

# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"Jesus' face shone like the sun."*

*~ Matthew 17:2*

*Sunday, March 5, 2023*

*2nd Sunday of Lent  
The Transfiguration  
of the Lord*

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## **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.  
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Pastoral Associate: Margaret Maxwell  
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Liturgical/Music Director: J.C. Cantrell

**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. - 12:15 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 March 6	Tuesday March 7	Wednesday March 8	Thursday March 9	Friday March 10	Saturday March 11	Sunday March 12
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Monthly Church Cleaning 9:30 a.m. Church	Donut Social After the 10:30 a.m. Mass Parish Mtg Room
Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)			Holy Hour & Lenten Series 7 p.m. Church	Stations of the Cross 5 p.m. Church	Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. Church	Pastoral Council Meeting 11:45 a.m. Parish Conference Room
						Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. Parish Mtg Room



Offertory – Week Ending February 26, 2023

Received	\$4,946
Budgeted	\$3,173
Deficit/Surplus	\$1,773

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Frank & Phyllis Chesley and Bogomila Mireva.

Sanctuary Candle



*For all those in need,  
whether spiritual or material:  
that the Lord may satisfy  
their every longing.*

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, March 5

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
- 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, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

- 8:00 a.m. † Nancy Drayton Bloom
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Wednesday, March 8

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Lu Drayton Scott

Thursday, March 9

- 8:00 a.m. Anita Raines & Family
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Friday, March 10

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Betty Schommer

Saturday, March 11

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance



The Lenten season is a sacred time for each of us to make an appraisal of our fidelity to the Lord and the way of life to which he calls us. The season calls for an examination of conscience in the light of God's truth, and our behavior in relation to God and our neighbor.

An often-overlooked teaching in Catholic life is that of the precepts of the Church. The Catechism provides us with this instruction (n. 2041-2043):

*The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor:*

*The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labour") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honouring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.*

*The second precept ("You shall confess your sins at least once a year") ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.*

*The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.*

*The fourth precept ("You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church") ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.*

*The fifth precept ("You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church") means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.*

I encourage everyone to review these precepts and your adherence to them. The Church as a Mother to each of us provides this teaching to help us on the way to salvation and eternal life. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is

readily available 7 days a week here at St. Dominic's. The schedule is in the bulletin or on the website. An appointment may also be made if necessary.

This past week, I received a report from the Archdiocese of Washington providing information on Sunday Mass attendance for all the parishes of the Archdiocese. Every year in October, attendance is recorded at all the weekend Masses each weekend of the month. An average attendance is calculated and submitted to the Archdiocese. For October 2022, the average weekly attendance here at St. Dominic's is 302. No distinction is made between parishioners and guests; everyone present counts.

To give some perspective and indication of a trend, the attendance in 2011 was 450; in 2014 it was 347; in 2017 it was 325; in 2020 it was 196 (pandemic impact); and now we are at 302. Clearly, we are a small parish that does everything possible to offer a robust parochial life with the limited financial means and facilities available. There is an encouraging sign that attendance is rebounding following the pandemic. Nevertheless, there is a need to invite more people to experience and participate in worship and the life of the parish. An invitation is something that everyone can do. And, the primary reason why people begin an engagement with Christ and his Church is because someone invited them and accompanied them. Use the words of Jesus, "Come and see," and commit to go with the person and help them to experience what you might take for granted. Together, we can bring greater revival, renewal, and growth to the parish.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

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

## The 2nd Sunday of Lent

### The Transfiguration of the Lord

Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them;

his face shone like the sun

and his clothes became white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

## Parish Holy Week Choir: Triduum & Easter Sunday

The celebration of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil), coupled with the Easter Sunday Mass are the most solemn and prayerful of the year. **We are welcoming all members of the parish to participate in the combined music ministry for these celebrations.**

- From Holy Thursday's proclamation of the Gloria until the Gloria is sung at the Easter Vigil, almost all music is sung without accompaniment (a'cappella).
- The Proclamation of the Passion at Good Friday is Chanted with Presider, soloists, and choir.
- The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations are the most important celebrations of the liturgical year.

Rehearsals are conducted Wednesday nights 7-9 p.m. (March 15, 22, 29, and April 5) in the church.

Please contact JC Cantrell for additional information.  
e-mail : (music@stdominicchurch.org)

## Eucharistic Adoration & Lenten Lessons



Preaching the Eucharist, as He Himself Presides Adoration, a short sermon, and plenty of time for silence with Jesus  
Confession available  
Thursdays of Lent, 7:00p-8:00p

Feb 23- <i>The Eucharist is Biblical</i>	Mar 16- <i>Humans Eating God?</i>
Mar 2- <i>How Bread Becomes God</i>	Mar 23- <i>Receiving Communion Better</i>
Mar 9- <i>Jesus' Sacrifice Re-Presented</i>	Mar 30- <i>The Eucharist's Goal</i>

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## 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.

## 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.

## Stations of the Cross

*Join Us!*  
**Stations  
of the Cross**



**Every Friday in Lent**  
at 5 p.m.

*Except Good Friday at 12:10 p.m.*

**St. Dominic Church**

*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.*