

*He will lease his
vineyard to other tenants.*

Matthew 21:33



St. Dominic Church

October 8, 2023

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar
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Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
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Parish Pastoral Council

Philip Clarke	Doris Stukes
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Thomas Bolger	MJ Morrow
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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

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 Washington, DC 20024
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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.



October is Respect Life Month for Catholics in the United States. My usual column will be replaced with reflections on this important topic. I am away this weekend for a private retreat with Jesus. Time to pray, read, and rest.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

RADICAL SOLIDARITY

2023 Respect Life Reflection

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: *“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”* (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

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John 13:34

The Church’s entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.” As disciples

of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for “to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it.”

Fulfilling Christ’s command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity “is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called “choice,” but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: *“In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman,’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.”*

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity.”

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, “she is even capable of heroism.” Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and

their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*.” A culture of radical solidarity “gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.” We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, “What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?”

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Monday October 9	Tuesday October 10	Wednesday October 11	Thursday October 12	Friday October 13	Saturday October 14	Sunday October 15
<p>Columbus Day Federal Holiday</p> <p>8 a.m. Mass ONLY NO Confessions, Rosary or 12:10 p.m. Mass</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>Church Cleaning 9:30 a.m. <i>Church</i></p> <p>Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Rooms</i></p>	<p>Parish Fall Picnic & Parish Council Meet & Greet Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Church Lawn</i></p>

Sanctuary Candle



*That our parish will grow in holiness
through deeper devotion to the Blessed
Virgin Mary and the holy rosary.*

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 8

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

Monday, October 9

- 8:00 a.m. Elcira Mosquera
- 12:10 p.m. **Federal Holiday - No Mass**

Tuesday, October 10

- 8:00 a.m. † Harris Squires
- 12:10 p.m. † Allison Kennedy

Wednesday, October 11

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls and the Salvation of Souls
- 12:10 p.m. † Michael Torrelli

Thursday, October 12

- 8:00 a.m. † William "Jud" Long
- 12:10 p.m. † Anna Kormos

Friday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 14

- 9:00 a.m. † Anna Kormos

ST. DOMINIC FALL PICNIC

OCTOBER 15, 2023
AFTER THE 10:30 MASS

WITH A PARISH COUNCIL
MEET & GREET



FOOD

FAMILY

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

Offertory

Week Ending October 1, 2023

Received	\$4,123.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 277.00

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.

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.



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

Church History

The 3rd double window on the north side of the church shows Blessed Bartholomew of Braganza (1201-70). After his ordination, Bartholomew was sent to preach against heresy in Lombardy and to make peace among the warring factions. He preached so successfully in this difficult mission that he was called to Rome and was appointed Dominic's successor as the pope's theologian.



~ 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.



"If you fall under the stress of temptation, rise promptly, ask God's pardon, hope in him in spite of your fall, and with all your heart welcome the humiliation and detest the sin. Your uncertainty as to whether you sin or not is another cross that you must also bear with perfect resignation."

- St. Claude de la Colombiere

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Inspired by Christ's own example of love, may we "enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep." May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit respectlife.org/radical-solidarity.

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¹ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 274.

² Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in veritate (Charity in Truth)*, no. 7.

³ Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis (On Social Concern)*, no. 38.

⁴ Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

⁵ Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

⁶ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 188.

⁷ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 24.

⁸ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 269.

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.

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.

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

*"Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forever more.
From the rising sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised."*

Psalm 113

You're Invited



**501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro**

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.



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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.