



*There was a great multitude that no one
could count, standing before the throne.*

Revelation 7:9



St. Dominic Church
October 29, 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
Jim Courtney	Carol Pica
Michael Grace	Scott Warady

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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 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, I would like to tell you about another special restoration project in the church. Please read all that I have to say before reaching any conclusions. The project is to clean, repair broken pieces, and restore the ornate, white marble altar rail around the perimeter of the sanctuary. It was first installed more than 120 years ago and shows its age. To complete the work properly and professionally, the altar rail will be removed and taken to a workshop. Once the work is completed, it will be reinstalled in the exact same manner and location. So, to be clear, there is no ruse or conspiracy to permanently remove the altar rail. The work will take a couple of months to complete. As of this writing, we are hoping to get the needed approvals from the Archdiocese so that the work can begin on October 30. According to the contract negotiated, the reinstallation of the altar rail will occur no later than December 20, just in time for Christmas. A non-parishioner benefactor will fund some, if not all, of the cost of this project.

On the topic of projects, the terrazzo flooring in the sanctuary and entrance vestibules will be polished during the week of November 5. There will be no impact on the weekday Mass schedule and this project should be completed by November 10. The polishing has not been done for more than 5 years. I hope all will appreciate the renewed luster of the flooring. The next step will be to polish the aisles. We need to work out some timing issues before committing to a contract.

The church sound system has been upgraded with new microphones and amplification components for better clarity and intelligibility. I can hear the difference and I hope you can as well. Of course, the sound system depends upon the clarity and volume provided by the speaker or singer. For those with hearing deficits (like me), we have personal listening devices for use at Mass. These devices allow for the direct projection of sound into the ear with an adjustable volume control. The improvements in the sound system are funded with the benefaction of a parishioner who included St. Dominic's in his estate plan. Such gifts make these capital improvements possible. May God give eternal rest to his soul and to all of our deceased benefactors.

Speaking of souls, the month of November begins this week with the celebration of All Saints Day (a holy day of obligation) and All Souls Day. It is a month when we remember and pray for all the souls of the faithful departed. There will be a Book of Remembrance at the front of our church to the left of the ambo. You are invited to simply write the name(s) of deceased loved ones and friends so that they may be remembered in the prayers of the parish. The Paschal Candle will burn in this location to remind us that Christ is the Light that overcomes the darkness of death and sorrow. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

All Saints Day—November 1st

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses at 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7 p.m.

COVER IMAGE:

The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs
By Fra Angelico
(C. 1423-24)
The National Gallery, London

Monday October 30	Tuesday October 31	Wednesday November 1	Thursday November 2	Friday November 3	Saturday November 4	Sunday November 5
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>		* HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION * All Saints Day Mass 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Sant'Egidio Street Ministries 6 pm—8:30 pm <i>St. Stephen Martyr 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 our parish will grow in devotion and love for the Holy Eucharist, and be filled with the charity and compassion of Jesus Christ.

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, and Frances White.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mollie Murphy, Bogomila Mireva, Marion Maxwell, and all of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 29

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Justin & Josephine Castano
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. † Bernard Flannigan

Monday, October 30

- 8:00 a.m. Emilee O'Neal
- 12:10 p.m. Jeff McGrath

Tuesday, October 31

- 8:00 a.m. † Marion Maxwell
- 12:10 p.m. Anna T. Dinh

Wednesday, November 1

- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 7:00 p.m. † Nancy Morrow

Thursday, November 2

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Anna Mae Kormos & Zoe

Friday, November 3

- 8:00 a.m. Justin Phillips/Coleman
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

Saturday, November 4

- 9:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

Finance Council Meeting Minutes

The Parish Finance Council met for its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 24th. Following the opening prayer, Father George introduced new members Jim Courtney and Scott Warady, who will each serve for a 3-year term. Father thanked council member Eileen Lyons for her 6 years of service as she rotates off the council in accordance with the Finance Council Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Washington. Father also announced the resignation of council member Josef Neusser for personal reasons and thanked Josef *in absentia* for his service on the council. The minutes of the July meeting were approved unanimously.

The council reviewed the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Activities for the period ending September 30th, which was also a quarterly review. Items highlighted included solid offertory income, generous poor box donations, and the receipt of a bequest. Expenses were noted to be within budget except for expenses associated with parish life and worship, specifically for the cost of singers and musicians. The higher than budgeted expenses are attributable to the expansion of the sacred music program with the hiring of a fulltime music director and additional singers when needed.

Parish investment funds were reviewed and the council feels comfortable with the investment portfolio. The council acknowledges that the market has ups and downs, but we are invested conservatively and see no reason to make any changes. Because of good interest rates offered by some local banks, some funds have been invested into short term CD's to obtain a good return of interest.

Father George presented the capital repairs and improvement report. He included the ongoing fundraising for church door replacements (the second collection on the third Sunday of the month). He is waiting for the architect to complete the drawings for all of the doors.

The Roosevelt Oregon project has been delayed as previously communicated to the parish. The manufacture of a new console has been given to a new vendor by the organ builder. We are now in the cue for manufacture and can expect delivery next year. There is no specific date. Once all the work is finished and the organ is in top notch

working order, the rededication concert will be scheduled. No further work has been done on the organ loft facade. We are waiting for the architect to provide drawings for finishing features. Father George announced the launch of the special project of stenciling the façade pipes of the organ and the fundraising campaign to go with it. The information was published in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago.

