

*The Lord is King,
robed with majesty.*

Psalm 93



St. Dominic Church
November 26, 2023

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shippis, 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.



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and offer a sacrifice of praise and worship to God who calls each of us to share in his own blessed life through his Son and in the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The celebration of this feast engages our faith to believe that Christ is not a king of dominance or subjugation. Pope emeritus Benedict XVI writes: “The feast of Christ the King is therefore not a feast of those who are subjugated, but a feast of those who know that they are in the hands of the one who writes straight on crooked lines.” Today’s feast reminds us that Jesus Christ has dominance over the power of sin and death. Through his death and resurrection, he liberates us in his grace from the dominance and subjugation of Satan. Through his death and resurrection, Christ reveals to us his power and authority. Whatever the sins of our past life, Christ redeems us and makes of us a new creation.

Origen, a priest of the 5th century, says that “...it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God’s kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it may grow and bear fruit and become perfect...If we wish God to reign in us, in no way *should sin reign in our mortal body*; rather we should *mortify our members which are upon the earth* and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ.” In short, we have more to fear when sin rules in our hearts because sin deprives us of freedom and true human flourishing. Sin deprives us of the life of God. Christ conquers the power of sin and fills us with his Spirit which produces in us the fruits of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness [and] self-control” (Gal 5:22-23). When we possess these virtues, we are then fully human and fully alive.

Accepting Jesus Christ as King of the Universe engages our minds and hearts into a divine way of thinking and a divine way of acting. Through Christ, we enter into “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace” (Preface of Christ the King). Our submission to his authority in our lives protects the new life and freedom we have received from him, beginning with baptism. Each of us must choose to accept and honor the authority of Christ over our lives. When we do, he will look after us and guide us. In this relationship, he will bring us freedom, joy, and peace.

On this Thanksgiving Day weekend, gratitude fills our minds and hearts for the generous Providence of God in our personal lives and in the life of our parish. In just over one year since my return as pastor of the parish, generous parishioners and other benefactors have provided the resources for us to begin expanding our sacred music program with the hire of a full-time director of music, to welcome 5 people into our Becoming Catholic process, to establish new home cenacles for adult faith formation on the Eucharist, and to make some capital improvements within the church. And, we have greatly decreased the deficit in our budget.

This year, the parish will again participate in the efforts of Giving Tuesday through the *I Give Catholic* platform. Two benefactors have come forward and offered matching gifts totaling \$20,000 for the benefit of the parish. Every gift given will be matched dollar for dollar, which gives us the possibility of raising \$40,000. The proceeds will be divided in half – 50% for the development and expansion of the sacred music program with paid, professional singers; and 50% for the replacement of doors, some of which are rotting or have become inoperable (see door pictures below). Visit the parish website to make your gift and return often to track the progress to our goal. The giving portal is now available. You do not have to wait until Tuesday. Together, we can fund the mission and outreach of the parish. Thank you.

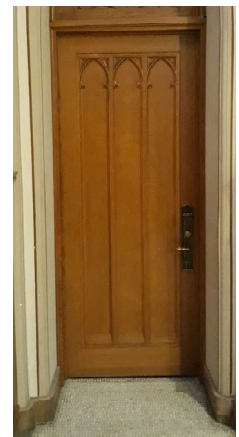
Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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



Current Frontage Rd. door.



Replacement door design.

Monday November 27	Tuesday November 28	Wednesday November 29	Thursday November 30	Friday December 1	Saturday December 2	Sunday December 3
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Scriptural Rosary 9:30 a.m. Church	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass Parish Mtg Room
Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)	#GivingTuesday ALL DAY			Sant'Egidio Street Ministries 6 p.m. St. Stephen Martyr Church	Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. Parish Mtg Rooms	
					Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center Baby Item Collection all weekend.	

Sanctuary Candle



*That the culture of life proclaimed by
Christ the King will reign
in every human heart.*

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:

All of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 26

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

Monday, November 27

- 8:00 a.m. † Thomas Pepke
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

Tuesday, November 28

- 8:00 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Rev. Robert C. Richardson

Wednesday, November 29

- 8:00 a.m. † Rev. Robert C. Richardson
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

Thursday, November 30

- 10:30 a.m. † Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Nicole Cruz

Friday, December 1

- 8:00 a.m. † Jerry Donatucci
- 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, December 2

- 9:00 a.m. William Maxwell

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DO YOU KNOW THESE HOLY SPOUSES?

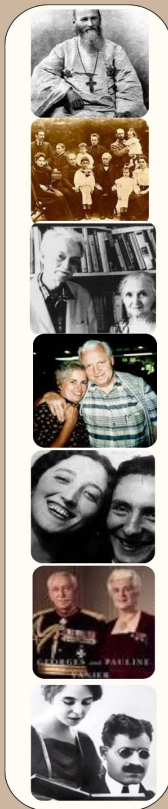
Come and learn with us the secret to their happiness!

