

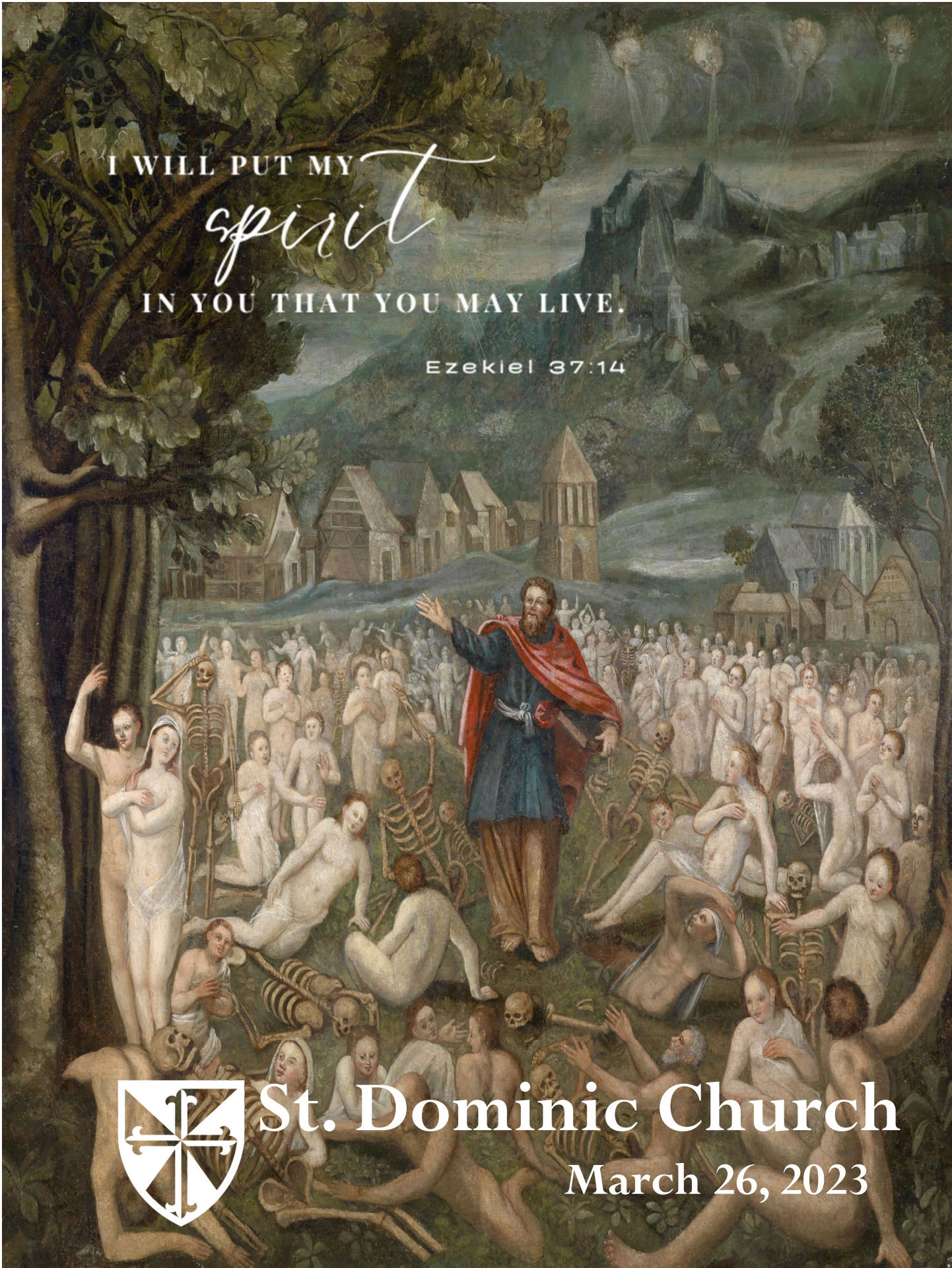
I WILL PUT MY  
*spirit*  
IN YOU THAT YOU MAY LIVE.