Improvements and upgrades have been made to components within the church sound system. These components provide greater clarity, crispness, and volume within the church. The council members communicated their awareness of the improvements and their happiness with the results.

The increased offertory appeal made in September seems to have generated a positive response; however, more time is needed to determine the level of increase. It appears that more are giving electronically, perhaps having shifted from in pew giving to online giving. More time will allow for better analysis.

The parish has been established as a legal entity. We are now known as Saint Dominic Catholic Church, Inc. Members of the corporation are the Archbishop, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, the Pastor, and the Chancellor of the Archdiocese.

A new restoration project will be cleaning and restoring the altar rail around the perimeter of the sanctuary. Work will commence on October 30th. Full communication and details will be presented to the parish in the bulletin on October 29th.

Giving Tuesday is November 28th. The members encouraged Father George to be specific about the purposes of this effort. Strong recommendations were made to be practical. Members offered recommendations that the effort support the church doors replacement and the expansion of the sacred music program.

Each member of the council signed documents reviewed annually: a confidentiality agreement and a conflict-of-interest declaration.

There being no further new business, the date of the next meeting was confirmed for January 30, 2024. Father George adjourned the meeting with a prayer and a blessing.

Offertory

Week Ending October 22, 2023

Received	\$3,289.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (557.00)

Electronic Giving Options



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.

Faith Direct



We are so grateful for those who continue to generously support the parish through Faith Direct. For those using weekly envelopes, we hope you consider giving by Faith Direct by visiting <https://membership.faithdirect.net/DC117> and signing up to give electronically.

Thank You

We are grateful for all who contributed to the Annual Friar Formation Appeal last weekend.

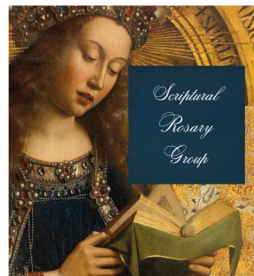


If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. If you did not receive a pledge card recently in the mail, please pick up a blue trifold envelope at the rear of the church, contact the parish office or click the QC code below. Thank you!



Visit dominicanfriars.org/formation to learn more or to make your gift.

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.



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

1370 To the offering of Christ are united not only the members still here on earth, but also those already in the glory of heaven. In communion with and commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. In the Eucharist the Church is as it were at the foot of the cross with Mary, united with the offering and intercession of Christ.

1371 The Eucharistic sacrifice is also offered for the faithful departed who "have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified,"[191] so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ:

Put this body anywhere! Don't trouble yourselves about it! I simply ask you to remember me at the Lord's altar wherever you are.[192]

Then, we pray [in the anaphora] for the holy fathers and bishops who have fallen asleep, and in general for all who have fallen asleep before us, in the belief that it is a great benefit to the souls on whose behalf the supplication is offered, while the holy and tremendous Victim is present.... By offering to God our supplications for those who have fallen asleep, if they have sinned, we . . . offer Christ sacrificed for the sins of all, and so render favorable, for them and for us, the God who loves man.[193]

1372 St. Augustine admirably summed up this doctrine that moves us to an ever more complete participation in our Redeemer's sacrifice which we celebrate in the Eucharist:

This wholly redeemed city, the assembly and society of the saints, is offered to God as a universal sacrifice by the high priest who in the form of a slave went so far as to offer himself for us in his Passion, to make us the Body of so great a head.... Such is the sacrifice of Christians: "we who are many are one Body in Christ" The Church continues to reproduce this sacrifice in the sacrament of the altar so well-known to believers wherein it is evident to them that in what she offers she herself is offered.

Religious Movie Seminar Returns Tonight!



Visit their Facebook page to view the list of movies:
<https://www.facebook.com/religiousmovieseminar/>

Third Annual Veterans Day Mass



Annual Mass Honoring Veterans



ST DOMINIC CHURCH
Friday, November 10, 2023
Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Celebrant

- 7:00 pm Mass with Veteran Honors
- 8:15pm Refreshments



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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.

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.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center

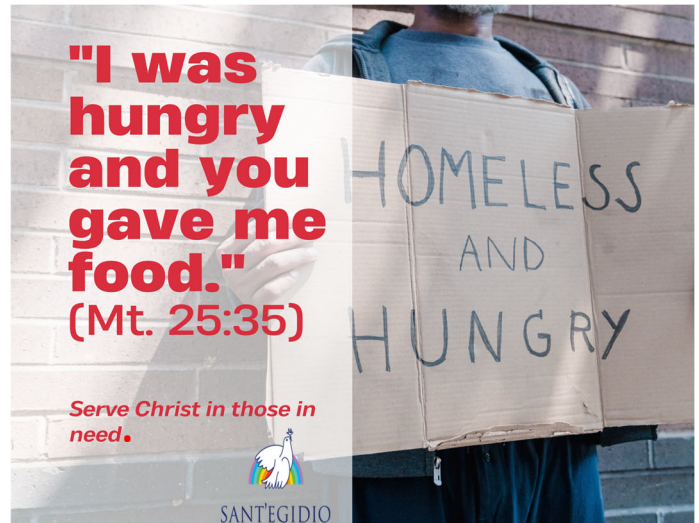


We will be collecting your donations of practical baby items like diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at each Mass **next weekend**, November 4-5, 2023.

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!

Sant'Egidio First Friday, November 3rd



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.



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.