



*Who ever remains in me and
I in him will bear much fruit.*

John 15:5



St. Dominic Church

April 28, 2023

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shippis, 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

Liturgy of the Hours—Priory Chapel NEW!

Lauds — Mon-Fri: 7:00 a.m. Sat: 8:00 a.m.
 Sun: 7:00 a.m.

Vespers — Mon-Fri: 5:30 p.m. (w/ Office of Readings)
 Sat-Sun: 5:30 p.m. (Rosary precedes Vespers
 each day at 5:10 p.m.)

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
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 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**

Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass,
 in the parish meeting room.



Over the last academic year, Maggie Friedmann a student at The Catholic University of America, has worked in the parish as a pastoral ministry intern. She has contributed over 100 hours of service while learning and developing her gifts and skills for ministry within the Catholic Church. This weekend concludes her time with us as she approaches graduation and moves to the University of Notre Dame to begin a master's program. Building upon her education at CUA and her experience here at St. Dominic's, Maggie has been accepted into the Echo Program at Notre Dame. "Echo is a two-year graduate service program that offers participants the opportunity to earn an M.A. in theology from the University of Notre Dame's Department of Theology, to serve the Church as a parish catechetical leader or as a theology teacher in a Catholic school, and to live in an Intentional faith community while engaging in integrative formation." Maggie informs me that she will be teaching in a Catholic school. On behalf of the parish, I thank Maggie for her enthusiastic service in the OCIA and initiating an annual Advent wreath making event. Her contributions to our parish life will remain. I ask God to bless her abundantly and say "good-bye" with the support of our parish prayers.

Below is Maggie's message to the parish:

"I want to thank each and every member of the St. Dominic Parish community for welcoming me and allowing me to spend this past academic year with all of you. Through working with OCIA and planning the Advent Wreath Making event, as well as attending Mass and Parish Council, I've been able to see what a vibrant community is here and how God is working in this little corner of Washington, DC.

Though I am sad to leave, I know that God has more adventures in store for me. I will be graduating from The Catholic University of America this May with my BA in Theology and Religious Studies, and from there will attend Notre Dame as a part of the Echo Program where I will earn my MA in Theology, as well as spend two years in service to the Church through being a Theology Teacher. It has been a wonderful experience to be here with all of you, and I will keep you in my prayers!"

The parish Finance Council gathered for its quarterly meeting last Tuesday, April 23. All but one of the members were present. After the opening prayer of the

meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

The council reviewed the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Activities for the period ending March 31, 2024, with the assistance of Duane Ford, the accountant for the parish. With much gratitude to the generosity of parishioners and guests, the parish is operating within its means, with income meeting the needs of ordinary expenses. Parishioners continue to generously support the Poor Box and monies are disbursed quarterly so that needs can be met. Hosting weddings in the parish has been a source of income that supports the operating budget.

The investment fund has been performing well in line with stock market performance. The parish also has Certificates of Deposit at local banks to protect asset value and earn a reasonable interest rate between 4.5-5%.

The capital improvement projects are proceeding slowly. Replacement of doors has stalled because of difficulty finding a contractor to complete the work. The replacement of the organ console and the completion of the organ restoration project is proceeding slowly because of delays with subcontractors hired by the organ builder. The base of the 2 organ loft columns has been finished off, covering the gaps between the flooring and the columns. The top of the columns still need a master craftsman to provide a detailed product that fits properly.

The stenciling of the 37 organ pipes on the façade of the organ is proceeding slowly. We have 20 commitments of sponsorship. Requests for proposals are being made to have different bids to consider. The design has not been finalized. The work will probably take one year to complete.

The council had a preliminary discussion regarding the budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. Suggestions were made to refine the budget given the experience of the current fiscal year and what is being considered for the future.

Lastly, the council scheduled dates for its quarterly meetings through July 2025. The next meeting is July 9, 2024. Father George concluded the meeting with a prayer and a blessing.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

Monday April 29	Tuesday April 30	Wednesday May 1	Thursday May 2	Friday May 3	Saturday May 4	Sunday May 5
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>	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>
		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>			
					Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center Baby Item Collection all weekend.	

Sanctuary Candle



Mr. Richard Hood, may he rest in peace.

