



St. Dominic Church

December 3, 2023



FILL US ALL WITH

Hope



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.



Today, we begin the new liturgical year with the first Sunday of the Advent season. While this season is not penitential in the manner of Lent, the Church invites us to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord with reflection, hope, and anticipation. We reflect with gratitude to God for the ways that he prepared the world for the Incarnation of his Son Jesus Christ. We renew our hope that the savior born comes for each of us. And we look forward to the last things of the future (death, judgement, heaven, and hell) when God will bring to culmination his work of salvation and redemption. Our God is coming to dwell among us, and we should make every effort to prepare to welcome him. Here at St. Dominic's, there are regular times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the weekly Thursday night holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration that provide the opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus in a sacramental way. Additionally, the church is open daily for scheduled Masses and quiet prayer amid a hectic world. May God grant us the resolve to prepare the way of the Lord into our hearts.

A special "thank you" to all who supported the Giving Tuesday campaign this past week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We can still receive offline gifts through December 5 toward the matching gift challenge. Bring your donation to the parish office.

As you make your preparations for the celebration of Christmas, invite someone to join you for Christmas Mass. Denny Layendecker, our music director, has been working diligently with choristers and instrumentalists to make our liturgical celebrations prayerful and glorious. The beauty of the music and a decorated church will lift the mind and heart to God.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

Project Update:

The altar rail restoration project is on schedule for reinstallation before Christmas. The pictures below show the work in progress. The finished result should be beautiful.



Monday December 4	Tuesday December 5	Wednesday December 6	Thursday December 7	Friday December 8	Saturday December 9	Sunday December 10
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>	* Holy Day of Obligation * The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7 p.m. A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	Scriptural Rosary 9:30 a.m. <i>Church</i> Funeral Mass for Mollie Murphy- Smith 10 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>						

Sanctuary Candle



That the holy season of Advent may increase our love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

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:

Mrs. Cecile Tchong, mother of Maria Moy, and all our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 3

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

Monday, December 4

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. † John J. Timmel

Tuesday, December 5

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. † Mrs. Cecile Tchong

Wednesday, December 6

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. † George Moran, Jr.

Thursday, December 7

- 10:30 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. † Donald Vollmer

Friday, December 8

- 8:00 a.m. † Lula Mahone
- 12:10 p.m. † Lula Mahone

Saturday, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. † Clara Mahone

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DO YOU KNOW THESE HOLY SPOUSES?

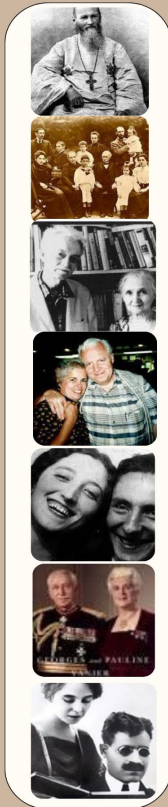
Come and learn with us the secret to their happiness!

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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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8
Holy Day of Obligation



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

St. Dominic Catholic Church

501 6th Street, SW
Washington, DC



L'Enfant Plaza Metro
D Street Exit

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

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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 26, 2023

Received	\$3,183.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$ (663.00)

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



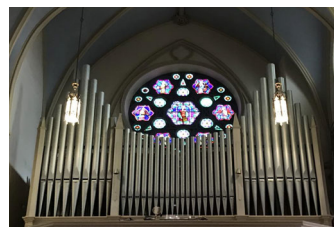
Donations to the parish Poor Box can be made by using the envelope in your packet, Faith Direct, dropping it off at the Parish Office, Venmo or by giving it to one of the priests. Your generosity enables the parish to assist the poor with one-meal gift cards, rent assistance, utility assistance, and other important, local social concerns and organizations.

Limited Sponsorship Opportunity

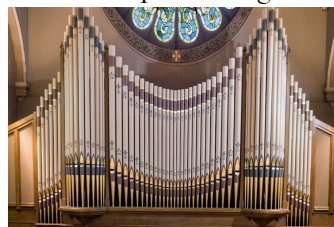
Help St. Dominic Church paint and stencil the 37 façade pipes of the Roosevelt Organ. A donation of \$5,000 per pipe can be made in gratitude, in honor of, or in memory of a person or organization. A donor recognition plaque will be installed.

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



#GivingTuesday Update

Thank you to those that have already made their donation. We are almost at our goal! \$5,425 in gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar to achieve our goal.

Although you can't scan our QR code or click our donation link, you can still make a donation and drop it off at the parish office or by dropping it in the offertory basket at a Mass by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5th.

With your help, we can meet our goal! Thank you for your support!



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."

Raising Joyful Songs Unto the Lord

Our Choir and Ensemble are actively seeking additional choristers to help better support our community's sung prayer, particularly throughout Advent and Christmastide.

Visit our website landing page for more information, or contact Dr. Denny Layendecker at music@stdominicchurch.org.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings beginning December 6 at 7 p.m. (to 9 p.m.) in the choir loft. Join us to "raise joyful songs unto the Lord."

Church History

The window above the shrine dedicated to St. Anthony features a hound with a flaming torch in his mouth. According to tradition, St. Dominic's mother had a dream before her son's conception, in which she saw a hound racing through the world igniting everything with a flaming torch. This dream was indeed prophetic. Dominic did ignite the world with sacred truth through preaching and teaching born from a life of dedicated prayer, love for the Word of God, and a burning desire to gain souls for Christ.



~ Courtesy of Mary Moran



"It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else makes present in the history of humanity the powers of the Redemption."

—Pope St. John Paul II

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.

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.

Funeral Mass for Parishioner Mollie Murphy-Smith

A funeral Mass will be held for longtime parishioner Mollie Murphy-Smith on Saturday, December 9 at 10 a.m. Father George Schommer will be celebrating the Mass.



Mollie's obituary can be viewed by visiting <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/mollie-murphy-smith-obituary?id=53617160>

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.**

Wednesday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m.
in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel,
Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave., D.C.

For more information call 301-595-1770

 <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.