



COME AFTER ME
and I will make you
FISHERS OF MEN

Mark 1:17



St. Dominic Church

January 21 2024

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
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Parish Staff

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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
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 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, the universal Church designates this Third Sunday of the Year as the Sunday for the Word of God. This designation was instituted by Pope Francis to remind pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy: “As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness”.(Pope Francis, *Aperuit illis*, n. 8)

In the document *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution of the Second Vatican Council on the Word of God, we are instructed that “in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to his children and speaks with them”(DV 21). His is a voice that we need to hear every day so that we may better know the God we are invited to love. From him we receive the wisdom and guidance for daily living. From him we receive the assurance of his love and mercy toward us. Daily prayer with sacred Scripture disposes our minds and hearts to receive the word of the Lord. St. Jerome uttered the importance of the Bible in our lives when he said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read: “*The Church forcefully and specially exhorts all the Christian faithful to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Let them remember, however, that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that a dialogue takes place between God and man. For we speak to him when we pray; we listen to him when we read the divine oracles*”(2653). May this Sunday be a catalyst for each of us to begin or enhance our daily prayer with the word of God.

On January 25th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The story of his conversion from a persecutor of Christians to a powerful and prolific preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is nothing short of a miracle.

The Acts of the Apostles tell us of his numerous journeys to establish and encourage Christian communities; his letters to some of those communities provide divine revelation and wisdom that informs so much of what we believe as Christians.

The celebration of this feast is the culmination of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. St. Paul describes the nature of this unity in the Letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4. Here is an excerpt: “...live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all”(1-6).

This exhortation invites all of us not only to pray for Christian Unity, but also to persevere in the work of ongoing conversion in our own lives so that we may be instruments of unity. With the help of God’s grace, we can experience an encounter with Christ that calls us into a greater adherence to his teaching and way of life. Consider, for example, St. Paul’s words to bear “with one another through love.” Not always easy in families and in communities. A word, a gesture, a decision, a failure to listen can easily wound and divide. A lack of mercy, patience and compassion can cause a self-righteousness that fails to walk with people in the complications of their lives.

The Lord Jesus spoke to St. Paul as he traveled on the road to Damascus and changed his heart. Let us ask the Lord to change our hearts first, as well as the hearts of all Christians so that we may live in his love and be united in his Holy Spirit.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

Monday January 22	Tuesday January 23	Wednesday January 24	Thursday January 25	Friday January 26	Saturday January 27	Sunday January 28
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>	Modern Well- Married Saints & Holy Couples 9:15 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</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 Conf Room</i>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
						Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>

Sanctuary Candle



For those who experience anguish or sorrow in their lives: that the Lord may relieve their burdens and give them joy.

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:

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:

Margaret Darlington, mother of Jerome Darlington, Frank Chesley, and all of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 21

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Lisa O'Neil
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Infant of Prague Novena (8/9)
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, January 22

- 8:00 a.m. Infant of Prague Novena (9/9)
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak

Tuesday, January 23

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. Denise Sekinger

Wednesday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. James McGrath, III

Thursday, January 25

- 8:00 a.m. Diane Kjos
- 12:10 p.m. Susan Zelenak

Friday, January 26

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. † Sorangel Posada

Saturday, January 27

- 9:00 a.m.

2nd Annual Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage



On Saturday, January 27, we join the Dominican friars and hundreds of people associated with them to begin the nine-month novena in preparation for the 2nd Annual Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage to be celebrated on Saturday, September 28, 2024. The pilgrimage is a full-day event celebrating the Rosary at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here in Washington, DC on the Vigil of Rosary Sunday. This event will include conferences on the Rosary preached by the friars, several hours of Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, and a recitation of the Rosary and Mass in the Upper Church.

