

*I am in my Father and You in Me
and I in You.*

John 14:20



St. Dominic Church

May 14, 2023

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
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 Liturgical/Music Director - J.C. Cantrell

Parish Pastoral Council

Philip Clarke	Doris Stukes
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Parish Finance Council

Thomas Bolger	MJ Morrow
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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
 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.



Today is Mother's Day – and I extend to all mothers a prayer for an abundance of God's blessings upon you as you are honored and remembered today. I pray for all mothers who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage or an untimely death. May the

Lord bring you consolation and peace.

In recent weeks, concerns and questions have been raised by some members of the parish regarding the use of the Latin language at our parish Masses. A couple of people spoke with me directly, others have spoken to JC Cantrell, the Director of Music, or to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. I am grateful for these concerns and questions because they demonstrate a desire to pray and participate in the Sacred Liturgy. They are also opportunities for learning and growth in our prayer personally, and as a parish community in communion with the universal Church.

I offered some introductory teaching regarding music in the liturgy in a bulletin article on March 26, 2023. That bulletin is available on the parish website. Documents from the Second Vatican Council and subsequent documents are also available on the Vatican website: www.vatican.va. The two pertinent documents here are The Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) and the Instruction on Music in the Liturgy (*Musicam Sacram*). I encourage everyone to be familiar with these documents and all the documents from the Council.

Obviously, I cannot quote large passages from these documents in a small bulletin article. But here are some helpful points. Firstly, "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy.... The purpose of sacred music is the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful" (SC 112).

Secondly, contrary to some popularly held opinions, the Second Vatican Council did not "do away" or "ban" the use of Latin in the liturgy. In SC 36, the document states, "the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites." Latin is the language of the Roman Catholic Church. This statement does not mean that the entire Mass will be celebrated in Latin here at St. Dominic's. The Church offers wisdom, balance, and guidance. Again, in SC 54, "In Masses which are celebrated with the people, a suitable place may be

allotted to their mother tongue. This is to apply in the first place to the readings and 'the common prayer,' ... nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them." The Ordinary of the Mass are those hymns, acclamations, and prayers which are the same in the liturgy, such as the *Gloria*, the *Alleluia*, the *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy), the Memorial Acclamation, and the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God).

Thirdly, I ask you to consider this instruction given to me as your pastor found in *Musicam Sacram*: "Pastors of souls, having taken into consideration pastoral usefulness and the character of their own language, should see whether parts of the heritage of sacred music, written in previous centuries for Latin texts, could also be conveniently used, not only in liturgical celebrations in Latin but also in those performed in the vernacular. There is nothing to prevent different parts in one and the same celebration being sung in different languages"(51). The use of different languages in the liturgy is customary here at St. Dominic's. The *Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy), which we sing almost every week, is Greek. (Did you know that?). The *Sanctus*, Memorial Acclamation, and *Agnus Dei* in Latin has been part of our community repertoire for many years. New to our community in this Easter season is the singing of the *Gloria* in Latin with the melody of the *Missa de Angelis*. The text and musical notation is provided in the music books to facilitate learning. And repetition is the mother of learning. The *Sanctus* of the *Missa de Angelis* is a new melody for the same words that we have been singing for years.

Lastly, a long-standing practice here at St. Dominic's is to use musical settings of the Ordinary of the Mass in seasonal blocks, while occasionally changing the setting for a special feast. Different musical settings can highlight the nature of different seasons or feasts. This practice will continue. The *Missa de Angelis* with the Latin *Gloria* is scheduled for the Easter season this year. The purpose is to help our community grow in its expression of worship according to the mind of the Church and the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. Learning new music takes time and patience. A disposition of humility and a willingness to grow goes a long way to making the process easier and effective. Remember, the guiding principal is the glory of God and the sanctification of each soul.

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Monday May 15	Tuesday May 16	Wednesday May 17	Thursday May 18	Friday May 19	Saturday May 20	Sunday May 21
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>	NO 9 a.m. MASS	NO Holy Couples & Married Saints discussions today or next Sunday, May 28. Series resumes on Sunday, June 4
Cenacle 7 p.m. <i>(via Zoom)</i>		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>		Priestly Ordination 9:30 a.m. <i>Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception</i>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
					Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. <i>Church</i>	
					NO 9 a.m. Mass this day.	

Sanctuary Candle



For all mothers: that through the intercession of the Mother of God, the Lord will bless them and reward them for their sacrifices and love.

