

**If a grain of wheat falls to  
the ground and dies, it  
produces much fruit.**

**John 12:24**



**St. Dominic Church**

**March 17, 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  
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Web address — [www.StDominicChurch.org](http://www.StDominicChurch.org)  
 E-mail — [Office@StDominicChurch.org](mailto: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, on the fifth Sunday of Lent, we enter Passiontide, the final two weeks of the Lenten season. The liturgy of the Church, especially the scriptural readings, directs our attention to the days and events leading up to and including the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. An expression of directing our attention to the events of our salvation is to shroud in purple the crucifix and images of the saints, but not the Stations of the Cross or stained-glass windows. Unfortunately, we cannot easily reach the main crucifix in the sanctuary. The purpose is to provide an inescapable visual reminder that these two weeks are the most spiritually intense, solemn, and mournful weeks of the liturgical year. This is the time for proximate preparation for Easter by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation and intensifying our penitential practices. The shrouds remain in place until after the Good Friday liturgy.

During this sacred time, we are reminded of the great treasure of liturgical music that belongs to the Church. Many chants and hymns have been composed throughout the centuries of Catholic worship, with some persons providing the lyrics and others providing the musical accompaniment. These have been prepared and used to support the prayer and devotion of the Church. The Vatican II document on the sacred liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) states that “sacred music is to be considered the more holy in proportion as it is more closely connected with the liturgical action, whether it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, or confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites”(112).

Here at St. Dominic’s, we continually strive for the noble and beautiful celebration of liturgical worship in song. Taking guidance from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), great importance is attached to “the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of peoples and abilities of each liturgical assembly”(40). Many of the texts of the Mass are intended to be sung, particularly the dialogues between the priest/deacon and the congregation; and the texts prayed by the priest and the people together. Quite simply, we are invited to *sing the Mass*, not just *sing at Mass*.

We already sing the Mass well here at St. Dominic’s, especially the dialogues. There is always a robust response from the congregation, such as “and with your spirit.”

Or the responses at the beginning and conclusion of the proclamation of the Gospel. And we also do well with the singing of the Gloria, the Sanctus, and the other acclamations for the ordinary of the Mass.

Yet, there is more – all for the glory of God and the enhancement of our worship of him. The GIRM states, “The main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy. Other kinds of sacred music, in particular polyphony, are in no way excluded, provided that they correspond to the spirit of the liturgical action and that they foster the participation of all the faithful”(41). To this end, we, as a parish, will be using the the *Missa de Angelis* throughout the Easter season. These are beautiful and noble settings of very familiar texts. The music is in the St. Michael Hymnal beginning at number 105.

Yes, they are in Latin, which is the universal language of the Church and already in use periodically here at St. Dominic’s. Repetition is the mother of learning, and with time, we will be able to sing these hymns confidently. All of us, being patient and encouraging, will discover a greater depth and richness to the liturgical celebrations of our parish. I am grateful to Denny Layendecker and to all our musicians and singers for their efforts to learn this music and support the learning and singing of the community.

Lastly, as we approach Palm Sunday (next Sunday), there is always the question of what to do with the blessed Palm branches received last year. The proper disposal for anything that is blessed is for it to be burned or buried. Never should it be thrown into the trash. There will be a basket at the main doors of the church to collect your old palm branches. We can burn them in the new fire at the Easter Vigil.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

George P. Schommer, O.P.  
Pastor

Monday March 18	Tuesday March 19	Wednesday March 20	Thursday March 21	Friday March 22	Saturday March 23	Sunday March 24
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>
					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>
Refer to the Dominican Friar Lenten Devotions Flier and Lauds & Vespers Flier on page 4 for daily Lenten activities.						

### Sanctuary Candle



*For the repose of the soul  
of Joseph Vanek  
by Margaret Vanek*

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:**

All of our beloved dead.

### This Week's Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 17**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
- 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 18**

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

**Tuesday, March 19**

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † William Kormos

**Wednesday, March 20**

- 8:00 a.m. Salvation of Souls
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

**Thursday, March 21**

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Suzanne Meccio

**Friday, March 22**

- 8:00 a.m. † Richard Coache
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

**Saturday, March 23**

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance



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

## St. Dominic's Church

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2024  
Annual Catholic  
Services Appeal



The Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of  
Washington

# UNITED IN PURPOSE

appeal.adw.org #adwappeal

The 2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is still going on! We're asking parishioners to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal. The theme this year is *United in Purpose* 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. Please complete a commitment form at Mass, or make your gift from home by visiting [give.adw.org](http://give.adw.org). Our goal is that every parish family will participate this year. Your gift will be credited toward our parish goal. Learn more about how the Annual Catholic Services Appeal benefit our parish and serves local people in need at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

## Monthly Offertory for February 2024

Received	\$12,150
Budgeted	<u>\$12,692</u>
Deficit/Surplus	<b>(\$542)</b>
Received via Faith Direct	\$20,616
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$15,125</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 5,491
Summary	
February Deficit/Surplus	\$ 4,949
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$11,544

## Offertory

### Week Ending March 10, 2024

Received	\$2,172.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	<b>(\$1,674.00)</b>

## 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 payments now accepted for ALL transactions.**

## 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?

## 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.



“God’s love can unleash its power only when it is allowed to change us from within. We have to let it break through the hard crust of our indifference, our spiritual weariness, our blind conformity to the spirit of this age.”

—Pope Benedict XVI  
From his book *God is Ever New*

## 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 will be donated or discarded at the end of March.**



# **St. Dominic Church**

## ***Holy Week & Sacred Paschal Triduum***

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### **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.**

### **THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - March 28**  
*Evening Mass - 7:30 p.m.*

**GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29**  
*Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m.*  
*Stations of the Cross - 12:10 p.m.*  
*Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.*

**HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30**  
*Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m.*  
*Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8:00 p.m. (2 1/2 hrs)*

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - MARCH 31**  
*Celebration of the Resurrection - 10:30 a.m. Mass*  
**ONLY**

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7**

**Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Devotion  
& Confessions - 3:00 p.m.**

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## Interested in Joining St. Dominic Parish?

We would love to welcome you into our parish! Visit [StDominicChurch.org](http://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.



## St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



We will be collecting your donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry the **weekend of March 30 & 31**.

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.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

## 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 the **weekend of April 6 & 7**.

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!

## St. Patrick Parish

### Christ in the City

Adoration and fellowship for young professionals. Holy Hour followed by social hour. Held the second Tuesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Contact: [comms@saintpatrickdc.org](mailto:comms@saintpatrickdc.org).

### Women's Evening of Recollection

Adoration and fellowship for women. Held the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Contact: [jill@liveyourtalk.com](mailto:jill@liveyourtalk.com).

### Cor Men's Hour

Cor Men's Hour is a monthly gathering for men in our archdiocese who are interested in joining the group every 2nd Saturday of the month for fellowship with fellow faithful men from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Coffee and breakfast available. Contact: [twfitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:twfitzgerald@gmail.com).

St. Patrick Catholic Church is located at 619 Tenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

*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.*