From Gloria Taliaferro & Family

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:

Dr. Tseghai Berhe, 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, April 28

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † James Russell
- 8:00 a.m. The Shields Family
- 10:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, April 29

- 8:00 a.m. Jennifer Lee Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak

Tuesday, April 30

- 8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Order of Malta
- 12:10 p.m. † Guillermo Amaya

Wednesday, May 1

- 8:00 a.m. † The Holy Souls
- 12:10 p.m. Salvation of Souls

Thursday, May 2

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention of the Donor
- 12:10 p.m. For my son to return to God and the Church

Friday, May 3

- 8:00 a.m. † Thomas N. Tschirn
- 12:10 p.m. † Thomas F. Halwick & Taylor Halbleib

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena (1/9)



You're Invited

*Solemn
Vespers*

The Ascension
of the Lord

Sunday
May 12, 2024
7:00 p.m.

St. Dominic
Church

*Reception to follow
in the Parish Hall*

501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

SAVE
THE DATES

Sunday, May 12 - Solemn Vespers -
7 p.m. in the Church with Reception following.

Saturday, May 18 - Blessing of the Fleet at the Wharf
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Fr. George to give the blessing.

Saturday, May 25 - Ordination of Dominicans to
the Priesthood - Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception.
9:30 a.m.

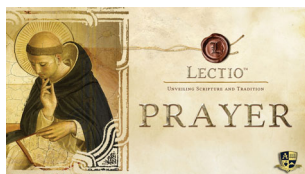
Sunday, June 2 - Mass with Corpus Christi Procession
10:30 a.m.
Parish Picnic on the North Lawn following the
procession.

Friday, June 7 - Devotions in Honor of the Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Church.
7 p.m.

Saturday, June 8 - Archdiocese Eucharistic Congress
Mass & Procession - Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception.
Beginning at 8 a.m.

St. Dominic Catholic Church

Lectio: Prayer



Join the Saturday morning Cenacle study group for a new series of episodes that will help enhance your spiritual life through prayer. This series is designed to help you increase your intimacy with God. Videos, reading materials, and discussion will help you develop a closer and more effective conversation with God.

The first episode is on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 am in the Parish Meeting Room.

All are welcome!

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.—meet in the parking lot.



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.

If you have any questions, please call or email the Parish Office.

Offertory

Week Ending April 21, 2024

Received	\$2,554
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,292)

Electronic Giving Options



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.

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.

100 Years of Worship at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



On the weekend of May 4 and 5, 2024, our parish will participate in a collection to commemorate the centennial celebration of the First Mass being celebrated inside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. For generations, America’s Catholic Church has served as the heart of spiritual comfort in our Nation’s Capital for local, visitors, and pilgrims. This National Shrine was built by and for the faithful of our country, in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Since 1924 more than 800,000 Masses and more than 7,000 Ordinations to the Priesthood have been celebrated in the National Shrine. Please help to preserve Mary’s Shrine for generations to come and honor our Blessed Mother through your generous gift to her shrine. We will have special envelopes available, or you can visit adw.org/Shrine100 to make a contribution.



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. 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.

St. Catherine of Sienna — Saint of the Day for April 29



The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

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 fourth of nine months. The prayer can be found here or 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.*

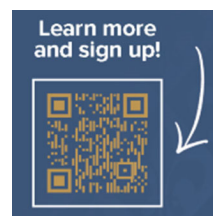
*Graciously grant us St. Dominic's own zeal
for the salvation of souls.*

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!*



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.



Sant'Egidio First Friday, May 3rd



On the First Friday of each month, join St. Dominic Parish and the Community of Sant'Egidio to bring food and conversation to our friends living on the streets.

If you can say "hello" and hand someone a sandwich, you'll do great at this ministry—please join us!

When: First Friday of Every Month | Gather between 6:00-6:30 pm | Distribute food between 6:30-8:00 pm

Where: Meet at St. Stephen Martyr Church | 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037

For more info, contact Tim Lang at timlang700@gmail.com or 781-724-0794.

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.

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.

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.

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

Archdiocese of Washington's Website

The archdiocesan website, adw.org and 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 and elpreg.org for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

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.