



*Let them grow  
together until harvest.*

*Matthew 13:30*



**St. Dominic Church**

**July 23, 2023**

## Pastoral Staff

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

## 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

Thomas Bolger	MJ Morrow
Michael Grace	Josef Neusser
Eileen Lyons	Carol Pica

## 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](http://www.StDominicChurch.org)  
 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.



The parish is beginning a new initiative to bring Jesus and faith formation to your neighborhood and closer to you. Now, growing in faith and strengthening the bonds of Christian fellowship is more accessible. Small groups (Cenacles) will meet in homes or meeting spaces on a variety of days and times. These meetings are intentionally informal and facilitated by parishioners, who are trained and prepared with professional presentation materials. Each cenacle will study the same material so that we as a parish can be united and formed together. In this time of Eucharistic Revival in the USA, materials will focus on the Mass and the Holy Eucharist.

I am encouraging and inviting you to register for the cenacle group that best fits your availability. You are not restricted to a geographical area. Please see the list below and register through the parish office (office@stdominicchurch.org or 202-554-7863). Consider this thought from Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger: “Catholics cannot remain immature in the faith, in a state of inferiority, as they run the risk of being tossed about and carried here and there by any doctrinal wind.” Ongoing faith formation is the same as continuing education in the professional world. There’s always more to learn, which will enhance your relationship with Jesus.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

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

Hosts & Frequency

Host	Day & Time	Frequency	Location
Alice Coulter	Tuesday 7 pm	First & Third	5413 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782
Blake Musgrove	Wednesday 10:30 am	Second & Fourth	DC Public Library 900 Wesley PL, SW DC
Doris Stukes	Saturday 10 am	First & Third	St. Dominic Church
Joe Wasiak	Tuesday 6:30 pm	Second & Fourth	Wharf Marina Boaters Lounge SW, DC
Mary Moran & Mary Michaud	Wednesday 2 pm	Second & Fourth	700 7 <sup>th</sup> St, SW DC
Maryalice Locke	Monday 7 pm	First & Third	ZOOM
Tim Lang	Monday 7 pm	Second & Fourth	6803 Stoneybrooke Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306
Vince & Mitzi Sobash	Tuesday 7 pm	First & Third	555 E St, SW DC

Finance Council Summary Minutes

The parish Finance Council held its quarterly meeting on July 11, 2023. All members were present to review the financial statements for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2023. The review shows that the parish is in a good financial position and there has been an increase in revenue over the past year. The generosity of parishioners and friends of St. Dominic’s is to be commended. The budget for the new fiscal year will reflect increases in expenses due to inflation and anticipated changes in staffing, which will be made known when appropriate. A summary financial report will be available to the parish in August or September.

The investment fund continues to be healthy and recently acquired CDs are earning a good interest rate without a long-term commitment.

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Join Us!  
Solemn Vespers  
Sunday, July 23, 2023  
7 p.m.  
Reception immediately following in the parish meeting room.  
St. Dominic Catholic Church  
501 6th Street, SW  
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

**TONIGHT!**

Visit Us!

Monday July 24	Tuesday July 25	Wednesday July 26	Thursday July 27	Friday July 28	Saturday July 29	Sunday July 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 9:30 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>		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>			Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
<p>8 a.m. Daily Mass celebrated in the Priory Chapel, Monday, July 24 through Thursday, July 27.</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Confessions/Rosary &amp; 12:10 p.m. Mass in the Church, as usual.</p>						

### Sanctuary Candle



*For the spiritual growth of our parish community: that we will commit ourselves to the truth of the Gospel with zeal, self sacrifice, and hope.*

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, Nora Courtney, Eileen Maturi, Bogomila Mireva, Pia Pell and Frances White

#### THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Phyllis Ann Desantis and Barbara Sanders.

### This Week's Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, July 23

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano, Jr.  
8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors  
10:30 a.m. St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 6/9  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

#### Monday, July 24

8:00 a.m. St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 7/9  
12:10 p.m. † Robert Koetz

#### Tuesday, July 25

8:00 a.m. † Betty Schommer  
12:10 p.m. St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 8/9

#### Wednesday, July 26

8:00 a.m. St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 9/9  
12:10 p.m. Thomas Bolger

#### Thursday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Thomas F. Bailey  
12:10 p.m. Pia Pell

#### Friday, July 28

8:00 a.m. Tanya Martinez Reh Dingman  
12:10 p.m. † Alex Butchkosky

#### Saturday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Robert & Susan Zelenak

## Becoming Catholic

### Are you searching for...

- A deeper relationship with God?
- An encounter with Jesus Christ?
- A sense of belonging in a Christian community?
- A greater fulfillment of your purpose in life?



### Have you been curious...

- What Catholics believe about God, Jesus, Mary, and the Saints?
- What Catholics believe is God's plan for human life and happiness?
- What makes the Catholic Church different from other Christian churches?
- What is the meaning and purpose of the sacraments?
- What are the benefits of going to Mass?
- How Catholics serve the poor and engage in social justice?
- Why the church teaches what it does about human life, sexuality and happiness?

