

An artistic illustration of Jesus walking on water. Jesus, with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe and a blue sash, stands in the middle of a dark blue, stormy sea. He has his right arm extended towards the viewer. In the foreground, a man with a beard, wearing a brown and blue striped robe and a brown cloak, is seen from behind, walking towards Jesus. The sky is dark and cloudy. The overall mood is dramatic and spiritual.

*Command me to come to
you on the water.*

Matthew 14:28



St. Dominic Church

August 13, 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
 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.



Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

His words remind us that overcoming fear with courage comes with our faith in him as God. He approaches us in our greatest fears and needs. Walking on the water, he clearly demonstrates his power over the created world. He invites us to believe and to trust. He invites us to come to him in the midst of our fears. It means stepping out in faith. When we have that sinking feeling of drowning in life's hard circumstances, we can confidently reach out to him. He is always there.

Living with faith in Jesus as God and man provides great assurance in daily life. He calms the storms; he calms our hearts. Keep in mind and live by these words of St. Peter, "Cast all your cares upon him because he cares for you" (1 Pt 5:7).

Following up on the announcement made last weekend by Nathan Ringkamp, today is the last weekend of Nathan's employment as the organist of the parish. He has submitted his resignation so that he can pursue graduate studies at the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. On behalf of the parish, I thank Nathan for his commitment to sacred music here at the parish and enabling the congregation to pray and worship God through his musical gifts. We will miss his talent, his smile, and his presence at parish events. Please join me in praying for Nathan as he takes another step in his education and training as an organist. There will be a farewell reception during the coffee and donuts time after the 10:30 Mass today.

This coming Tuesday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. that day.

As our parish continues to grow in size and vitality, families with children have joined our community. As part of new initiatives to support parents and children in Catholic faith and practices, there will be a special blessing of children and backpacks in preparation for the upcoming school year. The blessing will be at the end of the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 27. All children and their backpacks are welcome.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

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.

Monday August 14	Tuesday August 15	Wednesday August 16	Thursday August 17	Friday August 18	Saturday August 19	Sunday August 20
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Scriptural Rosary 9:30 a.m. Church	Holy Couples & Married Saints 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Parish Mtg Room
Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)	* HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION * Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7 p.m. Church	Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. Church	Holy Hour 7 p.m. Church			Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass Parish Mtg Room

Sanctuary Candle



*That those who suffer will experience
the redemptive meaning of suffering
through friendship with Jesus Christ.*

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.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 13

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) In thanksgiving—Mary Ann Hope
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. † Rosemargaret Cuccia
- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, August 14

- 8:00 a.m. Charles Johnson
- 12:10 p.m. Kim-Loan T. Nguyen

Tuesday, August 15

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Salvador C. Vahi
- 12:10 p.m. † Joseph Stukes
- 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 16

- 8:00 a.m. Allison Kuch
- 12:10 p.m. † John Whelan

Thursday, August 17

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce F. Leland
- 12:10 p.m. † Patrick J. McLaughlin

Friday, August 18

- 8:00 a.m. Gene Rozelle
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce F. Leland

Saturday, August 19

- 9:00 a.m. Joyce F. Leland

Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*Tuesday, August 15, 2023
7 p.m.*

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

**St. Dominic Neighborhood Cenacles
Forming NOW!**

Small groups (Cenacles) will meet in homes or meeting space on a variety of days and times. These meetings are intentionally informal and facilitated by parishioners, who are trained and prepared with professional presentation material. Each cenacle will study the same material so that we as a parish can be united and formed together.

We are 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).

If you are interested in this initiative, but cannot find a group that fits your schedule, please contact the parish office. We'll see what can be done.

Hosts & Frequency

Host	Day & Time	Frequency	Location
Alice Coulter	Tuesday 7 pm	First & Third	5413 15th 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 7th 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

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.

St. Dominic Catholic Church

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Offertory

Monthly Offertory for July 2023

Received	\$17,384
Budgeted	\$19,231
Deficit/Surplus	\$(1,847)
Received via Faith Direct	\$19,109
Budgeted via Faith Direct	\$15,125
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 3,984
Summary	
June Deficit/Surplus	\$ 2,137
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$ 2,137

Offertory

Week Ending August 6, 2023

Received	\$3,055.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (791.00)

Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



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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.

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.

National "Make-A-Will" Month



August is National "Make-A-Will" Month, which serves as an annual reminder to think about your estate plans and the legacy you can leave with the gifts God has given you.

As you consider your plans, we would be most grateful if you would make a provision in your will, trust, or estate plan for St. Dominic Catholic Church.

Your legacy gift to the parish will support our mission to preach the Gospel and make disciples, 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.

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 so far is \$11,765. Thank you! Additional gifts will support the final phase of the organ restoration.





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

IV. THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Mass of all ages

1345 As early as the second century we have the witness of St. Justin Martyr for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration. They have stayed the same until our own day for all the great liturgical families. St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) around the year 155, explaining what Christians did:

On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place.

The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things.

Then we all rise together and offer prayers* for ourselves . . . and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation.

When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss.

Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren.

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.



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 in sights 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>.



“If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament of the Eucharist, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.”

—St. Teresa of Avila

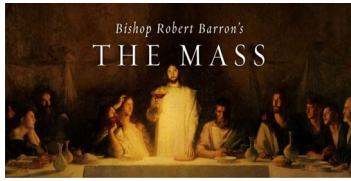
For Those with a Hearing Impediment

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.



St. Dominic Cenacle—Mondays

Bishop Robert Barron's The Mass series



Join Cenacle on Monday Evenings at 7 p.m.

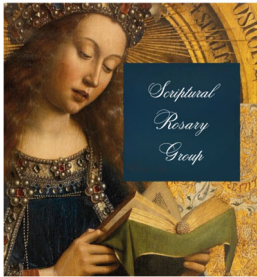
Please join by zoom with the following link

<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.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

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.

Retreat for Grieving Parents

The Office of Family Life with St. John Neumann (Gaithersburg) will be offering a Retreat for Grieving Parents on Saturday, September 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Any parent who has lost a child no matter how long ago or the cause, is welcome to attend. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/retreat-for-grieving-parents-tickets-624359605387?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at flm@dw.org or (301) 853-4546.

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