Ezekiel 37:14



St. Dominic Church

March 26, 2023





**Pastoral Staff**

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor  
 Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar  
 Brother Dominic Koester, O.P., Deacon

**Parish Staff**

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell  
 Business/Facilities Manager - Ed Von Hagel  
 Liturgical/Music Director - J.C. Cantrell

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Philip Clarke	Doris Stukes
Jules Hurst	Susan Timoney
Tim Lang	Carrie Traverso
Maggie Smith	

**Parish Finance Council**

Michael Grace	MJ Morrow
Jackie Griffin	Josef Neusser
Eileen Lyons	

**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. - 8:00 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**  
 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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 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 expanding our repertoire of congregational music for singing the Mass. Beginning with Easter Sunday, we will use the Gloria and the Sanctus from the *Missa de Angelis*. These are beautiful and noble settings of very familiar texts. Yes, they are in Latin, which is the universal language of the Church and already in use at some times here at St. Dominic’s. Repetition is the mother of learning, and with time, we will be able to sing these hymns confidently. Additionally, we will learn to sing the Creed according to the simple chant in the Missal. This profession of faith we will sing in English. 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 JC Cantrell 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.*

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

<b>Monday March 27</b>	<b>Tuesday March 28</b>	<b>Wednesday March 29</b>	<b>Thursday March 30</b>	<b>Friday March 31</b>	<b>Saturday April 1</b>	<b>Sunday April 2</b>
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 & Lenten Series 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Stations of the Cross 5 p.m. <i>Church</i>		Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic 11:45 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room &amp; Church</i>
						Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
					Capital Hill Pregnancy Center donations collected all weekend.	

**Sanctuary Candle**



*For the poor, the sick, the hungry,  
the unemployed, and those who suffer  
from want of love and affection:  
that God may shower his love  
and mercy upon them.*

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

**Let Us Pray For...**

**THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:**

Frank & Phyllis Chesley and Bogomila Mireva.

**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 26**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Thomas Egan, Jr.
- 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 27**

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

**Tuesday, March 28**

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

**Wednesday, March 29**

- 8:00 a.m. † Delores E. Lennon
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

**Thursday, March 30**

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

**Friday, March 31**

- 8:00 a.m. † Michael Kane
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

**Saturday, April 1**

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

## Holy Couples & Married Saints

Join us for a new, exciting series titled, “Married Saints and Holy Couples.” Led by Father Kevin Kraft, O.P., the series is designed to introduce participants to one of the best-kept secrets of the Catholic faith: modern-day married saints.

The series will begin on Sunday morning, April 16, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room and runs through Sunday, August 27 (with three one-week breaks through the summer).

Father Kevin will use a wide variety of resources including videodramas and documentaries, televised interviews, songs and personal testimonies. After several introductory sessions, the series will focus on one holy couple each week, drawn from the five continents, from very diverse spectrums of life, socio-economic conditions, cultures and personal situations. Each session, the group will be provided with a condensed hand-out that includes some key information on the couple studied that week. The group will share what has impacted them about the couple during the session.

If you are interested in joining us, no registration is required. Simply show up in the Parish Meeting Room just prior to 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 16. There is no expectation that one will attend all of the sessions; you may attend as few or as many sessions as you wish. Thus, family plans, work or vacation schedules do not disqualify you from attending other sessions when feasible.

Though the subject matter of this series is typically Catholic (i.e., the *saints*), members of other churches or non-denominational Christians are welcome to attend. You will find that these are not “plaster saints”, but real men and women, close to our times, who lived out a striking Christian testimony which can edify us all. This series is especially oriented to married or engaged couples, but can be inspirational for people of any personal situation: single, widowed, divorced, pastoral agents, atheists, missionaries, teachers and counselors.

If you would like more information, please contact Fr. Kevin Kraft, O.P. by email at [tkkraftop@gmail.com](mailto:tkkraftop@gmail.com) or by calling the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863.

We look forward to seeing you there!



St. Dominic  
Roman Catholic Church  
630 E Street, SW  
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

## Holy Couples & Married Saints

*A series of talks  
on modern-day  
married saints.*

Led by  
Fr. Kevin Kraft, O.P.

