

*Are you
envious because
I am generous?*

Matthew 20:15



St. Dominic Church

September 24, 2023

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar
 Ms. Maggie Friedmann, Pastoral Ministry Intern

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
 Business/Facilities Manager - Ed Von Hagel
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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	Carol Pica
Eileen Lyons	

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 we complete our short period of reflection and response to the duties of stewardship in our life as disciples of Jesus. He invites us to acknowledge that everything we have – life, relationships, talents, necessities, and financial resources are gifts we have received

from God. In gratitude for his Providence, we return a portion to him for his glory and purposes. I am grateful for all who have supported the parish in the past and are now responding to “Take the Next Step” in the percentage of giving to the parish. All resources will be used to support the parish as it fulfills its mission and ministries.

Rounding out our reflection on stewardship, we have a ministries and organizations fair after all the Masses. This is an opportunity to volunteer or participate in the life of the parish. Greater involvement is needed for the parish to continue to grow and share the responsibilities of parish life. Even if you are unable to be present at the fair, you are always welcome to register. Please consider this reflection as a personal invitation from me.

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is off to a great start with 5 participants and a catechetical team of 4 people. We have begun with teaching and reflection on the existence of God, the gift of Divine Revelation in the Scriptures, Creation, and Original Sin. Next, we consider the need for a savior and begin our teaching and reflection on Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God.

The home cenacles initiative is entering its final stage of preparation. Gatherings are planned to begin the first week of October. The inaugural topic is “Jesus and the Eucharist” to coincide with the Eucharistic Revival underway in our country. All interested in participating are asked to **register by Wednesday, September 27**. This will give time for an assessment of registrants and locations; and give time to make any consolidations that seem necessary.

Tonight, we have the opportunity to pray Solemn Vespers as a parish community. This monthly offering of liturgical sung prayer helps us to observe the Lord’s Day, keeping in mind that all of Sunday belongs to the Lord. A special choir leads the community in a beautiful combination of simple chant and choral polyphony. Vespers begins at 7 pm in the church. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to prayer and the reception following.

The restoration of the organ loft is ongoing. The painting is complete. However, there are architectural features needed at the top and bottom of the 2 columns and at the bottom of the arch in the southeast corner near the shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. After the architect designs these features, they will need to be fabricated. Those skilled in this work are hard to find. We continue to look for contractors and desire to finish the project as soon as possible.

Last week I announced that I will be attending the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17 -21. Here are a couple of discount codes for 20% off the registration: Augustine or WOF. Learn more and register at: <https://eucharisticcongress.org/register>. Let me know if you are attending and we can look at carpool and lodging options.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

You're Invited
Solemn Vespers
for the 25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023
7:00 P.M.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
TONIGHT!
Reception following in the Parish Hall
501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

Monday September 25	Tuesday September 26	Wednesday September 27	Thursday September 28	Friday September 29	Saturday September 30	Sunday October 1
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>		Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Rooms</i>	
					Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center Baby Item Collection all weekend.	

Sanctuary Candle



*That the dignity of human life
will be protected by law
throughout our nation.*

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 24

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Luis Felipe Diac
8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
10:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Tien Dinh
12:10 p.m. † Brian Buscher

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 a.m. My son to return to God & the Church
12:10 p.m. Kim-Hong T. Nguyen

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 a.m.
12:10 p.m. † Dorothy Kormos

Thursday, September 28

8:00 a.m. † Esther Whelan
12:10 p.m.

Friday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Daniel Kormos
12:10 p.m. Holy Rosary Novena 1/9

Saturday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Novena 2/9

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 ninth 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!*

Lost & Found

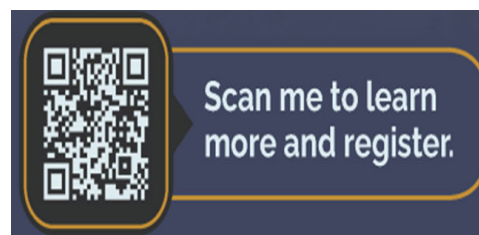
Our Lost & Found is located in the Parish Office. To inquire about a lost item, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at office@stdominicchurch.org. Items are donated or discarded quarterly.



Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage

9:00 AM	Doors open
10:00 AM	Conference The Virgin Mary, Our Refuge in Heaven Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.
11:00 AM	Exposition and Eucharistic Adoration
11:00 AM	Confessions Confessions will be heard from 11:00 AM to 1:45 PM.
12:00 PM	Book signing Signings will be from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
1:45 PM	Benediction
2:00 PM	Conference The Holy Rosary, Our Recourse on Earth Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.
3:00 PM	The Most Holy Rosary
4:00 PM	Fervorino Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P., Promoter General of the Rosary
4:30 PM	Vigil Mass Fr. Paul Marich, O.P., Main Celebrant Fr. James Brent, O.P., Homilist

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



Unclaimed Items in Parish Kitchen

Several serving items, storage containers, etc., have been left behind in the parish kitchen. These will be put out in the parish meeting room on Sunday, October 1 during the social time after the 10:30 Mass. Any unclaimed items will be given to a charity.

Offertory

Week Ending September 17, 2023

Received	\$2,946.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (900.00)



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 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.



The 2024 calendar for Mass Intentions is now open.

Contact the Parish Office, at (202) 554-7863 or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org.

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.



"All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

—St. Ignatius of Loyola



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

1359 The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity.

1360 The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving."

1361 The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of praise by which the Church sings the glory of God in the name of all creation. This sacrifice of praise is possible only through Christ: he unites the faithful to his person, to his praise, and to his intercession, so that the sacrifice of praise to the Father is offered through Christ and with him, to be accepted in him.

Church History

We celebrate the feast day of St. Louis Bertrand (1526-81) on October 9th. St. Louis Bertrand, who is featured in the 6th double window on the north wall, became a missionary and travelled to the new world in 1562. He received the gift of tongues and is credited with baptizing many Native Americans



~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, I invite you to our parish's **Jesus and the Eucharist Study**. This study was specifically designed for the Year of Parish Revival of the National Eucharistic Revival under the pillar of Robust Formation, and it provides a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This study will be a special time for our parish to grow in faith and communion as we walk this sacred year together.

Some parishioners have volunteered to host and facilitate gatherings at different locations and times. See the schedule chart (below) to see what will work for you. The plan is to begin the first week of October. I am hoping and praying for a great response.

Fr. George, O.P.

Home Cenacle Hosts, Frequency & Locations

Host	Day & Time	Frequency	Location
Alice Coulter	Tuesday 7pm	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	Wednesday 2 pm	Second & Fourth	700 7th St, SW DC
Maryalice Locke	Monday 7pm	First & Third	ZOOM
Tim Lang	Monday 7pm	Second & Fourth	6803 Stoneybrooke Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306
Vince & Mitzi Sobash	Tuesday 7 pm	First & Third	555 E St, SW DC

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.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center



We will be collecting your donations of practical baby items like diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at each Mass next weekend, September 30-October 1.

Place your items in front of the Ambo 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.

Thank you for showing support for those families that have chosen life!

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.

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.



Catholic Charities Legal Network

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

 <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.