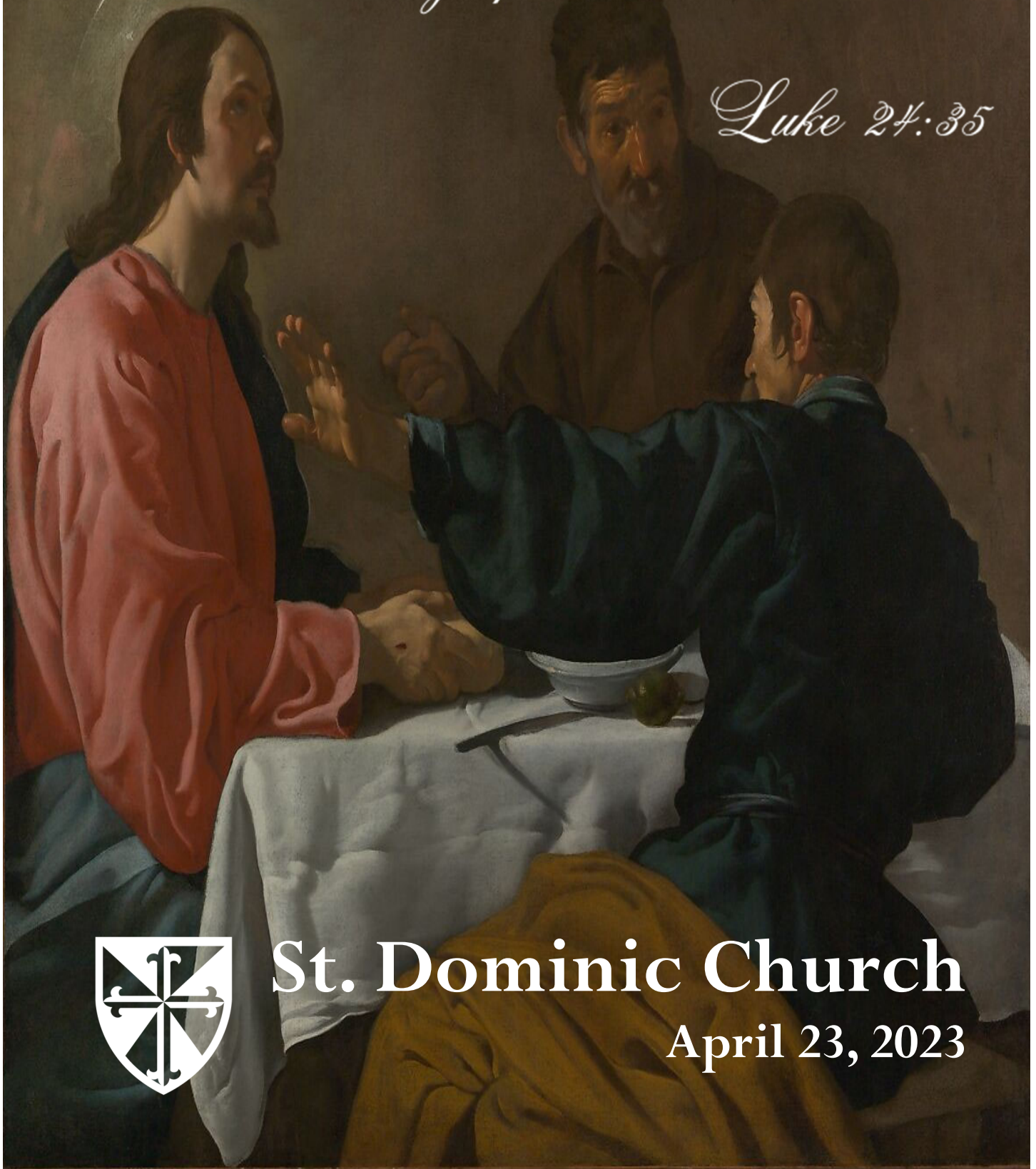


*He was made know to them
in the breaking of the bread.*

Luke 24:35



St. Dominic Church

April 23, 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. - 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.



The Gospel reading for this Third Sunday of Easter recalls for us the personal encounter of two disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Their downcast hearts were uplifted as Jesus explained the Scriptures to them; and they came to recognize him in the breaking of the bread. In these two sentences, I hope you recognize the structure of the Mass – the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist.

We often come to Mass with downcast hearts, overwhelmed by events and circumstances in the world and in our lives. We find ourselves disappointed as hopes are not realized and the burden of hardship increases. Into these realities the Lord speaks his word. He teaches, consoles, and strengthens. He reminds us of essential truths of who God is and how he continually cares for us. For sustenance, God feeds our souls with the bread from heaven, the living Body and Blood of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. These are his gifts meant to restore our hope and to fill us with joy.

The graces of the Easter season rejuvenate our faith in the living Lord Jesus who promised to be with us always. He will never abandon us or forsake us. May our participation in the Mass regularly help us to find formation in truth and strength for the journey toward our heavenly homeland.