The pilgrimage begins (spiritually) with a 9-month novena prayed on the last Saturday of every month, starting this coming Saturday. As a parish, we will print the novena prayer in the bulletin closest to the last Saturday of the month so that everyone will be reminded and will have the prayer at hand. The prayer will be distributed in the weekly Flocknote as well. Printed prayer cards are available in the pamphlet racks of the church. We have 1,000 of these prayer cards, so feel free to take prayer cards home, give them to friends and loved ones, and invite others to join in the 9-month novena. All ministries of the Province of St. Joseph, Rosary Confraternities, Dominican sisters, and Dominican Laity are encouraged to participate in the Rosary Pilgrimage and promote it to others. You can learn more and register for updates at www.rosarypilgrimage.org or use the QR code to the right.

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena



God our Father, we thank you
for the gift of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom
we are adopted as your beloved
sons and daughters.

At Pentecost you poured
out the Holy Spirit
upon Our Lady and the Apostles
while they were at prayer.

Pour out that same Holy Spirit upon us
as we meditate upon the mysteries of Christ
contained in the Most Holy Rosary.

Enlighten our faith, strengthen our hope,
and set us ablaze with love for you and our neighbor.

Graciously grant us St. Dominic's own zeal
for the salvation of souls.

Bless the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage.

May it lead many souls to Jesus through Mary,
so that we may know you and your saving power
now and for all eternity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!
St. Dominic, pray for us!



Offertory

Week Ending January 14, 2024

Received	\$2,405.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,441.00)

Electronic Giving Options



Mass Intentions - Now Available Online

Mass intention for 2024 are available by calling the parish office (202/554-7863), by emailing the parish office (office@stdominicchurch.org), or by visiting the parish website and clicking on the “Mass Intentions” header.



ONLY intentions for “Announced Masses” are available online and payable by credit card. You will still need to contact the parish office for “Unannounced” and “Gregorian Mass” intentions.

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.



SAINT PAUL
STREET EVANGELIZATION

Taking the Catholic Faith to the Streets!

St. Dominic Church is partnering with the St. Paul Evangelization Institute to bring the Gospel of Jesus and the faith of the Catholic Church to our neighborhood and city. The mission of the Institute is to Train, Equip and Mobilize Catholics for the urgent work of evangelization.

Why evangelize? Consider that 41% of those baptized and raised as a Catholic leave the Church permanently; 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; and for every 1 person that joins the Catholic Church, 6 people leave. Beyond the Catholic realm, about 3 in 10 US adults are now religiously unaffiliated, some identified as “nones” - people who describe themselves as atheists, agnostics or “nothing in particular” when asked about their religious identity.

Consider that God “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth,” there is an Imperative for the disciples of Jesus to give witness the love, mercy, forgiveness, and new life received from a personal relationship with Christ.

The training program, with Father George in attendance, begins on Sunday, January 28, 2024. All interested persons are invited to contact the parish office for information and registration.

(Office@StDominicChurch.org or (202) 554-7863)

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.





Sant'Egidio First Friday, February 2nd

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

In Brief (conclusion)

1413 *By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1640; 1651).*

1414 *As sacrifice, the Eucharist is also offered in reparation for the sins of the living and the dead and to obtain spiritual or temporal benefits from God.*

1415 *Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance.*

1416 *Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.*

1417 *The Church warmly recommends that the faithful receive Holy Communion when they participate in the celebration of the Eucharist; she obliges them to do so at least once a year.*

1418 *Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration. "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is . . . a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord" (Paul VI, MF 66).*

1419 *Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints.*



"I was hungry and you gave me food." (Mt. 25:35)

Serve Christ in those in need

On the First Friday of each month, join St. Dominic Parish and the Community of Sant'Egidio to bring food and conversation to our friends living on the streets.

When: First Friday of Every Month | Gather between 6:00-6:30 pm | Distribute food between 6:30-8:00 pm

Where: Meet at St. Stephen Martyr Church | 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037

If you can say "hello" and hand someone a sandwich, you'll do great at this ministry—please join us!

For more info, contact Tim Lang at timlang700@gmail.com or 781-724-0794.



“ The glory of God is man fully alive, and the life of man is the vision of God.”

— St. Irenaeus

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.



