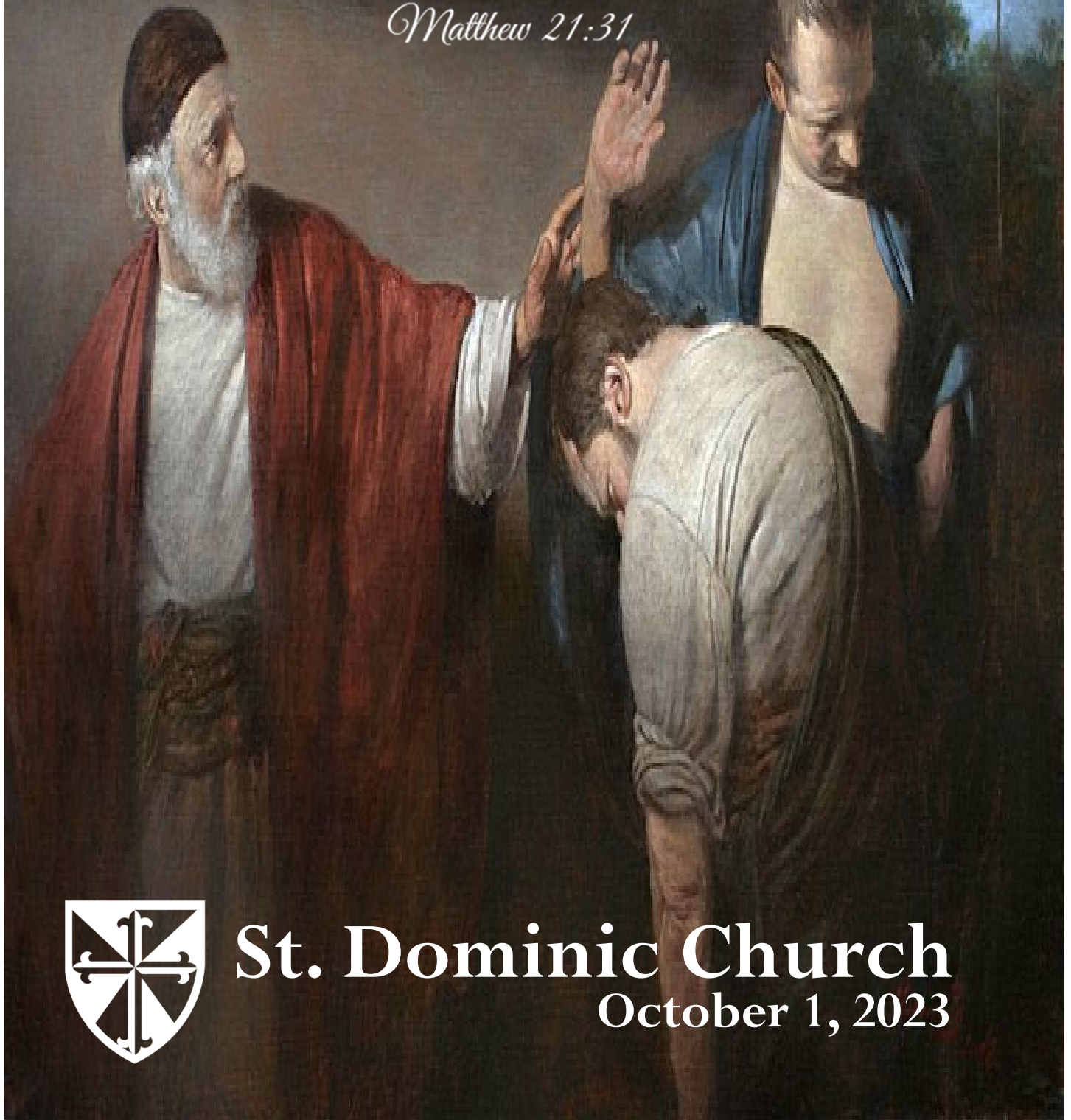


*He changed his mind and went. Tax collectors  
and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of  
heaven before you.*

*Matthew 21:31*



**St. Dominic Church**

**October 1, 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  
 Music Director - Denny Layendecker  
 Assistant to the 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	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  
 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.



Today, we welcome our new Director of Music and Principal Organist – Denny Layendecker (see his picture at the bottom of the next column). He comes to St. Dominic’s with a great wealth of qualifications and experience. Yet, like anyone beginning a new position, he will

need time and our charity as he learns about our parish, our music repertoire, and becomes accustomed to the Roosevelt organ and the beautiful acoustics of our church. Please introduce yourself and welcome him.

Thank you to all who responded to the ministries and organizations fair last weekend. The time and effort commitment strengthens the bond of fellowship in the Holy Spirit within our parish. Together, we are serving the Lord Jesus and one another. If you missed the opportunity last weekend, you can always volunteer to join and serve through the parish office.

The first Sunday of October is known traditionally in the Dominican Order as Rosary Sunday. It commemorates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, which falls on October 7 each year. Here is the entry from Wikipedia: “In 1571 Pope Pius V instituted "Our Lady of Victory" as an annual feast to commemorate the victory in the Battle of Lepanto. The victory was attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as a rosary procession had been offered on that day in St. Peter's Square in Rome for the success of the mission of the Holy League to hold back Muslim forces from overrunning Western Europe. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the title of this feast-day to "Feast of the Holy Rosary". This feast was extended by Pope Clement XI to the whole of the Latin Rite, inserting it into the Roman Catholic calendar of saints in 1716, and assigning it to the first Sunday in October. Pope Pius X changed the date to 7 October in 1913, as part of his effort to restore celebration of the liturgy of the Sundays.”

