



*You are Peter,  
and to you  
I will give  
the keys of the  
kingdom of heaven.*

*Matthew 16:19*



**St. Dominic Church**

**August 27, 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.





Late last Spring, I learned that no Dominican deacon or student brother from the Dominican House of Studies will be assigned to the parish this academic year. No reason was given, but I am guessing it is because recent class sizes have been smaller. But God provides! We have a student intern from The Catholic University of America who will be working in the parish this academic year. An introduction to Maggie Friedmann is found below. Please extend a warm welcome when you see her. Her hours and duties are to be determined.

We received disappointing news last week that the restoration of the Roosevelt organ will not be completed in time for the scheduled blessing and rededication concert in October. We are waiting for the fabrication of a new console that houses the keyboards and draw knobs used by the organist. The subcontractor used by the organ builder has been unable to meet numerous deadlines which they themselves provided. The organ builder has decided to seek an alternative subcontractor who is interested in the project. We are awaiting finalization of a commitment. In the meantime, the organ builder has committed to completing all other contracted work by the end of October 2023 so that the console installation will be the only remaining work. A date for the rededication concert will be set after the installation of the console. The need for patience in this circumstance is necessary because the work is highly specialized and there are very few qualified people or companies engaged in this artistic work. We will continue to have regular meetings with the organ builder to keep abreast of developments and to encourage completion.

It's not too late to register or invite someone for the program of Becoming Catholic. We currently have 5 registrants and will begin our formation gatherings on Saturday, September 9. The regular meetings will be on Saturday mornings. Please complete a registration form available on the website, in the pamphlet racks in the church, or call the parish office.

The neighborhood cenacles are still open for registration. A start date has not been set with the hope that more people will register. Please consider doing so this week. The topics will focus upon the Eucharist as our country engages in a time of Eucharistic Revival.

The annual parish financial report for parishioners is now available. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, friends of the parish, and visitors, we overcame the budget deficit and paid all our obligations. Providing the report is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Washington so that there will be transparency in the parish. The report along with monthly financial statements are reviewed by the parish Finance Council. They provide advice and counsel to the pastor, and I am grateful for their service and support. Request a copy of the report if you are interested through the parish office ([office@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:office@stdominicchurch.org)). It can be sent to you via email or post. Or, you may obtain a copy in person at the parish office. Any questions or concerns should be directed to me.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

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

## Meet Our Intern!

Hello St. Dominic's! My name is Maggie Friedmann, and I will be working with all of you this year as an intern! I am a senior at The Catholic University of America studying for my BA in Theology and Religious Studies, as well as a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry and a Minor in Hispanic Studies. I'm from Metro-Detroit, Michigan (Go U of M!), and have been involved in parish life (in various forms) since I was in grade school. I am excited to work with all of you and learn more about your parish community!



Monday August 28	Tuesday August 29	Wednesday August 30	Thursday August 31	Friday September 1	Saturday September 2	Sunday September 3
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>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <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>			
					Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center Baby Item Collection all weekend.	

**Sanctuary Candle**



*In memory of Penelope Hope  
from Lawrence & Mary Ann 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 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, August 27**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Marion Maxwell
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Madison Mum

**Monday, August 28**

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

**Tuesday, August 29**

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

**Wednesday, August 30**

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

**Thursday, August 31**

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

**Friday, September 1**

- 8:00 a.m. † Irene Butchkosky
- 12:10 p.m. † Diane Roberts

**Saturday, September 2**

- 9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack

## St. Dominic Neighborhood Cenacles Sign Up 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

Visit our website to read the entire letter from Fr. George explaining this new initiative.

## 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

630 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20024

Tel: (202) 554-7863

Email: office@stdominicchurch.org

Website: www.stdominicchurch.org

## St. Dominic's Hospitality Committee

The hospitality committee has a number of ways for parishioners to participate. You can volunteer to be part of a group that contributes food for receptions when you are able, or the committee is looking for one or two people to coordinate the set-up and clean-up of the receptions following monthly vespers. It does not take more than 15 minutes before and after the reception. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Susan Timoney at [stimoney@att.net](mailto:stimoney@att.net).

## 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.

## Offertory

**Week Ending August 20, 2023**

Received	\$3,718.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	<b>\$( 128.00)</b>

## Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



venmo

## 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 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).

## 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.

## Sant'Egidio—First Friday, September 1

**"I was hungry and you gave me food." (Mt. 25:35)**

Serve Christ in those in need.

SANT'EGIDIO

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.

**When:** First Friday of Every Month | Gather between 6:00-7:00 pm | Distribute food between 7:00-8:30 pm

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

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

For more info, contact Tim Lang at [timlang700@gmail.com](mailto:timlang700@gmail.com).





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

**The movement of the celebration**

1348 All gather together. Christians come together in one place for the Eucharistic assembly. At its head is Christ himself, the principal agent of the Eucharist. He is high priest of the New Covenant; it is he himself who presides invisibly over every Eucharistic celebration. It is in representing him that the bishop or priest acting in the person of Christ the head (in persona Christi capitis) presides over the assembly, speaks after the readings, receives the offerings, and says the Eucharistic Prayer. All have their own active parts to play in the celebration, each in his own way: readers, those who bring up the offerings, those who give communion, and the whole people whose "Amen" manifests their participation.

1349 The Liturgy of the Word includes "the writings of the prophets," that is, the Old Testament, and "the memoirs of the apostles" (their letters and the Gospels). After the homily, which is an exhortation to accept this Word as what it truly is, the Word of God, and to put it into practice, come the intercessions for all men, according to the Apostle's words: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings, and all who are in high positions."

**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.



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>.



"I will glory not because I am righteous, but because I am redeemed; I will glory not because I am free from sins, but because my sins are forgiven me. I will not glory because I have done good nor because someone has done good to me, but because Christ is my advocate with the Father and because the blood of Christ has been shed for me."

—St. Ambrose

**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](mailto:office@stdominicchurch.org). Items are donated or discarded quarterly.



## 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 eighth of nine months. 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!*



Visit St. Dominic's website!

## Labor Day Church & Office Schedule

In observance of Labor Day Monday (September 4), the Church & Parish Office schedule will be:



- 8 a.m. Daily Mass **ONLY**
- **NO** 11:45 a.m. Confessions, Rosary, or 12:10 p.m. Mass
- Parish office will be **CLOSED**

Have a safe and happy Holiday!

## Maui Disaster Relief

Donations to assist in the recovery efforts can be made directly through Catholic Charities USA by visiting their website at [catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org) or telephone them at 1-800-919-9338. Donations by cash or check may be made through St. Dominic Church with "Maui Disaster Relief" on the envelope or check memo line.



Built in 1946, Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Lahaina survived the Hawaiian fires.

 <p><b>KALAS FUNERAL HOME</b> <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 <a href="http://www.kalasfuneralhomes.com">www.kalasfuneralhomes.com</a></p>
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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.*