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; 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, May 14

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) David Quiros & His Family
- 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena 9/9
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, May 15

- 8:00 a.m. David Quiros & His Family
- 12:10 p.m. David Quiros & His Family

Tuesday, May 16

- 8:00 a.m. Maria Eugenia Lane
- 12:10 p.m. † Maurice Valdeperas

Wednesday, May 17

- 8:00 a.m. † Jack Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. † Sonia Kessler

Thursday, May 18

- 8:00 a.m. † Margaret Feeney
- 12:10 p.m. † Joyce Anne Browne

Friday, May 19

- 8:00 a.m. † Dorothy Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. † Dr. Ramin Oskoui

Saturday, May 20

- 9:00 a.m. † Kenneth Gartlir

From the Pastor's Desk

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The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for the 9 Dominican deacons who live here at St. Dominic Priory will be celebrated on Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome. There will be no Saturday morning Mass that day here at St. Dominic's so that all the priests may attend the ordination Mass. Brother Dominic Koester, who has been deacon in our parish this past year, will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

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
(Wash., DC)



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

**NOTICE:
SERIES ON A
TWO-WEEK HIATUS.**

**NO SESSIONS
SUNDAY, MAY 21 & 28.**

**SERIES RESUMES ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 4.**



You're Invited

*Solemn
Vespers*

**The Ascension
of the Lord**

**Sunday
May 21, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

**St. Dominic
Church**

*Reception to follow
in the Parish Hall*

**501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro**

Offertory

Week Ending May 7, 2023

Received	\$3,647.00
Budgeted	\$3,173.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 474.00

Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



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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.

Matching Gift Opportunity



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. Please consider a gift for this purpose, payable to St. Dominic Church with the note for "Organ." As of May 4, the total amount raised is \$4,725.

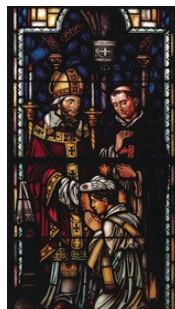
Corpus Christi Procession & Parish Picnic

The hospitality committee is looking for volunteers to help in a couple of different ways for our Corpus Christi procession and parish picnic on Sunday, June 11. If you can bring a side dish for the picnic table, such as salads, fruit, desserts, all are welcomed, or if you can help with set-up following the 8:00 a.m. Mass or clean-up following the picnic, we would love to hear from you. Please Email Susan Timoney, stimoney@att.net.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Saturday, May 20** **NO 9 a.m. Mass**
- Saturday, May 20** Dominican Priestly Ordination 9:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Sunday, May 21** Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. by Fr. Dominic Koester, O.P. - reception following
Solemn Vespers @ 7 p.m. (see flier on page 4)
- Sunday, June 11** Corpus Christi Procession & Parish Picnic
- Sunday, June 16** Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chant Mass (no reception follows)
- Friday, October 27** Roosevelt Organ Rededication Concert & Reception

Church History



The second double window on the north side of the church includes an illustration of St. Dominic's ordination in 1194. He was ordained in Osma, Spain. The laying on of hands is a sign of consecration, blessing, and welcome to the ministry.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

Pastoral Council Summary Minutes

The parish pastoral council met on Sunday, May 7. Following an opening prayer to the Holy Spirit, the meetings from April 16, 2023 were reviewed and approved as provided. The council took some time to debrief the Meet & Greet event on April 30. The consensus was that the meeting was welcomed by those in attendance and that future gatherings would be helpful to the vitality of the parish. Perhaps every 6 months. An October date will be determined. The council considered comments put forward by attendees at the gathering such as liturgical prayer timing, having a parish-wide survey, and building a school. The council acknowledged that there needs to be opportunities for prayer, study, and fellowship that serves the range of demographics within the parish. Not everyone can be accommodated and made happy every time. The members learned that there was a survey 2 years ago. The data will be provided to the council, which determined that there is not a need for another survey at this time. The idea of building a school was determined unfeasible because of land and financial constraints.

Faith formation for adults and families with children was reviewed. The development of “regional” cenacles is ongoing. Only one family has indicated interest in faith formation for children provided by the parish. Nevertheless, the parish will need to be prepared to meet the needs of those children preparing for sacraments, such as first confession, first Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

The council took up the practical matters pertaining to the upcoming Solemn Vespers through the summer months, the Mass of Thanksgiving and reception for Father Dominic Koester on May 21, the Corpus Christi procession and parish picnic on June 11, and the patronal feast day Mass on August 8.

