

*Whoever wishes to come
after me must deny
himself.*

Matthew 16.24



St. Dominic Church

September 3, 2023

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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
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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.



The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin on Saturday, September 9th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. This process is open to anyone desiring to be baptized into the Catholic Church; to anyone who is already baptized and desires to enter

into full communion with the Catholic Church; and to any baptized adult Catholic who needs to complete their initiation process and receive the sacrament of First Communion and/or the sacrament of Confirmation.

We currently have 5 people registered and there is room for more. Every year we ask you to discern someone you could invite to become Catholic. Perhaps your spouse is not a Catholic but has been thinking about it for a while. Perhaps a friend you have been speaking to about your faith. Perhaps it is a co-worker who seems to be open when you share your faith. Who has God put into your life that could benefit from the great gift of the Catholic Faith and everlasting life with God? Ask the Lord to give you the Holy Spirit's gift of courage to bring others to Jesus and life in the Catholic Church. Registration forms are at the entrances to the church or on the parish website.

As the summer season concludes, September will be a month to evaluate participation in and support of parish life. The reality is that we are a small, urban parish that strives to offer the best in liturgical worship, faith formation, and opportunities of service and outreach to the community. Greater personal involvement and financial support will enable the parish to grow and increase its vitality. There are plans underway to enhance the sacred music program, to bring people together in home cenacles for faith formation, and to send trained parishioners out into our neighborhood to talk and pray with people as they desire. The future of our parish depends in part on each member living a regular sacramental life supported by daily prayer, and engaging in the works that glorify God and serve our neighbors. May the Lord bless us and give success because of our trust and faithfulness to him.

On this Labor Day weekend, here is a quote from Pope Francis for your prayer and reflection: "We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development, and personal fulfillment. Helping the

poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work. Yet the orientation of the economy has favored a kind of technological progress in which the costs of production are reduced by laying off workers and replacing them with machines. This is yet another way in which we can end up working against ourselves. The loss of jobs also has a negative impact on the economy 'through the progressive erosion of social capital: the network of relationships of trust, dependability, and respect for rules, all of which are indispensable for any form of civil coexistence.' In other words, 'human cost always include economic costs, and economic dysfunctions always involve human costs.' To stop investing in people, in order to gain greater short-term financial gain, is bad for business for society." *Laudato Si'*, On Care for Our Common Home, § 128.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

Annual Financial Statement

The annual financial statement for fiscal year 2022-2023 is now available to parishioners. Please contact the parish office to receive a copy.

Thank you for all the financial support given to the parish.

COVER IMAGE:

"The Christian Soul Accepts the Cross"
By Anonymous
Circa: 1630
Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid, Spain

Monday September 4	Tuesday September 5	Wednesday September 6	Thursday September 7	Friday September 8	Saturday September 9	Sunday September 10
<p>Parish Office closed in observance of Labor Day.</p> <p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p> <p>Cenacle 7 p.m. <i>(via Zoom)</i></p>	<p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p>	<p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p> <p>Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i></p>	<p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p> <p>Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i></p>	<p>A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p>	<p>Scriptural Rosary 9:30 a.m. <i>Church</i></p> <p>Monthly Church Cleaning 9:45 a.m. <i>Church</i></p> <p>Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Rooms</i></p>	<p>Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i></p> <p>Parish Council Meeting 11:45 a.m. <i>Parish Conference Room</i></p>

Sanctuary Candle



In thanksgiving.

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, September 3

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
- 8:00 a.m. † Jerri Brooks
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, September 4

- 8:00 a.m. Vireak Long Mum
- 12:10 p.m. **FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

Tuesday, September 5

- 8:00 a.m. † Mary & William Bailey, Jr.
- 12:10 p.m. † Diane Roberts

Wednesday, September 6

- 8:00 a.m. In thanksgiving
- 12:10 p.m. † Allison Kennedy

Thursday, September 7

- 8:00 a.m. Andrew David Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. † William Morrow

Friday, September 8

- 8:00 a.m. † Dolores E. Lennon
- 12:10 p.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena

Saturday, September 9

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena

Becoming Catholic—Starts Sept. 9

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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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 15 th 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 th 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

St. Dominic Cenacle—Mondays

Lectio Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitri



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)

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

Offertory

Week Ending August 27, 2023

Received	\$2,733.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,113.00)

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.

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage



9.30.2023
 Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
 Washington, DC



YOU are invited to a day-long pilgrimage event at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on September 30, 2023. Hear life-changing talks from Dominican Friars, participate in Mass, and, of course, pray the Rosary — all in our country's capital together with thousands of other Catholics.



Scan me to learn more and register.

DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE
 Visit rosarypilgrimage.org and follow us @dominicanrosary.

Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



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Mass Intentions Availability

Plenty of dates through the remainder of 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.

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.



“To put into practice the teachings of our holy faith, it is not enough to convince ourselves that they are true; we must love them. Love united to faith makes us practice our religion.”

—St. Alphonsus Liguori



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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

1350 The presentation of the offerings (the Offertory). Then, sometimes in procession, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; they will be offered by the priest in the name of Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice in which they will become his body and blood. It is the very action of Christ at the Last Supper - "taking the bread and a cup." "The Church alone offers this pure oblation to the Creator, when she offers what comes forth from his creation with thanksgiving." [175] The presentation of the offerings at the altar takes up the gesture of Melchizedek and commits the Creator's gifts into the hands of Christ who, in his sacrifice, brings to perfection all human attempts to offer sacrifices.

1351 From the very beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need. This custom of the collection, ever appropriate, is inspired by the example of Christ who became poor to make us rich: [176]

Those who are well off, and who are also willing, give as each chooses. What is gathered is given to him who presides to assist orphans and widows, those whom illness or any other cause has deprived of resources, prisoners, immigrants and, in a word, all who are in need. [177]

1352 The anaphora: with the Eucharistic Prayer - the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration - we come to the heart and summit of the celebration:

In the preface, the Church gives thanks to the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, for all his works: creation, redemption, and sanctification. The whole community thus joins in the unending praise that the Church in heaven, the angels and all the saints, sing to the thrice-holy God.

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>.

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.

Blessing of the Children & Backpacks



Fr. George Schommer, OP conferring a blessing on parish children and their backpacks before returning to school for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 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.



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.



Visit St. Dominic’s website!

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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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.