

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



"The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see."

~ John 9:7

Sunday, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

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 20	Tuesday March 21	Wednesday March 22	Thursday March 23	Friday March 24	Saturday March 25	Sunday March 26
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>	Monthly Church Cleaning 9:30 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 & Lenten Series 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Stations of the Cross 5 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. <i>Church</i>	Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
St. Joseph Solemn Chant Mass 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>					St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Collection. 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services	

Offertory — Weeks Ending March 5 & 12, 2023
(combined)

Received	\$8,162.00
Budgeted	\$6,346.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$1,816.00

Unexpected Boiler Repairs

Last week, unexpected and non-budgeted boiler repairs cost \$8,000. Thanks to the generous giving received in the parish, especially the generous response to the Giving Tuesday initiative last November, we are able to meet this expense. A warm church helps us welcome parishioners, visitors, and the homeless. Heat supports the mission. God bless all who financially support the parish.

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Frank & Phyllis Chesley and Bogomila Mireva.

Sanctuary Candle



*For the intentions of
Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.
By Doris Stukes*

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 19

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

Monday, March 20

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † William Kormos
- 7:00 p.m. † Pope Benedict XVI

Tuesday, March 21

- 8:00 a.m. In thanksgiving to St. Jude
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Wednesday, March 22

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Romilde (Nonna) Michetti

Thursday, March 23

- 8:00 a.m. † Rev. Peter R. Alliata
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Friday, March 24

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Rev. Peter R. Alliata

Saturday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance



Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, commonly referred to as *Laetare* Sunday. The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon at Mass, "Rejoice O Jerusalem". This is the middle Sunday of Lent and during this season of penance, some of the signs of the coming joy of Easter are already breaking through. The Gospel reading today – that recounts the encounter of the man born blind with Jesus – highlights for us the joy of a new life obtained through the mercy and power of Jesus. As the 'middle' Sunday of Lent it might also be a good time for us to reflect on how our Lenten practices have been helping us to focus more closely on the mystery of our salvation. The Psalmist prays that the Lord would restore to us the joy of our salvation; and our own encounter with Christ through prayer and the sacraments ought to make that joy a reality. Consider such an encounter through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament is available every day of the week; and the confessionals were built to be used. See the schedule elsewhere in this bulletin.

The feast of St. Joseph, which is scheduled on the liturgical calendar for March 19, is transferred this year to Monday, March 20 because the feast falls on a Sunday of Lent, which takes precedence. This feast holds the liturgical rank of solemnity to highlight St. Joseph as the husband of Mary and patron of the Universal Church. For the Dominicans here at St. Dominic's, St. Joseph is the patron of our Dominican province in the eastern United States.

Back in 2014, a new shrine to St. Joseph was built to the left of the sanctuary. (The church tabernacle used to be in this location until the current tabernacle was purchased and positioned in the center of the sanctuary.) The marble statue was a gift from the Dominican Friars at St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in New York City. The statue had been in a private hallway that did not allow for public veneration and devotion. The generosity of two families in the parish made possible the building of the shrine and the cleaning of the statue.

In honor of St. Joseph, the parish will celebrate a solemn chant Mass on Monday, March 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will be sung throughout with special music. St. Joseph has many titles, some of which are: support in difficulties, hope of the sick, patron of the afflicted, patron of the dying, and protector of Holy Church. All are encouraged to participate in this Mass and join in the festive reception that follows in the parish meeting room.

Prayer to St. Joseph

O glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore (*state your petition*).

O guardian of the Word Incarnate, we have confidence that thy prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Amen.

Another solemnity that comes this week is that of the Annunciation of the Lord on Saturday, March 25. This feast celebrates the Incarnation of Jesus who is conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary through her assent to God's will and the power of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded that for us and for our salvation, God came down from heaven. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, which we recall during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, we have the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with the Father, and the hope of eternal life. Mass that day will be at the usual Saturday Mass time of 9:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend. (By the way, it's 9 months until Christmas – the Birth of the Lord!)

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

St. Joseph Solemn Chant Mass



Joins us on Monday evening,
March 20 at 7 p.m.

Reception immediately following
the Mass in the Parish Meeting
Room.

All are welcome!

Parish Pastoral Council Summary Minutes

From the meeting held Sunday, March 12, 2023

All members were present. Following the opening prayer, the council welcomed Father Kevin Kraft, O.P. who resides with the Dominican community in the priory. Father Kevin proposed offering a series in the parish on married saints – husbands and wives who witnessed to the grace of the marriage sacrament in unique ways. The discussion affirmed that the series would best be offered on Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15 (in between the Masses). Each week would stand alone and not depend upon previous presentations. The series will be presented through the summer months. Advertising will begin soon in the parish and through other local outlets.

Adult faith formation will embrace the cenacle model already available in the parish on Zoom. Additional small groups would be located either at the church or in the home of host parishioners in geographical areas at some distance from the parish. Locations and times will depend on the availability of the host. Training will be provided to hosts. It was agreed that each cenacle group would follow the same resource at the same time so that there will be a unity of formation in the parish. A plan of topics will be developed. A periodic gathering and potluck will be an opportunity to bring the cenacle groups together for further fellowship and reflection on the learned material.

