

*Behold the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him!*

Matthew 25:6



St. Dominic Church
November 12, 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 LaPrairie	

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
 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.



Durning the month of November each year, the Church remembers and prays in a particular way for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This annual commemoration of all the faithful departed reminds us that praying for the holy souls in Purgatory is a salutary act of charity. We learn from the

Catechism that “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). Examples of how we can obtain indulgences to help these holy souls are: making an offering for Masses to be said on their behalf (contact the parish office), by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, and by praying the holy rosary.

Someone said to me last week, “I’m so thankful to belong to a Church that will pray for me after I die.” St. Ambrose wrote, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” A recent, local custom in our parish is to burn the Paschal Candle each day of November. The candle reminds us of the victory of Christ over the power of death and the hope that we have that all who have died with Christ will enter new life with him. We also have a Book of Remembrance into which anyone may inscribe the name of deceased family members and friends. Hence, in the Masses and prayers of the parish, the dead will be remembered in the light of Christ who is our hope. Both the candle and the book are located to the left of the sanctuary near the shrine of St. Joseph (who happens to be a patron of the dying).

During the month of October there was the annual task of counting the number of attendees at all the weekend Masses. (Now you know why people were walking up and down the aisles of the church with clipboards in hand.) The data helps the parish and the Archdiocesan leadership understand the vitality of the parish and trends of attendance over the years. In summary, the statistics from the count this year are (monthly average): 63 people attend

the 8:00 a.m. Mass; 128 people attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass; and, 57 people attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday.

The task of evangelization continues. It’s not just about numbers; it’s all about inviting and welcoming all persons into a personal relationship with Jesus and his Church. And we here at St. Dominic Church have room for many more disciples of the Lord Jesus. If every person invited one person, we could double in size and still have room to double again. Who will you invite to join us?

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great
Eternal Father,
I offer Thee the most precious blood of
Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the
Masses said throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for
sinners everywhere, for sinners in the
universal Church, those in my own
home, and within my family. Amen.

Thanksgiving Day
MASS
10:30 AM ONLY

Monday November 13	Tuesday November 14	Wednesday November 15	Thursday November 16	Friday November 17	Saturday November 18	Sunday November 19
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 Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>		Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Mtg Rooms</i>	Solemn Vespers 7:00 p.m. <i>Church</i>

Sanctuary Candle



That the Lord will secure justice for the oppressed and give food to the hungry.

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 12

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

Monday, November 13

- 8:00 a.m. Billy Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

Tuesday, November 14

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Doris Baldwin

Wednesday, November 15

- 8:00 a.m. † Bertha, Victor, Marguerite
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls & the Salvation of Souls

Thursday, November 16

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † John Jacobs

Friday, November 17

- 8:00 a.m. † Louise Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

Saturday, November 18

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

All are invited to
Solemn Vespers



NEW DATE!

**Sunday, November 19, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

St. Dominic Catholic Church

THERE'S NO BETTER
COMPANY THAN YOU!

FRIENDS GIVING DINNER

Please bring a dessert and/or drinks.

Turkey, Dressing/Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes,
Sweet Potato and Apple Casserole, Peas &
Mushrooms, and Cranberry Sauce will be
provided.

Be there or be square!
November 23 | 2 PM
St. Dominic Parish Meeting Room

RSVP BY 11/17 TO VFARRIS@USCCB.ORG
OR TEXT GINNY @ (202) 486-2222
WITH YOUR NAME, HOW MANY IN
YOUR PARTY AND IF YOU ARE
BRINGING ANYTHING.

WE WELCOME HELP CLEANING UP.



St. Dominic Catholic Church

DO YOU KNOW THESE HOLY SPOUSES?

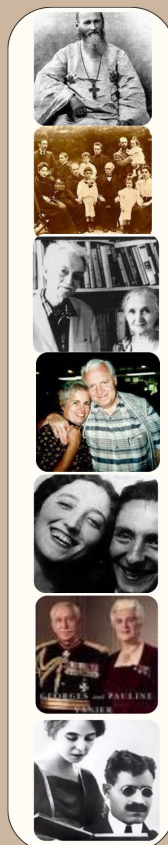
Come and learn with us the
secret to their happiness!

MODERN WELL-MARRIED SAINTS & HOLY COUPLES

A new cycle begins December 3rd
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Parish Meeting Room

It's not just for couples; singles will also
find it inspirational.

St. Dominic Catholic Church
630 E Street, SW
(202) 554-7863
www.stdominicchurch.org



Join St. Dominic's parish community for

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 3rd
after the 10:30am
Mass in the Parish
Meeting Room

RSVP to Maggie at
friedmann@stdominicchurch.org
by November 20, 2023.



Offertory

Week Ending November 5, 2023

Received	\$3,516.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (330.00)

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.



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.

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.

Coming Soon

Giving Tuesday

Support St. Dominic Church

#IGIVECATHOLIC
November 28, 2023

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





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

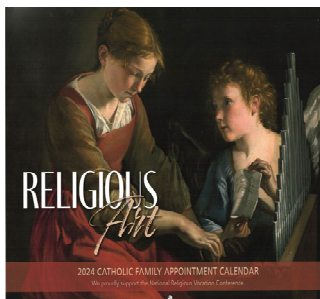
1376 The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation." [204]

1377 The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ. [205]

1378 Worship of the Eucharist. In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession." [206]

1379 The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Available Now — 2024 Calendars



A limited supply of 2024 Religious Art Calendars are available on the table as you walk into the church from the main vestibule. These calendars are free for the taking while supplies last and cannot be reserved or mailed

to anyone from the parish office.

We offer a big thank you to Kalas Funeral Home & Crematory for once again sponsoring the printing of these calendars.

Giving Tree Gifts

If you have selected a tag from the Giving Tree, all gifts are to be returned **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th**. Your unwrapped gift can be brought to the Church where they will be placed in gift bags by volunteers (more on that soon).



"You must ask God to give you power to fight against the sin of pride which is your greatest enemy - the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud."

- St. Vincent de Paul

Church History

The 6th double window on the south side of the church records St. Dominic meeting St. Francis in 1216. The two saints formed a close friendship, and to this day Dominicans and Franciscans exchange visits on each other's founder's feast days as a sign of unity toward a common goal.



~ 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.

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.



Visit St. Dominic’s website!

FREE Coats for Kids

Do you know a child or teenager that needs a new coat for winter? The Knights of Columbus are giving away **FREE** new coats to those in need on Friday, November 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The address is 1600 Morris Road, SE, near the Stanton Road & Pomeroy Road CH-US Circulator stop. No registration required. While supplies last.



Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage



This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This

Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

 <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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