments can be made over a period of 4 months.

Current Installation



Conceptual Design





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

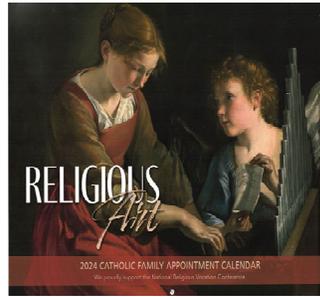
1380 It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end," even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love:

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

1381 "That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that 'cannot be apprehended by the senses,' says St. Thomas, 'but only by faith, which relies on divine authority.' For this reason, in a commentary on Luke 22:19 ('This is my body which is given for you. '), St. Cyril says: 'Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.'"

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.
Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

Available Now — 2024 Calendars



A limited supply of 2024 Religious Art Calendars are available on the table as you walk into the church from the main vestibule. These calendars are free for the taking while supplies last and cannot be reserved or mailed

to anyone from the parish office.

We offer a big thank you to Kalas Funeral Home & Crematory for once again sponsoring the printing of these calendars.

Church History

The church's bronze bell was installed in 1888 and continues to ring to signal Sunday Masses and to sound the somber call for funerals. The bell also rings at Easter, the greatest celebration for Christians, as well as to honor moments of mourning and jubilations.



~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

Giving Tree Gifts

If you have selected a tag from the Giving Tree, all gifts are to be returned **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th**. Your unwrapped gift can be brought to the Church where they will be placed in gift bags by volunteers (more on that soon).



"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

- St. Augustine

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

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Comments were made to improve the parish website and the use of Facebook. After some delay, difficulties to access Facebook have been addressed.

The calendar of monthly Solemn Vespers was distributed. The Finance Council minutes were reviewed. More time is needed to determine the effectiveness of the Take the Nex Step increased offertory initiative last September. Anecdotally, Father George has seen an increase. Thank you to the generous parishioners.

Giving Tuesday is November 28. Father George has secured \$20,000 in pledge for a dollar-for-dollar matching gift. Promotion will begin soon. Proceeds will be used to replace the rotting exterior doors and to develop further the sacred music program.

The council scheduled its meeting dates from January through May. Father George concluded the meeting with a prayer and blessing.

Christmas Dinner for Those Who Are Alone This Christmas or In Need



Again this year, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be providing Christmas Dinner for those who are alone or in need. If

you or someone you know is in need of a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on Christmas Day, please call the parish office at (202) 554-7863 no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023.

We will need their name, address (with apartment number if appropriate), city, state, zip code, telephone and the number of meals. These meals are for delivery only.

FREE Coats for Kids

Do you know a child or teenager that needs a new coat for winter? The Knights of Columbus are giving away **FREE** new coats to those in need on Friday, November 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The address is 1600 Morris Road, SE, near the Stanton Road & Pomeroy Road CH-US Circulator stop. No registration required. While supplies last.



Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage



This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This

Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

 <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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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.