Faith formation for families with children will be further developed once there is a meeting with interested parents. We need to understand their particular needs and determine how best to meet those needs. The council recognizes that parents need formation in the Catholic faith and encouragement that they are the primary catechists within the family. Parents will know best how to present topics in an age-appropriate manner for each child. The Office of Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Washington is committed to help establish a program with resources and training.

Communication outlets continue to be reviewed to increase effectiveness. Some pages on the website need review and updating. The Facebook page needs more review and perhaps training for users to better utilize this medium. With the increase of parish activity and programming, additional pages will be needed for the bulletin. The office staff is currently working on a new design. It will be a work in progress.

The hospitality committee, chaired by Susan Timoney, has made an appeal for volunteers. Some have responded, more are needed. The committee will host receptions after the solemn chant Mass for the feast of St. Joseph, and after the upcoming solemn vespers when scheduled. The idea came forward for a parish cookout in June after the Corpus Christi procession.

The council members reviewed and discussed the parish October count report that was presented to the parish by the pastor. The report was detailed by each year starting in 2011 and provided the statistics for our neighboring parishes as well. Council members expressed that greater emphasis was needed to evangelize and invite people to the parish.

In the area of new business, there was discussion about an increased offertory appeal in September or October. Administrative support will be provided by the Archdiocese. The new partnership between the parish and the community of Sant' Egidio Community began on Friday, March 3. Three parishioners participated and made visits to homeless persons. Some parishioners had also provided needed clothing such as socks, gloves, and scarves. More promotion and invitation will be forthcoming to the parish.

Upcoming meeting dates were scheduled through the summer months and the meeting concluded with a closing prayer and blessing from the pastor.



"Realize it, my brethren; —every one who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; . . . God sees every one of us; He creates every soul, He lodges it in the body, one by one, for a purpose. He needs, He deigns to need, every one of us. He has an end for each of us; we are all equal in His sight, and we are placed in our different ranks and stations, not to get what we can out of them for ourselves, but to labor in them for Him. As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."

—St. John Henry Newman



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—APRIL 6

Evening Mass—7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 7

Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. in the Church

Stations of the Cross—12:10 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 8

Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. in the Church

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night—8:00 p.m. (2 ½ hrs)

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9

Celebration of the Resurrection—10:30 a.m. Mass ONLY.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 16

Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Devotion & Confessions—3 p.m.

Blessing of the Home During the Easter Season

Blessings have always been important to God’s people. A blessing dedicates the item blessed to God or asks God to mark a particular place with special favors. It signifies His protection over—or presence in—something.

The home is where we live our everyday, repetitive lives—the place where we live out our faith. Our faith is something we always have; we don’t just switch it on when we’re at church and then switch it off at work or at home. Home isn’t the place where we kick off our spiritual shoes and relax our soul a bit—it’s where most of our spiritual battles are fought, lost, and won.

The home is the domestic church, and it needs spiritual protection. A blessing of the home asks God to protect and sanctify it. We invite Him to be present in our home and in our daily lives, helping us win battles and resist temptations.

The Church offers a blessing of the home with the Easter water during the Easter season. Consider having your home blessed by Father George, the pastor at St. Dominic’s. Call or email the parish office soon to schedule a day and time in the Easter season. Visits will be coordinated as best as possible |

Parish Hospitality Committee

The parish council is forming a hospitality committee to support community building activities in the parish. If you like to plan events, create a welcoming environment, set a nice table, bake and or assist with serving food, we would welcome you to serve on this committee. If this is not the right time to join a committee but you love to bake and would be available to help at a specific event, we'd like to hear from you as well. We will be hosting a reception on March 20, following the Feast of St. Joseph Mass and need baked goods and snacks.

If you would like to learn more or become part of the committee, please contact Susan Timoney at stimoney@att.net

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.**

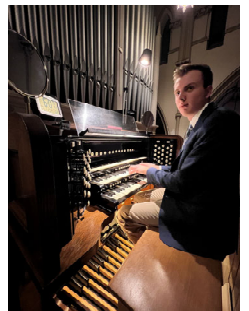
- From Holy Thursday’s proclamation of the Gloria until the Gloria is sung at the Easter Vigil, almost all music is sung without accompaniment (a cappella).
- The Proclamation of the Passion at Good Friday is chanted with Presider, soloists, and choir.
- The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations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

Rehearsals are conducted Wednesday nights 7-9 p.m. (March 22, 29, and April 5) in the church. Please contact JC Cantrell for additional information. e-mail : (music@stdominicchurch.org)

Nathan’s Organ Prelude & Postlude

Prelude: Mensch, beweine dein Sünde groß (O Man, bewail your sins so great) BWV 622 - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Postlude: Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, dass du für uns gestorben bist (We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for dying for us) BWV 623 - J. S. Bach



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. 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.