

This is my beloved Son.

Mark 9:7



St. Dominic Church

February 25, 2024

Pastoral Staff

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



Today, as we continue our Lenten journey toward the great celebration of Easter, we turn our attention to the Transfiguration of the Lord. This event highlights the saving work of redemption: the Passion and Death of Jesus leads to the glory of the Resurrection. Through the revelation of his glory – which shines in and through his human nature – Jesus wants us to possess true hope for all that lies in our future.

Jesus invites us into glory with him and goes ahead of us to show us the way – the way of the Cross. Just as Jesus entered willingly into his Passion, so we are invited to make the internal choice to enter willingly into the disciplines and sufferings of the Christian life. The penances that we embrace; the time that we spend in prayer; and the charity that we show to our neighbor are all ways that we die to our pride, our sin, and our selfish motivations. This way of suffering and mortification leads to the healing of our sin sick souls and increases our strength to grow in virtue and holiness.

The Transfiguration of the Lord invites us to listen to the beloved Son of the Father who teaches us, shows us, and walks with us on the road through death to glory. When we, like the apostles on the mountain, behold the glory of the Lord, we can find the strength to make the internal choice to follow him so that we may always desire and at last attain the glory revealed to us in Christ.

In the afternoon of today, the participants in our parish OCIA will be going to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. We have four participants in our parish program who have been praying, learning, and growing as disciples of the Lord. The weekly formation classes have provided them with the rich teachings of our Catholic faith. The rites today are the proximate preparation for their Baptism, Confirmation, and reception of the Holy Eucharist. After the homily at the 10:30 Mass for the next three Sundays, we will accompany our Elect with the prayers of the Scrutinies. These are prayers that ask for God's power of deliverance from evil, help, and protection as they approach the Paschal feasts to find Christ in his sacraments. Please keep these people in your prayers as they make their final preparations.

The cleaning, repair, and restoration of the altar rail was completed this past week with the patching of some holes and the installation of a memorial plaque. Through the great generosity of personal friends, the altar rail was restored in memory of my parents and in gratitude for my priesthood. I am so grateful to God for my parents who first formed me in the Catholic faith – teaching me to pray, taking our family to Sunday Mass, and supporting me in my participation in church-related activities and ministries. (I joined the church choir when I was 11.) While my announcement that God was calling me to the priesthood and religious life as a Dominican was surprising to them, they never opposed my discernment and made efforts to understand what it all meant for me and for them. They were present here at St. Dominic's for the day of my ordination to the priesthood on May 20, 1994, along with my brothers and other family members. Throughout my priesthood, their love has been constant, and at times they challenged me with reasonable expectations of priestly life and witness. In their twilight years, as health deteriorated, they allowed me the privilege to fulfill the fourth commandment and care for them and their needs until death. I will be eternally grateful for the gift of their love, upbringing, provision, and support. Remembering them here at St. Dominic's enhances the gratitude in my heart.

Before



After



Plaque

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27	Wednesday February 28	Thursday February 29	Friday March 1	Saturday March 2	Sunday March 3
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>
				Sant'Egidio Street Ministries 6 p.m. <i>St. Stephen Martyr Church</i>	Lay Dominicans A Day of Recollection 9:45 a.m. <i>Church</i>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
					Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Conf Room</i>	Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
Refer to the Dominican Friar Lenten Devotions Flier and Lauds & Vespers Flier on the back page for daily Lenten activities.						

Sanctuary Candle



That our parish may witness to the faith by an increased love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist during this Season of Lent.

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for \$15 or a Mass Intention for \$10, can be made online and in the Parish Office.

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

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:

Phyllis Chesley, Howard Owens, Christine Brehm, and all of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 25

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Barbara & Stanley Maxwell
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 5:00 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Monday, February 26

- 8:00 a.m. Sharon DiRisio
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Tuesday, February 27

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak

Wednesday, February 28

- 8:00 a.m. Maria Moy
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Thursday, February 29

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Logan Ignacio

Friday, March 1

- 8:00 a.m. † James P. Grace
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Saturday, March 2

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Two-Day Celebration

Commemorating the 750th Anniversary
of the Death of St. Thomas Aquinas



Wednesday, March 6th

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



Thursday, March 7th

7:00 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Holy Hour 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



**Mass in Honor of
St. Thomas Aquinas with**

Preaching by Fr. John Baptist Ku, O.P.

