

*They preach but  
they do not practice.*

*Matthew 23:3*



**St. Dominic Church**  
November 5, 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

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.



As part of the development and expansion of the parish sacred music program under the direction of Dr. Denny Layendecker, we will be upgrading the current St. Michael Hymnal to the latest St. Michael Hymnal – Fifth Edition. This latest edition provides an increase of musical repertoire, including Entrance and Communion antiphons, which are often used in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. We hope to have the new edition in the pews for use starting with the season of Advent.

In 2017, we purchased 350 copies of the current Fourth Edition in the pews. The generosity of many parishioners made the purchase possible, and that generosity was recognized with a bookplate label placed inside the front cover of the hymnal. The recognition will be reapplied in the newly purchased Fifth Edition. We have located a parish in Ohio that will purchase the current Fourth Edition (out of print) to meet their needs in an expanding cluster of parishes. Their purchase will offset the cost of our purchase of the Fifth Edition, which will be paid from a donation made to the parish.

In a count last month, just 305 hymnals remain in the pews. Please, if you have a copy or two of the hymnal at home, return it to the church in the coming week. We will be boxing up the hymnals and getting a final count for the sale. The Breaking Bread hymnal will be used during the time of transition from the previous hymnal to the new one.

November is a month particularly dedicated to the memory of the deceased and prayer for all the holy souls in Purgatory. “From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them” (CCC 1032). In your charity, please contact the parish office to request Masses to be celebrated for deceased loved ones and friends.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

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

### Limited Sponsorship Opportunity

Help St. Dominic Church paint and stencil the 37 façade pipes of the Roosevelt Organ. A donation of \$5,000 per pipe can be made in gratitude, in honor of, or in memory of a person or organization. A donor recognition plaque will be installed.

Contact the parish office for the full brochure. Payments can be made over a period of 4 months.

Current Installation



Conceptual Design



Monday November 6	Tuesday November 7	Wednesday November 8	Thursday November 9	Friday November 10	Saturday November 11	Sunday November 12
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>	<b>Veterans Day (Observed)</b>  8 a.m. Mass <b>ONLY.</b> <b>NO Rosary, Confessions or 12:10 p.m. Mass</b>  <b>Parish Office Closed</b>  A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	Scriptural Rosary 9:30 a.m. <i>Church</i>  Monthly Church Clean- ing 9:45 a.m. <i>Church</i>  Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Rooms</i>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
Cenacle 7 p.m. <i>(via Zoom)</i>			Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>			

### Sanctuary Candle



*For blessings on all our nation's veterans, and for the protection of those who serve in our country's military.*

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, November 5

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

#### Monday, November 6

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Faith Hruska

#### Tuesday, November 7

- 8:00 a.m. † Peter & Elise Tamoski
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

#### Wednesday, November 8

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls & the Salvation of Souls

#### Thursday, November 9

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Nicholas & Georgette Balotescu

#### Friday, November 10

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. **NO MASS—Federal Holiday**
- 7:00 p.m. All current and deceased members of the military

#### Saturday, November 11

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

**3rd 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

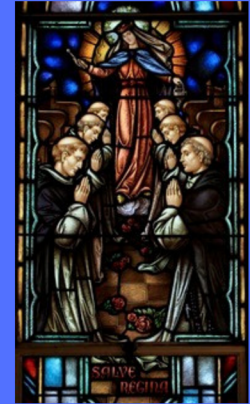


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**November Solemn Vespers**

All are invited to  
*Solemn Vespers*



**Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

*Reception following in the  
 parish meeting room*

*St. Dominic Catholic Church*

*St. Dominic Church*  
*Advent Giving Tree*



**Pick a ticket,  
 buy a gift!**

*The tree is up at the  
 back of the church.*

**With Married Saints & Holy Couples,  
 From Advent to Easter**

The series of presentations on modern day “well-married saints and holy couples” will start up again with a 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle beginning on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent, and (after a break for Christmas and New Year’s) will continue until just before Holy Week. It’s not *just* for married or engaged couples! Anyone can be inspired by their beautiful marital relationships and encouraged by their heroic Christian lives. There is no need to attend all the sessions, but newcomers are invited to attend the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, which will offer an overview of the series. All are welcome!

Date & Time: Sundays, 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the parish meeting room.

## Offertory

### Week Ending October 29, 2023

Received	\$2,023.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	<b>\$(1,823.00)</b>

## Electronic Giving Options



## Mass Intentions Availability

Plenty of 2023 dates through the remainder of the year still available as well as dates in 2024! 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](mailto:Office@StDominicChurch.org).

## 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.



## 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.

## Monthly Church Cleaning



Volunteers needed to help with our monthly church cleaning on Saturday, November 11th after the 9 a.m. Mass. No experience required. New volunteers are always welcome. **No more than an hour of your time is required.**

If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at [Office@StDominicChurch.org](mailto:Office@StDominicChurch.org).

## 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.

## 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.





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

1373 "Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But "he is present . . . most especially in the Eucharistic species."

1374 The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

1375 It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament. The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action of the Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion. Thus St. John Chrysostom declares:

It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered. And St. Ambrose says about this conversion:

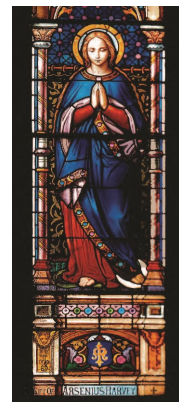
Be convinced that this is not what nature has formed, but what the blessing has consecrated. The power of the blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing nature itself is changed.... Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before? It is no less a feat to give things their original nature than to change their nature.



*"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament, and I find hardly anyone who strives, according to My desire, to allay this thirst by making Me some return of love."*

- Words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

The Grand Altar Window to the right hand of the Sacred Heart of Christ depicts Mary, the Blessed Mother, and patroness of the Dominican Order. She traditionally wears a red tunic, symbolizing her humanity. Her blue cloak represents her divinity, and is a symbol of heaven. Note the Marian monogram below her feet.



~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

## 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](mailto:stimoney@att.net).

## Archdiocese of Washington's Website

The archdiocesan website, [adw.org](http://adw.org) and [adw.org/es](http://adw.org/es) (Spanish) is updated regularly with current information. Daily news and information about archdiocesan parishes, schools and ministries are also available at [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org) for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.



## 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.**

**Monday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m.**  
in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel,  
Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC.

For more information call 301-595-1770



Visit St. Dominic's website!

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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.*