For many years in the history of the Church, this month has been dedicated to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. She always leads us into deeper communion with Jesus, her Son. She prays for us that we may grow in discipleship with the Lord who comes to us in the holy Eucharist. She leads all her children on the narrow way of the Lord Jesus into eternal life.

We, Dominican friars, have a centuries-old association with the rosary of Our Lady—preaching and encouraging the praying of the rosary so that all people can meditate on the mysteries of the life of Jesus while holding onto the beads of Mary in our hand. It is a simple prayer, a humble prayer, a scriptural prayer, a powerful prayer, and a meditative prayer. Generations of people have found help, strength, and consolation through this prayer. Through the repetition of the basic prayers of the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be (which many Catholics learned as children), we find that Jesus and Mary accompany us through all the joys and sorrows, highlights, and ordinariness of our lives. No circumstance or experience is excluded from their loving presence and compassion for us.

Quite truthfully, the rosary should be a devotion that is a part of every Catholic life. Popes, saints, and spiritual directors have recommended it for hundreds of years. The holy beads are not meant to be a kind of jewelry worn around the neck or a decoration over the rearview mirror of a car; rather, they are meant to glide through our fingers with loving attention to the presence, love, and mercy of Jesus and Mary. Learn the rosary, teach the rosary, pray the rosary! Through Mary to Jesus, we find every grace we need to persevere on our pilgrimage of faith, filled with hope that God will bring us to the perfection of charity and make us saints.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

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

**Welcome New Music Director & Principal Organist**



*Denny Layendecker*

Monday October 2	Tuesday October 3	Wednesday October 4	Thursday October 5	Friday October 6	Saturday October 7	Sunday October 8
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>	

**Sanctuary Candle**



*For our parish  
to be ever more devoted to  
Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.*

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, October 1**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Daniel Lyons
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Rosary Novena 3/9
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

**Monday, October 2**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Novena 4/9
- 12:10 p.m. † Steven Reiley

**Tuesday, October 3**

- 8:00 a.m. † Zachary Taylor
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Rosary Novena 5/9

**Wednesday, October 4**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Novena 6/9
- 12:10 p.m. † William Kormos

**Thursday, October 5**

- 8:00 a.m. † Keith Anderson
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Rosary Novena 7/9

**Friday, October 6**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Novena 8/9
- 12:10 p.m. Jason Dingman

**Saturday, October 7**

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



# ST. DOMINIC FALL PICNIC

OCTOBER 15, 2023  
AFTER THE 10:30 MASS

WITH A PARISH COUNCIL  
MEET & GREET



**FOOD**

**FAMILY**

**FUN**

**ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH LAWN ALONG E STREET, SW**

## Offertory

### Week Ending September 24, 2023

Received	\$3,409.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (437.00)

## 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.



The 2024 calendar for Mass Intentions is now open.

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

## Poor Box



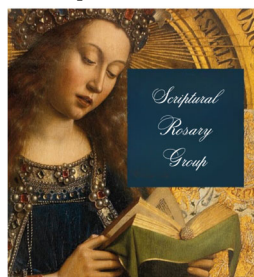
Donations to the parish Poor Box can be made by using the envelope in your packet, Faith Direct, dropping it off at the Parish Office, Venmo or by giving it to one of the priests. Your generosity enables the parish to assist the poor with one-meal gift cards, rent assistance, utility assistance, and other important, local social concerns and organizations.

## Bequest Received

The parish recently received a bequest from a long-time parishioner that enables the polishing of a portion of the terrazzo tile floor in the church. A gift that will surely brighten the church. Please pray for all our benefactors living and deceased.

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.

## 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.

## Church History

On October 10, 1919, Bishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., Bishop of Duluth, performed the solemn rites of consecration on St. Dominic Church. This is the ultimate blessing for a church--and a milestone for any parish. The consecration ceremonies continued over two days. On the second day, Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, rector of The Catholic University of America in Northeast Washington, celebrated the solemn Pontifical Mass. His Eminence Cardinal James Gibbon presided.



~ Courtesy of Mary Moran





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.



“Kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide all your needs to him, along with those of others. Speak to him with filial abandonment, give free rein to your heart, and give him complete freedom to work in you as he thinks best.”

—St. Padre Pio



The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This year will conclude with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17-21, 2024. To learn more about this movement and the congress, go to [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) and consider attending the congress. If you are interested, please inform Margaret Maxwell in the parish office ([office@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:office@stdominicchurch.org) or 202-554-7863). If there is enough interest, we may be able to obtain a group rate or join up with another parish to do so.



**MISSION**

To renew the church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

**VISION**

To inspire a movement of Catholics across the United States who are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist-and who are then sent out on mission “for the life of the world.”

**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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Excess Furniture Available

If you are in the market for used furniture (chairs, night tables, bookcase, etc.) are welcome to view what is available on Sunday at the Coffee and Donut Social after the 10:30 Mass. All items are available **FREE OF CHARGE** but you must take the item(s) away yourself.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

## 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.

## Our Lady of Fatima

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima -  
Miracle of the Sun  
The World Apostolate of Fatima,  
Archdiocese of Washington



"The Blue Army"

Invites you to  
**Rosary, Mass, Confession,  
Brown Scapular enrollment,  
Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
and healing prayers.**

**Friday, October 13 at 1:00pm**  
in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel,  
Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC.

For more information call 301-595-1770

 <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.*