

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"Blessed are those that follow
the law of the Lord."*

~ Psalm 119

Sunday, February 12, 2023
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

Parish Staff

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri

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

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour:

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

* Or by appointment through the Parish Office

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: Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Devotions—Rosary Shrine of St. Jude

Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Monday—Friday

Community Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts:

Each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish
meeting room. All are welcome.

Monday February 13	Tuesday February 14	Wednesday February 15	Thursday February 16	Friday February 17	Saturday February 18	Sunday February 19
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 9:45 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>			Pastoral Council Meeting 11:45 a.m. <i>Parish Conference Room</i>
						Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. <i>Parish Conference Room</i>
						Solemn Vespers 7 p.m. <i>Church</i> <small>(Immediately followed by a reception in the Parish Meeting Room.)</small>

Offertory — Week Ending February 5, 2023

Received	\$3,659
Budgeted	<u>\$3,173</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 486

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Frank & Phyllis Chesley and Bogomila Mireva.

THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Clara Catherine Shields, daughter of Robert & Olivia Shields.

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.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 12

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Thomas F. Halwick
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. † Sybil Shepard
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, February 13

- 8:00 a.m. † John Goelet
- 12:10 p.m. † Theodore G. Schafer, Jr.

Tuesday, February 14

- 8:00 a.m. † Diane O'Hara
- 12:10 p.m. Tim Kemmerer

Wednesday, February 15

- 8:00 a.m. † Carmela Buonanno
- 12:10 p.m. † Robert Lennon

Thursday, February 16

- 8:00 a.m. † Betty Schommer
- 12:10 p.m. † William LaMothe

Friday, February 17

- 8:00 a.m. Toni Urcioli
- 12:10 p.m. † William Rock

Saturday, February 18

- 9:00 a.m.



This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Washington. As you prayerfully consider your gift to the appeal, I want to thank those parishioners who supported the appeal last year. Your generosity helped our parish to surpass its goal and we have received a rebate of \$4,487 to support our own parish ministries and programs.

No single parish can provide all the programming and resources that are needed within our parishes, neighborhoods, and communities. Here at St. Dominic's, our facilities for outreach ministries are limited, but we can collaborate with other parishes and organizations to meet the needs. The archdiocesan Annual Appeal supports a wide array of services to those whom we are not able to serve on our own. Our financial support makes us collaborators with the entire local Church to reflect the face of Jesus to others. Consider how the Lord may be asking you to share the resources he has provided to you. Please note that "100% of your donation to the Annual Appeal is restricted to the programs and ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and will not be used for any other purpose."

A new "feature" for our parish bulletin will be the summary minutes of the parish pastoral council meetings and the parish finance council meetings. Providing summary minutes responds to the need and request for greater transparency and the communication of information. The bulletin today provides the summary minutes of the most recent meetings. I hope you will find them helpful.

Lent begins in a couple of weeks on Ash Wednesday, February 22. It's not too early to consider what prayer and study enhancements and penitential practices you will embrace.

As always, let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

Solemn Vespers - February 19 @ 7 p.m.

*Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice!*

**You're Invited
Solemn Vespers
for the 7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023
7:00 P.M.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
501 6th St SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro
Reception following in the Parish Hall**

Ash Wednesday Masses

St. Dominic Church

**Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023**

Ashes will be distributed within Mass only.

**8:00am - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
12:10pm - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
7:00pm - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

501 6th Street, SW (Church) & 630 E Street, SW (Office), Washington, DC

Parish Council Summary Minutes

The Parish Council met two weeks ago for a fruitful discussion on future initiatives for faith formation, enhancing the community spirit within the parish, engaging in service opportunities to the poor, and evangelization outreach to our neighborhood. The council discussed adult faith formation models that would make opportunities more accessible to parishioners while building a stronger experience of knowing fellow parishioners. Because many parishioners live a distance from the parish, council members are looking for ways to bring people together in smaller groups within geographical proximity. Training will be needed/provided for facilitators. For families with small children, investigation will be made into models that provide formation for the entire family, providing resources to parents to supplement what is offered in person.

The council voiced its support for parish participation in the Eucharistic Revival which has begun in our country. Short series of presentations on the Holy Eucharist will be developed and offered at the Thursday evening Eucharistic Holy Hour. It was also highly recommended that the parish participate in the National Eucharistic Congress scheduled for July, 2024 in Indianapolis.

The council continued its discussion on opportunities for direct service to the poor and needy. Since SOME has not reopened and will be renovating its facilities, this option is not currently available. Options are being considered and will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Evangelization efforts in our SW neighborhood needs new initiatives that will hopefully be more fruitful. The Archdiocese of Washington is offering grant monies for evangelization efforts. A proposal will be made to them.

The council debriefed on the Solemn Vespers prayer event on the Feast of the Epiphany. All were pleased with the attendance and recommendations were made for improvements. Questions were asked and answered on the financial status of the parish.

Finance Council Summary Minutes

The Finance Council gathered for its quarterly meeting at the end of January to review the monthly reports for December and the mid-year reports. Members noted that the parish has improved its financial position and is making good progress toward overcoming the budgeted deficit. Noted factors included the outstanding response to the Giving Tuesday initiative, resuming the daily collection at the 12:10 Mass, and adjusting expenditures deemed no longer necessary. One time donations to the parish have also improved its financial position. The mid-year financial report for the parish has been reviewed by the Finance Council and is now available to the rest of the parish. A copy is available upon request through the parish office in person or via email.

The council reviewed the status of the Roosevelt Organ restoration project. The contractor has been slow to complete the work and is waiting on components from other suppliers. The council recommended that the pastor and the music director work closely with the contractor to understand the delays and work toward a speedy resolution. The organ rededication concert is scheduled for October and all work needs to be completed months in advance so that fine-tuning can be made and any problems resolved.

The council noted the installation of the outdoor signs and remarked on their beauty. The project was initiated by Father Jordan and is now complete. The project to replace two of the side exterior doors has been delayed because of contract and supply issues. The pastor will investigate ways to overcome the issues and move toward completion of the project. The council supported the greater visibility of giving methods with the QR codes for Faith Direct and Venmo posted in the pews and printed in programs.

Lastly, the council heard from the pastor regarding future initiatives in the parish to continue moving from maintenance to mission. It was noted that financial resources will be needed to provide faith formation for children and families (more are coming regularly), enhancing the music program, and reaching out to the new and old residents in SW Washington.

St. Dominic Church is a Christ-centered, Roman Catholic, and Dominican parish for the people of Southwest, DC and beyond.

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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.