Greetings Friends! I hope your post Christmastide 'Ordinary Time' is proceeding splendidly. Father George invited me to reach out in this week's bulletin, and I'm honored to do so. My heartfelt thanks to each and all of you for your warm welcome as I assumed the reigns of musical leadership at Saint Dominic Church this past October.

And to those parishioners who have greeted me with your kind thoughts and wishes concerning the future of music at Saint Dominic's ... I'm particularly grateful for your feedback and plan to proceed accordingly. Furthermore, I am so delighted to work with such an enthusiastic *singing congregation!!!* With such vocal gifts as these you've inspired me to challenge you by adding new repertoire more often. I have no doubt *you are ready and can successfully do so!!!* And I'll offer some proven tools to help! Here goes!

Friends, I've been privileged since Spring 1990 to 'teach' congregations new music by several methods, to include incorporating future hymn 'tunes' within keyboard Preludes or Postludes and other moments throughout Holy Mass when appropriate. This method places a musical idea into the congregation's subconscious ear. That's important! Later, when we add the sacred lyric, the 'tune' seems familiar, and the 'new' hymn becomes easier for the congregation to sing. This approach works, and whether you realize it or not, you have proven it still does upon multiple occasions since I began serving as your Music Director & Principal Organist!

Offering a recent example, we now sing *both* Entrance and Communion Antiphons during Holy Mass just prior to their corresponding Hymns. Those of you attending last weekend's Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning Masses may have noticed the organ intone both Antiphon Refrains a few minutes prior to Mass. Subsequently, those short melodies proved readily familiar and repeatable during Mass! In the future, barring unforeseen circumstances, each Sunday (Vigil or Morning) you can expect to hear me play the two Antiphon Refrain melodies just prior to Mass! Furthermore, please note our Antiphon sequence precisely duplicates our Responsorial Psalm sequence: Organ intones the Refrain melody / Cantor sings a sacred text on that melody / Congregation repeats this / Cantor sings the verses / ALL repeat the Refrain. Hope this helps!

As a Springfield, Illinois native born in the "Land of Lincoln" I remember how significant growing seasons were, the lessons I learned helping to till our home garden plot, and the Summer and Fall harvests so rich with fresh fruits and vegetables. Given today's fast paced lifestyles and a culture infested with instant gratifications I fear we may have forgotten some of the best things in life are not 'quickly' produced. We need to plant seeds, take time and effort to water them, till their surrounding soil, pray for patience and decent weather, then wait for healthy plants to develop towards harvest. As Father George so kindly introduced me to you during our past harvest season, he asked you to be patient with me. You've more than excelled ... Again, I thank you all! So, you're *practiced* at this patience business!!! I certainly appreciate your continued patience with me. However, I'll rather passionately encourage you to be patient with yourselves and each other learning new music. With an experience in Catholic Church music exceeding half a century of study, learning, listening, singing, playing, and conducting I know that helping a congregation learn new music isn't about *manufacturing*. It's about *farming*!

Friends, please *be patient with your musical growing seasons ahead!* Chances are we'll not get all the notes and lyrics 'right' the first time reading an unfamiliar piece of music. That's OK! (Many professionals don't get it all right the first time either!) So, if a piece of music is new to you, consider simply listening intently the first time you hear it. Then, on the next verse/attempt try to follow the contour of written notes, and perhaps hum those notes you can read. And/or perhaps you quietly whisper the text with the notated rhythms as the verse proceeds so you can focus exclusively on that element. Eventually, you'll put notes and text together! I guarantee your own and our collective music reading will gradually improve, and we'll read more notes accurately the first time! As we go forward, I encourage you to keep singing God's praises with such marvelously full voices! Bravo tutti!! Together, we can continue to develop our congregation's collective ear and sing even more glorious music, the beauty of which offers a truly sacred harvest singing Our Lord's praises!

Wishing you happy growing seasons ahead! Thank you for reading.

Yours in Christ! Denny Layendecker, D.M.A./CUA
Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

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.