Many have noticed and commented on the restoration project underway in the rear of the church. Behind the plain plaster façade of the organ loft is the original decorative woodwork of arches and moldings in different shapes and sizes. This woodwork was once painted in a variety of colors and reveals the former beauty of the church. The plan is to remove the entire plaster façade, the plaster framing around the two columns, repair whatever damage is revealed, and restore the woodwork in a manner that respects the architectural design and features of the church. The process will take some time because study and planning are needed to complete the project properly. Someone asked why this woodwork was covered over. While I do not have an authoritative answer, my speculation is that it was done in the early 1960s when the overall interior of the church was changed with an intention of simplification. Since Easter 2012, when the current tabernacle was placed in the center of the sanctuary, the parish has been working to overcome the simplification and restore and enhance the beauty of the church.

Last week, the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced another increase in first class postage to 66 cents beginning July 9. Such an increase prompts another appeal to those parishioners still using offertory envelopes to switch their method of giving to electronic giving through Faith Direct or Venmo. Offertory envelopes are printed and mailed bi-monthly through a printing company. The parish pays for the setup, printing, and postage, all of which are continually increasing in cost. These costs can be reduced through electronic giving, which also reduces internal risk involved in counting the collection and the time/effort to enter donations into the database. These possible efficiencies make the parish a better steward of the resources generously given. Thank you for your consideration.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

Update — Matching Gift Opportunity



As you may have read previously, the rededication of the Roosevelt Organ will be on Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m. To support the event with a concert organist, advertising, and hospitality, a \$7,500 pledge has been made as a 1-for-1 matching gift. Donors are needed to receive the monies of this pledge. As of today, the total received is \$3,700.

Please consider a gift for this purpose, payable to St. Dominic Church with the note for “Organ.”

COVER IMAGE:

The Supper at Emmaus
by Diego Rodriguez de Silver y Velazquez
Circa 1622-23
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Monday April 24	Tuesday April 25	Wednesday April 26	Thursday April 27	Friday April 28	Saturday April 29	Sunday April 30
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>	Holy Couples & Married Saints 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
Cenacle 7 p.m. <i>(via Zoom)</i>	Parish Finance Council Meeting 7 p.m. <i>Parish Conference Room</i>	Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>			Donut Social And Meet & Greet of Pastoral Council Members After the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
					St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Collection all weekend.	

Sanctuary Candle



*For the intentions of
Angel and Milagros Paraoan
& Family*

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 RECENTLY MARRIED:

William Beuerlein to Mara Cassidy.

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Frank & Phyllis Chesley, Bogomila Mireva, 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, April 23

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Van Johnson
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24

- 8:00 a.m. † Br. George Zehnie
- 12:10 p.m. † Rev. Robert T. Guillen

Tuesday, April 25

- 8:00 a.m. † Thomas Bussey
- 12:10 p.m. † David Morrow

Wednesday, April 26

- 8:00 a.m. † Rev. Robert T. Guillen
- 12:10 p.m. † Harold Engrassia

Thursday, April 27

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. † Rev. Robert T. Guillen

Friday, April 28

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

- 9:00 a.m. Jennifer Lee Kormos

You're Invited
Solemn Vespers
 for the 3rd Sunday
 of Easter
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023
7:00 P.M.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
Reception following in the Parish Hall

501 6th Street, SW
 L'Enfant Plaza Metro

TONIGHT @ 7 p.m.



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

SUNDAYS @ 9:15 a.m.
(unless otherwise posted)
Parish Meeting Room

St. Dominic Cenacle



In this Augustine Institute series Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the

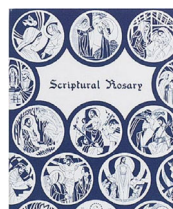
miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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 # US

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. Join us one Saturday and check us out.

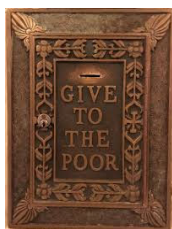
Offertory

Week Ending April 16, 2023

Received	\$5,303.00
Budgeted	\$3,173.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$2,130.00

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, 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, etc.



Mass Intentions Availability



Plenty of dates through 2023 are available now! Or, if the date of your Mass intention isn't important, nor does it need to be mentioned during the Mass or in the bulletin, "unannounced" Masses are also available. "Unannounced" Masses are said by the Friars in their chapel and in the other small chapels within the Priory and are said within one year of the intention request.

Contact the Parish Office, at (202) 554-7863 or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org.



"When an evil thought is presented to the mind, we must immediately endeavor to turn our thoughts to God, or to something which is indifferent. But the first rule is, instantly to invoke the

names of Jesus and Mary and to continue to invoke them until the temptation ceases. He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things."

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

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.

Faith Direct

We are so grateful for those who continue to generously support the parish through Faith Direct. For those using weekly envelopes, we hope you consider giving by Faith Direct by visiting <https://membership.faithdirect.net/DC117> and signing up.



Or, try scanning the Venmo QR code found on the back of each pew in the church.