*Individual Blessings with the relics of
St. Thomas Aquinas after Mass*

A plenary indulgence

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

L'Enfant Plaza Metro – Blue/Orange/Silver/Green/Yellow

Join Us!

Solemn Vespers

Sunday, March 10, 2024

7 p.m.

*Reception immediately
following in the parish
meeting room.*

*St. Dominic
Catholic Church
501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro*



Visit
Us!

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.

St. Dominic's Hospitality Committee

The hospitality committee has a number of ways for parishioners to participate. You can volunteer to be part of a group that contributes food for receptions when you are able, or the committee is looking for one or two people to coordinate the set-up and clean-up of the receptions following monthly vespers. It does not take more than 15 minutes before and after the reception. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Susan Timoney at stimoney@att.net.

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.



“Lent is a time of truth. Christians, called by the Church to prayer, penance, fasting and self-sacrifice, place themselves before God and recognize themselves; they rediscover themselves.”
—Pope St. John Paul II, from his *Lenten Message*, 1981

Offertory

Week Ending February 18, 2024

Received	\$2,502.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$(1,344.00)

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.

CREDIT CARD payments 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.

Meet Our New Cantor



A native of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Mezzo Soprano Rosie Wright joins our music staff as a Cantor and Alto Section Leader with the St. Dominic Choir! She holds a *Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance* from George Mason University, and she currently works as a voice, piano, and guitar instructor at *Music & Arts* in Reston, VA.

Rosie has nourished a sincere love and devotion to many varieties of music for as long as she can remember. Subsequently, she enjoys the challenge of singing and playing many different types of music. An accomplished classical artist, Rosie won first place in the Friday Morning Music Club’s *Sue Goetz Ross Competition for Voice* in 2021. That same year she placed first at both the *Virginia State* and *Mid-Atlantic Regional NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) Competitions*. Having achieved these awards, Rosie advanced and competed in the semi-final round of the *NATS National Voice Competition*.

She is excited and honored to join St. Dominic’s music ministry to help give voice to musical praise in such a beautiful and sacred space.

Disposing of Blessed Palm Leaves

Anyone wishing to dispose of old, blessed palm leaves are welcome to bring them to the church and deposit them in the basket found on the table as you walk into the church through the mail vestibule.



Did you know we burn the palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday?

COVER IMAGE:

The Transfiguration of Christ
 By Carl Heinrich Bloch
 C. 1800s
 Frederiksborg Castle, Denmark



The Dominican Friars
at

St. Dominic Priory

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)

Mon-Fri: 7 a.m.

Sat: 8 a.m.

with Office of Readings

Sun: 7 a.m.

with Office of Readings

Vespers

(Evening Prayer)

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.)

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 14
(Through Lent.)

Entrance to the Chapel is at 630 E St. SW

Into the Desert

Lenten Prayer with the Dominican Friars

Compline
(Night Prayer)
6:45 p.m. Daily

Lenten Devotions
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
at 7:00 p.m.

Confession
Offered During
Lenten Devotions

Lenten Devotions
Wednesday,
Saturday, and
Sunday at
3:00 p.m.

Monday	Penitential Psalms and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	St. Catherine de Ricci Devotion to the Passion
Thursday	Penitential Psalms and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	St. Catherine de Ricci Devotion to the Passion and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	Stations of the Cross
Sunday	Proclamation of the Gospel and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Furniture Giveaway Preview

St. Dominic Priory has furniture available for **FREE!**

Parishioners wishing to view the furniture
may do so following the
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Masses
Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Join us in the parish meeting room
after any of the
three Masses to claim yours!

To the right are a few pictures of some
of the furniture available.



Monthly Church Cleaning



Volunteers needed to help with our monthly church cleaning on Saturday, March 9th 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.

Sant'Egidio First Friday, March 1st



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.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



We will be collecting your donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry this weekend.

Make sure your items are unopened and have not expired. Your donations will be shared with those in need in Southwest & Southeast. Place your items in front of the pulpit 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.

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.

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!



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.