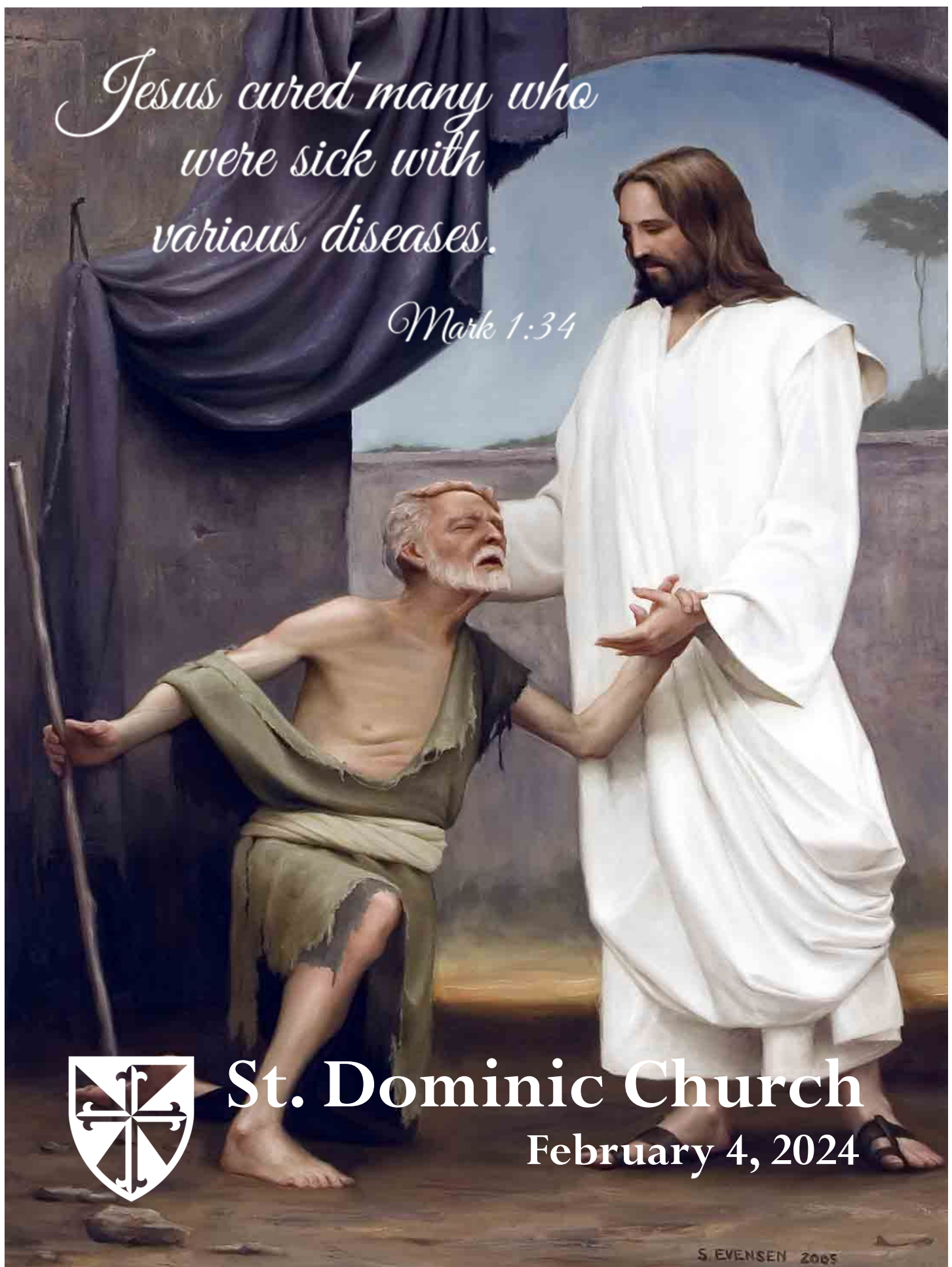


*Jesus cured many who
were sick with
various diseases.*

Mark 1:34



St. Dominic Church
February 4, 2024

S. EVENSEN 2005

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.



Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent are just 1 ½ weeks away. I am pleased to share with you that the Dominican friars who live in the priory here at St. Dominic's are preparing to offer additional times for prayer, devotions, and confessions each day

of the week during the Lenten season. Of note is the liturgical prayer of Compline (night prayer) each evening at 6:45 p.m. in the church. The Psalms and prayers are chanted in singable tones. Compline concludes with a procession to the shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary while singing the Salve Regina, and a sung hymn to St. Dominic. Generally, Compline lasts about 15 minutes. Following Compline on weekdays (except for Wednesdays), there will a half-hour time of a particular devotion during which a priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are daytime devotions scheduled for Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. See the flier for more details. These opportunities will help our parish community to develop its prayer life and to invite those who live and work in the area to join with us.

