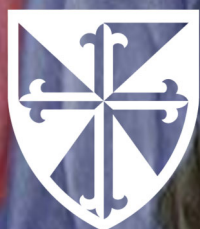




*He commands even the
unclean spirits and
they obey him.*

Mark 1:27



St. Dominic Church

January 28, 2024

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shipp, 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.



It deeply warms my heart that, despite extraordinary challenges over the last several years, so many have come together in unity with the Holy Spirit, consistently responding with generosity and kindness towards those in need. While the difficulties that our communities confront today are great, the selflessness and love within our spiritual family have proven to be far greater.

Through your purposeful sacrifice to our local Church in the past, six new priests and 12 new deacons were ordained in 2023. Additionally, 240 deacons and 75 men in priestly formation received crucial support; 1,000 new Catholics were embraced into our Church through RCIA; and more than 26,000 students across 90 Catholic schools in our Archdiocese were able to receive a quality education. These are just a few examples of the impactful outcomes made possible by your contributions to the Church of Washington, supporting the thousands who rely on its services.

In this new year, we have changed the Annual Appeal to the “Annual Catholic Services Appeal” to reflect, directly in the name, our purpose in coming together as a community in faith in service to others. Along with the new name, the theme for the 2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is “United in Purpose,” serving as a poignant reminder that together, in the spirit of Christ, we can enable the charitable works of our Church through its many ministries and services.

To meet the growth of ministries and those we serve throughout of our communities of faith, the 2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal goal is \$12,000,000. I ask that you prayerfully consider joining me today in making a commitment to the Appeal and, in doing so, set an example for others to follow as we continue in service and stewardship with our sisters and brothers throughout our communities across the region.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you very much for your immense generosity!



+Pater Card. Gregory



In this interim between the Christmas and Lenten seasons, the local Church in the Archdiocese of Washington turns its attention to the *Annual Catholic Services Appeal*. On behalf of Cardinal Gregory, thank you to all parish individuals and families who contributed in 2023 to help the archdiocese reach its goal. Furthermore, we surpassed our parish goal, which is a testament to the incredible generosity of this parish community.

Today, I ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the *2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal*. If you are not familiar with the Appeal, you may wonder how it is different and separate from your regular offertory giving to the parish. First, the Appeal unites us with our archbishop and our brothers and sisters in every parish to serve the many charitable needs of the Church of Washington. Second, the Appeal funds ministries that our parish could not sustain on its own, such as seminarian formation, campus ministry programs, and Deaf and disabilities ministries. Third, the Appeal supports our parish ministerial life, from marriage preparation, adult faith formation, and Becoming Catholic, to service to the poor and needy, and many more in between.

The *Annual Catholic Services Appeal* is a call to stewardship. It is not mandatory. This means that the many vibrant ministries serving in the archdiocese are the result of those who have responded generously each year with a free will offering.

As in previous years, 100% of your gift to the Appeal is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Appeal and cannot be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, your gift will be credited towards our parish goal of \$47,050. You can read more about the *United in Purpose: 2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal* at appeal.adw.org.

Next weekend will be our commitment weekend. Past contributors to the Appeal should have received a mailing. The return envelope can be brought to the church next weekend. Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the *2024 Annual Catholic Appeal*. Your steadfast generosity not only is a source of inspiration for me but a source for good in our Church today.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

Monday January 29	Tuesday January 30	Wednesday January 31	Thursday February 1	Friday February 2	Saturday February 3	Sunday February 4
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		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>
					Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center Baby Item Collection all weekend.	

Sanctuary Candle



That, through devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist, our parish community will grow in faith, hope, and love.

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:

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

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28

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

Monday, January 29

- 8:00 a.m. Andretta Family
- 12:10 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce K. C. Babiak

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

- 9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (1/9)

**Saint of the Day—January 28
Saint Thomas Aquinas**

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.



At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

From Franciscan Media

You're Invited
Solemn Vespers
for the 6th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
7:00 P.M.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
Reception following in the Parish Hall

501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

Ash
Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Ashes will be distributed within Mass only.

8:00 a.m. - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

12:10 p.m. - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

7:00 p.m. - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Dominic Catholic Church

Offertory

Week Ending January 21, 2024

Received	\$2,445.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,401.00)

Electronic Giving Options



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.

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.

Monthly Church Cleaning



Volunteers needed to help with our monthly church cleaning on Saturday, February 3rd after the 9 a.m. Mass. No experience required. New volunteers are always welcome. **No more than an hour of your time is required.**

If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center



We will be collecting your donations of practical baby items like diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at each Mass **next weekend**, February 3 & 4, 2024.

Place your items in front of the Ambo at the front of the church or you are welcome to drop off donations at any time during normal business hours in the Parish Office.

Thank you for showing support for those families that have chosen life!

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.

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.



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The Parish Pastoral Council convened for its first meeting of the new year on Sunday, January 14. All the members were present. After the opening prayer, the minutes from the meeting on December 17, 2023 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

A report was given regarding the St. Paul Street Evangelization program. Most members of the council have made a commitment for the training program that will begin on January 28. The opportunity was made available to the parish. Only one person has responded.

The home cenacles have completed the first series of learning on the Eucharist. Representatives of the cenacles reported that there have been excellent discussions within their groups and that the groups desire to continue meeting. The next series is entitled Bread of Life from the Augustine Institute. New members are welcome to join an existing cenacle group.

The OCIA formation is going very well. There is a wonderful trust and cohesion among the participants and presenters. The Rite of Election is on February 25.

The Epiphany party on Sunday, January 7 went very well. The food was excellent! We hope for a greater response from parish volunteers next year since this party is a parish expression of gratitude for their service within the parish.

The Dominican community in the priory is preparing to present a two-day observance of the 750th anniversary of the death of St. Thomas Aquinas on March 7. March 6 will have a solemn holy hour with a major talk by Father Gregory Pine, O.P. Compline (night prayer) and Benediction will conclude the evening. March 7 will have a solemn Mass that evening.

The council members proposed and discussed future content for the parish bulletin. Suggestions include Dominican FAQ/charism, parishioner testimony, wholesome Catholic memes, blurbs about the history/art/relics of the church, blurbs about the scripture/history behind famous hymns of the Church, explanations of changes in music program (i.e., what are antiphons and why we sing them now), recipes associated with special feasts/solemnities.

New business included a look at the parish calendar. A parish council “meet & greet” will take place on April 14 after the 10:30 Mass. A parish picnic will follow the Corpus Christi procession on June 2. Council members also discussed points of increasing parish hospitality and thinking about the parish from the prospect of a visitor and what he/she wants to know. Details can make a big difference in the experience of being welcomed.

There being no further new business, Father George concluded the meeting with a prayer and blessing. The next meeting is on February 18.

Sant’Egidio First Friday, February 2nd



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.

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

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

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

For You I Have Watched:

*The 750th Anniversary of
St. Thomas Aquinas's Last Testament of the Eucharist*



Wednesday,
March 6th, 2024



6:30 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Adoration
7:50 p.m. Compline



St. Dominic Church
501 6th St SW
Washington, DC

**A Solemn Jubilee Celebration of
St. Thomas Aquinas with**

*Preaching by
Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.*

*A Salve procession of
Dominican Friars*

*Individual blessings with the
relics of St. Thomas Aquinas*

A plenary indulgence

*A light reception in
the parish hall afterwards.*

Presented by St. Dominic's Church and Priory and the Thomistic Institute

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.