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
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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.

You must have registered in advance for this event.

All are invited to *Solemn Vespers*



Sunday, December 17, 2023
7:00 p.m.

with reception following
in the parish meeting room

St. Dominic Catholic Church

501 6th Street, SW
Washington, DC



L'Enfant Plaza Metro
D Street Exit

St. Dominic Catholic Church



Christmas Masses

December 24:

Christmas Vigil Mass: 5 PM - 4:40 PM for carols
Christmas Mass during the Night: 9 PM - 8:40 PM for carols

December 25:

Christmas Mass during the Day: 10:30 AM - 10:10 AM for carols

501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

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Offertory

Week Ending November 19, 2023

Received	\$5,306.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 1,460.00

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.

Our Link is Active **NOW!**

Support St. Dominic Church



#iGIVECATHOLIC
November 28, 2023

Our advanced giving phase has started and continues right into #GivingTuesday on November 28, ending at 11:59 p.m.

Scan the QR code above or visit:

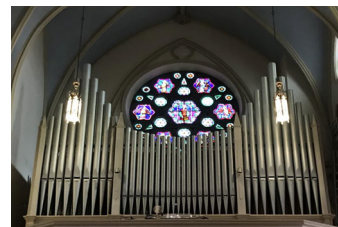
<https://washington.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-dominic-catholic-church-washington>

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 or visit the website. 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:

1382 The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

1383 The altar, around which the Church is gathered in the celebration of the Eucharist, represents the two aspects of the same mystery: the altar of the sacrifice and the table of the Lord. This is all the more so since the Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered for our reconciliation and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us. "For what is the altar of Christ if not the image of the Body of Christ?" asks St. Ambrose. He says elsewhere, "The altar represents the body [of Christ] and the Body of Christ is on the altar." The liturgy expresses this unity of sacrifice and communion in many prayers. Thus the Roman Church prays in its anaphora:

We entreat you, almighty God, that by the hands of your holy Angel this offering may be borne to your altar in heaven in the sight of your divine majesty, so that as we receive in communion at this altar the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, we may be filled with every heavenly blessing and grace.

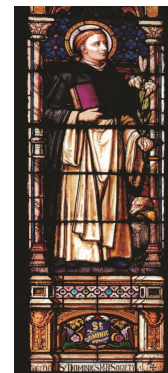
"Take this and eat it, all of you": communion

1384 The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: "Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

Church History

The Grand Altar Windows feature St. Dominic in the outer window on the right hand of the Sacred Heart of Christ. Note the hound with a flaming torch on St. Dominic's left side. Before Dominic's conception, St. Dominic's mother had a vision of a hound with a flaming torch setting the world on fire.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran



Giving Tree Volunteers

Volunteers are needed this Sunday after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses to wrap and deliver the Giving Tree gifts to the District 1 Metropolitan Police Department. If you are able to help, please email Social@StDominicChurch.org.



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. There aren't many left, so get yours now.

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



"Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, or laws to be obeyed... Christianity is a person, one who loved us so much, one who calls for our love. Christianity is Christ."

St. Oscar Romero

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center

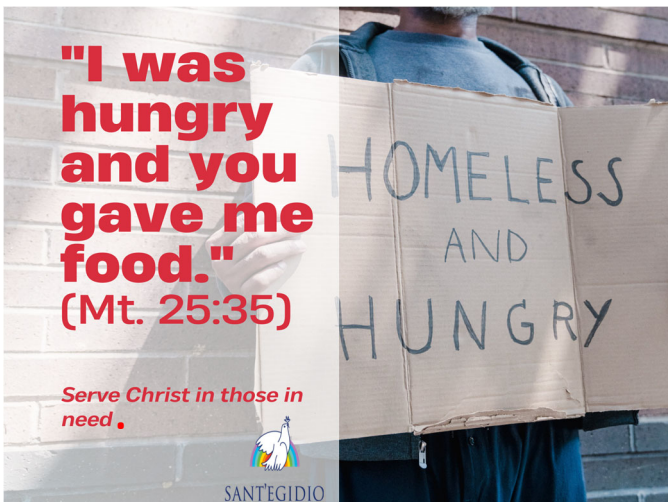


We will be collecting your donations of practical baby items like diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at each Mass **next weekend**, December 2-3, 2023.

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, December 1



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.

If you can say "hello" and hand someone a sandwich, you'll do great at this ministry—please join us!

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

For more info, contact Tim Lang at timlang700@gmail.com.

Christmas Dinner for Those Who Are Alone This Christmas or In Need



Again this year, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be providing Christmas Dinner for those who are alone or in need. If you or someone you know is in need of a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on Christmas Day, please call the parish office at (202) 554-7863 no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023.

We will need their name, address (with apartment number if appropriate), city, state, zip code, telephone and the number of meals. These meals are for delivery only.

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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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.