Additionally, the friars invite all to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with them in the morning and evening. Lauds and Vespers are celebrated in the friars' chapel in the priory. There is an entrance to the chapel from the outside across from the entrance to the parish office. This is mid-block on E Street, SW. The following excerpts from the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours helps us to understand the importance of the Liturgy of the Hours:

“Public and common prayer by the people of God is rightly considered to be among the primary duties of the Church. From the very beginning those who were baptized ‘devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the community, to the breaking of the bread, and to prayer’ (Acts 2:42). The Acts of the Apostles give frequent testimony to the fact that the Christian community prayed with one accord. ... Such prayer in common gradually took the form of a set cycle of hours. This liturgy of the hours or divine office, enriched by readings, is principally a prayer of praise and petition. Indeed, it is the prayer of the Church with Christ and to Christ. ... Christ taught us: ‘You must pray at all times and not lose heart’ (Lk 18:1). The Church has been faithful in obeying this instruction; it never ceases to offer prayer and makes this exhortation its own: ‘Through him (Jesus) let us offer to God an unceasing sacrifice of praise’ (Heb 15:15).

The Church fulfills this precept not only by celebrating the eucharist but in other ways also, especially through the liturgy of the hours. By ancient Christian tradition what distinguishes the liturgy of the hours from other liturgical services is that it consecrates to God the whole cycle of the day and the night. ... The purpose of the liturgy of the hours is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity.”

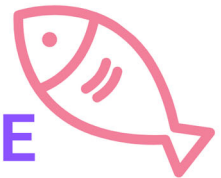
Please consider participating in these offerings of prayer, devotions, and the celebration of the sacraments. They can help overcome some of the mystery of who are the Dominicans and how do they live their life. These offerings also highlight the identity of a parish linked with the charism of the Order of Preachers. The Lenten schedule will be reviewed at the end of the season to determine how to proceed into the future.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting	Abstinence
Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Ages 18 - 59	Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill as well as those individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

Monday February 5	Tuesday February 6	Wednesday February 7	Thursday February 8	Friday February 9	Saturday February 10	Sunday February 11
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>
						Solemn Vespers 7 p.m. <i>Church</i> Reception following in the <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>

Sanctuary Candle



For Phyllis Winston.

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:

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

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 4

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (2/9)
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, February 5

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak
- 12:10 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (3/9)

Tuesday, February 6

- 8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (4/9)
- 12:10 p.m. James Lynch Bailey

Wednesday, February 7

- 8:00 a.m. Chloe Carnes & Patrick Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (5/9)

Thursday, February 8

- 8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (6/9)
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls

Friday, February 9

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (7/9)

Saturday, February 10

- 9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (8/9)

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

The Dominican Friars
 at
St. Dominic Church
 Invite you to pray with them
The Liturgy of the Hours
*The very prayer which Christ Himself, together
 with His body, addresses to the Father.*

All are welcome.

Lauds (Morning Prayer)	Vespers (Evening Prayer)
Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. Sat: 8 a.m. with Office of Readings	Mon-Fri: 5:30 p.m. with Office of Readings Sat-Sun: 5:30 p.m. (Rosary precedes Vespers each day at 5:10 p.m.)
Sun: 7 a.m. with Office of Readings	

**Starting Ash Wednesday, February 14
 (Through Lent.)**
Entrance to the Chapel is at 630 E St. SW

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

**For You
 I Have Watched:**
*The 750th Anniversary of
 St. Thomas Aquinas's Last Testament of the Eucharist*

Wednesday, March 6th, 2024	<p>A Solemn Jubilee Celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas with</p> <p><i>Preaching by Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.</i></p> <p><i>A Salve procession of Dominican Friars</i></p> <p><i>Individual blessings with the relics of St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p> <p><i>A plenary indulgence</i></p> <p><i>A light reception in the parish hall afterwards.</i></p>
6:30 p.m. Confession 7:00 p.m. Adoration 7:30 p.m. Compline	
St. Dominic Church 501 6th St SW Washington, DC	

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

Offertory

Week Ending January 28, 2024

Received	\$2,578.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,268.00)

Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



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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.

CREDIT CARD payment now accepted for ALL transactions.

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.

2023 IRS Tax Notices

2023 IRS Tax Notices for offertory donations totaling over \$250 have just been mailed. Those parishioners that qualify for a letter should be receiving these letters in the mail now. If you believe you qualify for a letter but did not/do not receive one in the next week or two, please notify the parish office.



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.



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.

Church History

Reflecting Renaissance traditions of the 1400s, architect Patrick C. Keely designed the interior of St. Dominic to include features such as pointed arches, intricate sculptures and extensive stained glass.