Parishioner House Blessings

The Church offers a blessing of the home with the Easter water during the Easter season. Consider having your home blessed by Fr. 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.

Church History



The feast day of St. Catherine of Siena (1347-80) is April 29th. The unschooled daughter of a wealthy merchant, St. Catherine of Siena left writings that theologians still ponder and for which she was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church. The 1st double window on the north side of the church depicts her receiving the stigmata.

- Courtesy of Mary Moran.

Nathan's Organ Prelude & Postlude



Prelude: "Prélude" from Prélude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain - Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Postlude: Quatre Pèlerinages en Lorraine, Op. 30: I. Cathédrale de Metz - Rachel Laurin (b. 1961)

Nathan Ringkamp's Organ Recital

Nathan Ringkamp, pictured above, has been our organist here at St. Dominic Church since the spring of 2021 and is an undergraduate student at The Catholic University of America (CUA) finishing up his B.M.—Organ Performance.

Nathan, a senior at CUA, under the tutelage of former St. Dominic organist and current parishioner, Benjamin LaPrairie, will perform a 60-75 minute recital at St. Matthew the Apostle Cathedral **THIS** Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. This recital is free of charge and all are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

We will be collecting your donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry **NEXT** weekend (April 29th & 30th).

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.



Mingle with Parish Council Members

Your chance to mingle with the Parish Council Members will be next Sunday, April 30, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the parish meeting room.

Fr. George will give a report on the state of the parish and a few council members will give updates on several initiatives.

Council Members are: Philip Clarke, Jay Hurst, Tim Lang, Maggie Smith, Doris Stukes, Susan Timoney and Carrie Traverso.

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

Join the St. Dominic Chapter for a Fraternity Meeting

Sunday, April 4, 2023
11:45 a.m. — 2:45 p.m.



Program

12 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Midday Prayer, the Dominican Rosary and Benediction in the Church

12:45 p.m.

Lunch in the Parish Meeting Room

1:30 p.m.

"Fra Angelico & Sister Julia Rodzinski"

Presented by

Ree Messer

in the Parish Meeting Room

All are welcome to attend!

Please RSVP to Pia Pell @ (571) 268-6960

Know Before You Go

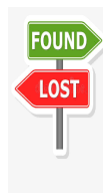
Due to the Dominican Priestly Ordination of our Dominican Brothers at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 20, 2023, there will be **NO** 9 a.m. Mass here at St. Dominic. This will allow our priests to attend the ordination.

Confessions and the Vigil Mass will take place as scheduled in the late afternoon.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, a Mass of Thanksgiving, will be celebrated by Brother/Deacon Dominic Koester, O.P. who will be ordained to the priesthood the day before.

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.

The Garden Angels

St. Dominic's Garden Angels work their magic on the Church grounds on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Anyone is welcome to join them, whether it be regularly or occasionally, from 9 a.m. to 10:30/11:00 a.m.



No skill required, just the desire to work in the gardens to beautify our grounds. We do have our own tools, but if you have garden tools that you prefer to work with, feel free to bring them. All we ask is that you bring your own gardening gloves.

The group meets in the parking lot at 9 a.m..

If you have any questions, please call or email the parish office.

The development of adult faith formation cenacles continues. The council reviewed the names of parishioners who could be hosts and facilitators in different "regions" of the parish. Father George will contact these prospective parishioners and see if a core group of leaders can be formed. Facilitator training will then be provided.

A family faith program to provide for children and parents has not garnered much response. Only one family has expressed interest. The pastor and council members will continue to inquire of families directly when they see them. Developing this program is seen as important for the future growth and vitality of the parish.

Various means of communication were reviewed. The website needs further updates, especially pictures because they are outdated. Use of Facebook needs more attention. The printed bulletin is seen as an important tool of communication. A few parishioners have expressed their appreciation for the improved look and increased content of the bulletin. Distributing the bulletin via Flocknote is a standard method of distribution. Council members offered suggestions to increase registrants for Flocknote and the reception of the bulletin.

The hospitality committee has a small core group of members. More members are needed. Upcoming events such as Solemn Vespers and Brother Dominic Koester's Mass of Thanksgiving after ordination were reviewed. Volunteers are also needed to provide baked goods on occasion.

The pastoral council will host a "Meet & Greet" event on Sunday, April 30 following the 10:30 Mass in the parish meeting room. The pastor will give a brief report on the state of the parish. Other council members will introduce themselves and give updates on major initiatives happening within the parish..

The parish received a \$3,000 grant from the Archdiocese for the purpose of evangelization efforts. Monies will be used to provide training through the St. Paul Street Evangelization ministry. Interested volunteers are needed to help form the initial team that will work within the Southwest community.

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.

Parish Council Summary Minutes

The parish pastoral council met last week on Sunday, April 16. All members of the council were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously, and it was noted that the new series on Married Saints began earlier in the day with 16 participants. Council members were pleased with this response and hope that more people will consider attending on future Sundays.

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.