The new business included a consideration of an invitation to partner with local churches to provide backpacks with school supplies for local children. Father George will follow-up with the local pastor. It was recommended that the parish have a time of blessing for backpacks at a Sunday Mass before the start of school. A date will be determined. Also recommended is to have a Ministry Fair where parishioners can learn areas of participation in the life of the parish. September seems to be a good time for this event. Members related comments regarding the use of the Latin language for some of the music at Mass. Father George responded that he would address the comments in an upcoming bulletin article.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with a prayer. The next meeting is on June 4.

Finance Council Summary Minutes

The Parish Finance Council met for its quarterly meeting on April 25. Following the opening prayer, Father George introduced new members Thomas Bolger and Carol who will serve for a 3-year term. Father thanked council member Jackie Griffin for her 6 years of service as she rotates off the council in accordance with the Finance Council Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Washington. The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

The review of the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Activities for the first 9 months of the fiscal year indicates that the parish is in a good financial position regarding operating revenue and expenses. Of note is the generosity of the parishioners who have maintained or increased giving even in the current economic difficulties. Members highlighted the generosity of the Giving Tuesday campaign last November and noted that the Christmas collection was lower than budget, most likely because the feast occurred on a Sunday. The parish investment account continues to be healthy and perform well.

Father George reported on capital repairs and improvements. The exterior doors on E Street and Frontage Road need replacement. The contractor selected to complete the work has closed his business because of the pandemic. Other vendors are being sought. Note was made that a new proposal will be more expensive than the original quote. The Roosevelt Organ restoration project is progressing once again after significant delays. Father and JC Cantrell meet monthly with the organ builder to assess the progress and maintain the incentives to complete the work. The rededication of the organ is scheduled for October 27, 2023, at 7 p.m. A matching gift of \$7,500 has been secured to cover the expenses of the rededication event. Matching gifts continue to come into the collection. A free-will offering will be accepted at the concert with 50% of the proceeds going to the local food assistance program in Southwest DC. The façade wall of the organ loft has been removed to reveal earlier architectural features of arches and decorative moldings. The work has been done in-house. Further consultation with an architect and a restoration firm will determine next steps toward completion.

At the January meeting, the council recommended an increased offertory program to support developing ministerial initiatives congruent with the mission of the parish. The dates have been set for September 10, 17, and 24.

The council considered a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year, which begins in July. Discussion ensued regarding the initiatives to increase the programming offerings of the parish and outreach into the neighborhood. These will need personnel and

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Finance Council Summary Minutes

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supporting materials. Consideration was given to a proposal to support the Dominican Friars in the priory to replace the windows with new, low-e windows. The DC government has warned of future fines if energy efficiency is not increased. The parish is asked to cover the replacement cost of those windows in what are identified as parish spaces (offices and meeting rooms, etc.). Further discussion is needed once the Dominicans have more information and a concrete proposal.

There being no further business, the members gathered for a group photograph (now on the website) and closed the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting will be in July.

Nathan's Organ Prelude & Postlude

Prelude: Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (BWV 654) - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



Postlude: Toccata in G Major - Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

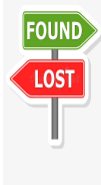
For Those with a Hearing Impediment



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.

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.



Ordination to the Priesthood

Our student deacon brothers here at St. Dominic will be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome.



**THE DOMINICAN FRIARS
OF THE PROVINCE OF ST. JOSEPH**

joyfully announce the Ordination of their Brothers

BRENDAN AUGUSTINE BARAN, O.P.

COLUMBA THOMAS, O.P.

ZACHARY SEXTON, O.P.

NICHOLAS HARTMAN, O.P.

DOMINIC MARY KOESTER, O.P.

JUAN MACIAS MARQUEZ, O.P.

MICHAEL JOSEPH DONAHUE, O.P.

RAYMOND MARIA LA GRANGE, O.P.

VINCENT FERRER MARIA BERNHARD, O.P.

*to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
through the Imposition of Hands and Prayer of Ordination by*

THE MOST REVEREND EARL K. FERNANDES
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

Saturday, May 20th, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.

The Upper Church of the Basilica of the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Ave N.E. † Washington, D.C.

COVER IMAGE:

Our Lord Jesus Christ by James Tissot (b. 1836 - d. 1902)
Painted between 1886 –1894
Brooklyn Museum

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.