~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

Finance Council Meeting Minutes

The parish Finance Council convened for its quarterly meeting on January 31, 2024. One member was excused. The rest of the members gathered in person or remotely.

Father George began the meeting with a prayer. The minutes from the last meeting on October 24, 2023, were reviewed without changes and approved unanimously.

The members then began a review and discussion of the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Financial Position. It was noted at the outset that parishioners and friends of the parish have been very generous to the parish; and everyone is grateful for this support. Items of note are the disbursement of the Poor Box money. At the end of every quarter, all funds exceeding \$2,000 are distributed to those organizations that serve the poor and needy. Because the parish does not have the facilities or volunteers to offer its own outreach, this is the best way for the parish to partner with other organizations to help them in the fulfillment of their mission which aligns with the mission of the parish. The minimum balance held in reserve is to ensure that we never have to turn someone away who needs assistance.

Secondly, the parish is in the process of receiving a large donation from a parishioner who recently died. The funds are being deposited in interest-bearing, insured accounts for use later for capital improvements.

Thirdly, the parish received a grant from the Archdiocese of Washington for the purpose of evangelization. The funds are being used to train parishioners and others who are interested in street evangelization. The parish is using the training resources of the St. Paul Street Evangelization organization.

An automobile in excellent condition was recently donated to the parish.

The investment funds continue to perform well in the current market. No changes are needed.

There was a brief discussion about the Giving Tuesday effort last November. Again, the members were grateful for the generosity expressed in this campaign. Recommendations were made to make the website and email communications more user friendly.

A review of Capital Repairs and Improvements highlighted once again the difficulty of finding skilled craftsmen to do the work. The entrance doors still need replacing and will be accomplished once a contractor is found. The restoration of the Roosevelt organ is still in process. We are waiting for the new console to be constructed and delivered. The organ façade pipe stenciling effort is going slow. There are 27 pipes remaining for sponsorship. Updated sound system equipment has been installed and the members reported with gratitude that the results can be heard. All are pleased with the altar rail restoration, which was fully funded by a benefactor not from the parish.

Father George reported that a new policy from the Archdiocese went into effect on January 1, 2024, that increases the threshold for spending without the need for approval from Archdiocesan officials. The authority level of pastors to approve and sign contracts is increased from \$25,000 to \$75,000. The threshold for contracts that require submission to the College of Consultors is increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

There being no other new business, the members confirmed the next meeting for April 23, 2024. Father George concluded the meeting with a prayer and a blessing for all present.



"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes."

—St. Clement

Archdiocese of Washington's Website

The archdiocesan website, adw.org and adw.org/es (Spanish) is updated regularly with current information. Daily news and information about archdiocesan parishes, schools and ministries are also available at cathstan.org and elpreg.org for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.



Catholic Charities Legal Network

Catholic Charities Legal Network provides access to legal assistance to low-income residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington (i.e., District of Columbia, Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and Saint Mary's Counties). In 1989, Catholic Charities Legal Network was established by the late Cardinal James Hickey with the assistance of the John Carroll Society. Thirty-five years later, and after assisting thousands of residents in need of pro bono civil legal services, we are still in need of volunteers who will conduct client intake or assist with pro bono civil law matters. This program also needs volunteers to assist with conducting short seminars on any of the above subjects for local community and senior citizen groups. Please contact James D. Bishop, Esq., Catholic Charities Legal Network's Director, at (202) 772-1201 or by email at: james.bishop@cc-dc.org.

Burial of Cremated Remains - Catholic Cemeteries

Is your family still holding on to the cremated remains of a loved one who has passed away? The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese have new choices in ground burial, niches and columbariums. These sacred spaces meet both the requirements of the Church and the needs of families called to secure a permanent place with appropriate memorialization for their loved ones. For more information on the choices for burial of cremated remains, kindly visit ccaw.org.

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in Maryland

A bill that plays into people's darkest fears and would allow doctors to prescribe lethal drugs for patients to take their lives has been introduced in the Maryland General Assembly, [HB 403](#) and [SB 443](#), the "End-of-Life Option Act (The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act)." Go here to tell your state lawmakers **NO** to this extreme and deadly legislation: <https://p2a.co/WK2gk7Q>. Visit mdcatholic.org/pas to learn more about this proposal which does not offer genuine compassion and is fundamentally incompatible with human dignity.

SUPPORT SCOUT TROOP 380!

Lenten Fish Fry

Get your tickets before we sell out!

To Go Plates Available!

February 16, 2024
5PM - 8PM
St. Peter's Church Hall
313 2nd st SE, WDC, 20003

Fish & Sides
Iced Tea & Lemonade
Bake Sale!!

Adults - \$25 Kids - \$10
Family - \$60
3 & Under - Free

<http://tinyurl.com/ycyxbb7>



Visit St. Dominic's website!

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.