Sundays  
April 16 - August 27, 2023  
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
Parish Meeting Room



“Temptation to a certain sin, to any sin whatsoever, might last throughout our whole life, yet it can never make us displeasing to God’s Majesty provided we do not take pleasure in it and give consent to it. You must have great courage in the midst of temptation. Never think yourself overcome as long as they are displeasing to you, keeping clearly in mind the difference between feeling temptation and consenting to it.”

—St. Francis de Sales

**COVER IMAGE:**

Vision of Ezekiel, Anonymous (c.17th Century)



## Offertory

### Monthly Offertory for February

Received	\$13,919
Budgeted	\$12,692
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 1,227
Received via Faith Direct	\$15,399
Budgeted via Faith Direct	\$13,750
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 1,649
<b>Summary</b>	
February Deficit/Surplus	\$ 2,876
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$19,039

## Offertory

### Week Ending March 19, 2023

Received	\$3,508.00
Budgeted	\$3,173.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 335.00

## 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 are seeking the donation of baked goods and snacks for these receptions following solemn vespers:

- Sunday, April 23 @ 7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 21 @ 7 p.m.
- Sunday, June 25 @ 7 p.m.

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

## St. Dominic Cenacle

This Monday evening, St. Dominic's Cenacle will be discussing the videos that accompany the book, **"I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa."**



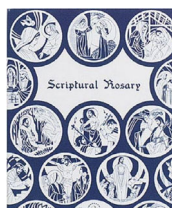
In these, Dr. Akers and Fr. Moloney will dive into Mother Teresa's spirituality, her teaching on prayer, the life of faith, and much more.

Please join by Zoom, using the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84105587170>

The meeting ID: 841 0558 7170

Or by phone +13017158592,, 841 0558 7170 #

## Scriptural Rosary



Can we interest you in joining our group to pray for your intentions? We are a small group, but would like to grow. We meet after the 9 a.m. Mass every Saturday at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary to say the Scriptural Rosary.

Each week, a different member leads the group and we pray for their petition and national or world intercession. No rosary necessary. We will provide you with a Scriptural Rosary booklet to use.

If you would like to learn more, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or send an email to [Office@StDominicChurch.org](mailto:Office@StDominicChurch.org). You are also welcome to stay after Mass one Saturday and check us out.

## Nathan's Organ Prelude & Postlude

Prelude: Mensch, bewein 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





## 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.

## Church Cleaning & Easter Decorating

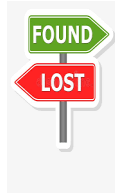


Volunteers needed to help with our monthly church cleaning as well as Easter decorating on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. No experience required. New volunteers are always welcome.

If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at [Office@StDominicChurch.org](mailto:Office@StDominicChurch.org).

## 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](mailto:office@stdominicchurch.org). Items are donated or discarded quarterly.



## 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.

## 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 to the parish office. You'll also find the paper copies of the registration form in the church and in the Parish Office.



## Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena

This weekend, we join the Dominican friars and hundreds of people associated with them to pray the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena for the third of nine months. Prayer cards can be found in the church literature racks and at the entrances of the church.



*God our Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are adopted as your beloved sons and daughters.*

*At Pentecost you poured out the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles while they were at prayer.*

*Pour out that same Holy Spirit upon us as we meditate upon the mysteries of Christ contained in the Most Holy Rosary.*

*Enlighten our faith, strengthen our hope, and set us ablaze with love for you and our neighbor.*

*Graciously grant us St. Dominic's own zeal for the salvation of souls.*

*Bless the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage.*

*May it lead many souls to Jesus through Mary, so that we may know you and your saving power now and for all eternity.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!  
St. Dominic, pray for us!*

## Archdiocese of Washington's Website

The archdiocesan website, [adw.org](http://adw.org) and [adw.org/es](http://adw.org/es) (Spanish) is updated regularly with current information. Daily news and information about archdiocesan parishes, schools and ministries are also available at [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org) for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.



*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.*