### Consider living your life as a Catholic

Register for **Inquiry** – a casual meeting format to begin answering questions and curiosities. General topics will be presented to inform and facilitate conversation. Participation does not mean a commitment to become Catholic. Meetings begin after Labor Day on Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 am. Register today. Scan the QR code below.

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## The Feast of St. Dominic



Solemn Sung Mass  
 Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
 7 p.m.

Reception immediately following outside the church, weather permitting.

St. Dominic Catholic Church  
 501 6th Street, SW  
 L'Enfant Plaza Metro



## Finance Council Summary Minutes

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The Poor Box continues to be used well by the parish. Revenues are generous and funds are disbursed at the end of each quarter so that there is no hoarding of monies.

Capital repairs and improvements are ongoing. The Archdiocese recently approved a renewal of the in-pew collection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month as second collection for another 3 years. This collection remains exempt from the archdiocesan assessment. This collection is designated for the replacement of exterior and interior doors.

The Roosevelt pipe organ restoration is ongoing and nearing completion after 5 years. Work is expected to be completed before the October 27 rededication concert. A second phase of restoration to re-stencil the façade pipes is being considered. A contractor/artist must first be identified before proceeding.

The organ loft façade work is ongoing with in-house labor. A master craftsman is needed to replace the architectural details that were previously removed.

The sound system will be upgraded with newer technology to address recent problems encountered. Monies from a recent bequest will cover the cost.

The archdiocese has approved an expenditure of money for replacement windows in those areas of the priory identified as parish spaces (office, meeting room, etc.). The money will be given to the priory once the Dominicans have started the replacement project.

Under instruction and guidance from the archdiocese, the parish is undergoing a process of being separately incorporated. This is a civil legal structure that brings the parish and the archdiocese into compliance with civil and canon law. The name of the parish will be St. Dominic Catholic Church, Inc. No changes are expected in day-to-day operations.

Dates for future meetings were set through the new fiscal year. The meeting adjourned with a prayer and gratitude for all the benefactors of the parish.

## Offertory

### Monthly Offertory for June 2023

Received	\$13,413
Budgeted	<u>\$12,692</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 721
Received via Faith Direct	\$16,283
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$13,750</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 2,533
Summary	
June Deficit/Surplus	\$ 3,254
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$46,037

## 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, and other important, local social concerns and organizations.

## Leave a Legacy

Please remember St. Dominic Church in your will and estate planning. Your thoughtfulness will enable the parish to maintain its presence, ministry and outreach in Southwest Washington.



## Offertory

### Week Ending July 16, 2023

Received	\$4,993.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$1147.00

## 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." The total amount received in donations as of July 17 is \$11,615. Thank you! Additional gifts will support the final phase of the organ restoration.

## Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



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## 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.



## 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](mailto:Office@StDominicChurch.org).



From the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A weekly, continuous reading of the Article on the Sacrament of the Eucharist:

1337 The Lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. [161] In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; "thereby he constituted them priests of the New Testament." [162]

1338 The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of the Eucharist; St. John, for his part, reports the words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum that prepare for the institution of the Eucharist: Christ calls himself the bread of life, come down from heaven. [163]

To support the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Barron's file series, The Mass,

**FREE to watch online!**



Walk through the Mass with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

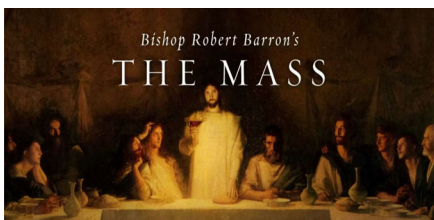
See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm; how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church; and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

**Watch for FREE!**

Click the button above to start watching or go to <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1>.

### St. Dominic Cenacle—Mondays

Bishop Robert Barron's The Mass series



Join Cenacle on Monday Evenings at 7 p.m.

Please join by zoom with the following link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84105587170>

Meeting ID: 841 0558 7170

or by phone +13017158592,,84105587170# US

(Washington DC)

### Scriptural Rosary—Saturdays



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.

## 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.

## St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



We will be collecting your donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry next weekend—July 29 & 30.

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.

### COVER IMAGE:

“Busy Time for the Mowers”  
By Grigoriy Myasoyedov  
Circa: 1887



Visit St. Dominic’s website!



Quote of the Week

“I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles.”

—Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

## 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 it to the parish office. Paper copies of the registration form can be found in the church and in the Parish Office.

 <b>KALAS FUNERAL HOME</b> <i>Celebrating Life's Journey</i> Serving St. Dominic Church since the 1940s.	6160 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745 (301) 567-9424 <a href="http://www.kalasfuneralhomes.com">www.kalasfuneralhomes.com</a>
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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.