Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.

Mark 1:34
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 — stdominicchurchdc

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.
Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent are just 1 ½ weeks away. I am pleased to share with you that the Dominican friars who live in the priory here at St. Dominic’s are preparing to offer additional times for prayer, devotions, and confessions each day of the week during the Lenten season. Of note is the liturgical prayer of Compline (night prayer) each evening at 6:45 p.m. in the church. The Psalms and prayers are chanted in singable tones. Compline concludes with a procession to the shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary while singing the Salve Regina, and a sung hymn to St. Dominic. Generally, Compline lasts about 15 minutes. Following Compline on weekdays (except for Wednesdays), there will a half-hour time of a particular devotion during which a priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are daytime devotions scheduled for Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. See the flier for more details. These opportunities will help our parish community to develop its prayer life and to invite those who live and work in the area to join with us.

Additionally, the friars invite all to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with them in the morning and evening. Lauds and Vespers are celebrated in the friars’ chapel in the priory. There is an entrance to the chapel from the outside across from the entrance to the parish office. This is mid-block on E Street, SW. The following excerpts from the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours helps us to understand the importance of the Liturgy of the Hours:

“The public and common prayer by the people of God is rightly considered to be among the primary duties of the Church. From the very beginning those who were baptized ‘devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the community, to the breaking of the bread, and to prayer’ (Acts 2:42). The Acts of the Apostles give frequent testimony to the fact that the Christian community prayed with one accord. . . . Such prayer in common gradually took the form of a set cycle of hours. This liturgy of the hours or divine office, enriched by readings, is principally a prayer of praise and petition. Indeed, it is the prayer of the Church with Christ and to Christ. . . . Christ taught us: ‘You must pray at all times and not lose heart’ (Lk 18:1). The Church has been faithful in obeying this instruction; it never ceases to offer prayer and makes this exhortation its own: ‘Through him (Jesus) let us offer to God an unceasing sacrifice of praise’ (Heb 15:15).

The Church fulfills this precept not only by celebrating the eucharist but in other ways also, especially through the liturgy of the hours. By ancient Christian tradition what distinguishes the liturgy of the hours from other liturgical services is that it consecrates to God the whole cycle of the day and the night. . . . The purpose of the liturgy of the hours is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity.”

Please consider participating in these offerings of prayer, devotions, and the celebration of the sacraments. They can help overcome some of the mystery of who are the Dominicans and how do they live their life. These offerings also highlight the identity of a parish linked with the charism of the Order of Preachers. The Lenten schedule will be reviewed at the end of the season to determine how to proceed into the future.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 4, 2024**
**The Week Ahead**

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**Sanctuary Candle**

*For Phyllis Winston.*

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:**

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:**

Howard Owens, Christine Brehm, Margaret Darlington, mother of Jerome Darlington, Frank Chesley, and all of our beloved dead.

**This Week’s Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, February 4**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (2/9)
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

**Monday, February 5**

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak
- 12:10 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (3/9)

**Tuesday, February 6**

- 8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (4/9)
- 12:10 p.m. James Lynch Bailey

**Wednesday, February 7**

- 8:00 a.m. Chloe Carnes & Patrick Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (5/9)

**Thursday, February 8**

- 8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (6/9)
- 12:10 p.m. † Poor Souls

**Friday, February 9**

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (7/9)

**Saturday, February 10**

- 9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (8/9)
You're Invited
Solemn Vespers
for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
7:00 P.M.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
Reception following in the Parish Hall

501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

The Dominican Friars
at
St. Dominic Church
Invite you to pray with them
The Liturgy of the Hours
The very prayer which Christ Himself, together with His body, addresses to the Father.

All are welcome.

Lauds
(Morning Prayer)
Mon-Fri: 7 a.m.
Sat: 8 a.m.
with Office of Readings

Sun: 7 a.m.
with Office of Readings

Vespers
(Evening Prayer)
Mon-Fri: 5:30 p.m.
with Office of Readings
Sat-Sun: 5:30 p.m.
(Rosary precedes Vespers each day at 5:10 p.m.)

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 14
(Through Lent.)
Entrance to the Chapel is at 630 E St. SW

For You
I Have Watched:
The 750th Anniversary of
St. Thomas Aquinas's Last Testament of the Eucharist

Wednesday, March 8th, 2024
6:30 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Adoration
7:30 p.m. Compline
St. Dominic Church
501 6th St SW
Washington, DC

A Solemn Jubilee Celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas with
Preaching by Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.
A Sole procession of Dominican Friars
Individual blessings with the relics of St. Thomas Aquinas
A plenary indulgence
A light reception in the parish hall afterwards.

Presented by St. Dominic's Church and Priory and the Thomistic Institute
Offertory

Week Ending January 28, 2024

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Electronic Giving Options

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Mass Intentions - Now Available Online

Mass intentions for 2024 are available by calling the parish office (202/554-7863), by emailing the parish office (office@stdominicchurch.org), or by visiting the parish website and clicking on the “Mass Intentions” header.

ONLY intentions for “Announced Masses” are available online and payable by credit card. You will still need to contact the parish office for “Unannounced” and “Gregorian Mass” intentions.

CREDIT CARD payment now accepted for ALL transactions.

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is located in the Parish Office. To inquire about a lost item, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at office@stdominicchurch.org. Items are donated or discarded quarterly.

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.

Church History

Reflecting Renaissance traditions of the 1400s, architect Patrick C. Keely designed the interior of St. Dominic to include features such as pointed arches, intricate sculptures and extensive stained glass.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran
Finance Council Meeting Minutes

The parish Finance Council convened for its quarterly meeting on January 31, 2024. One member was excused. The rest of the members gathered in person or remotely.

Father George began the meeting with a prayer. The minutes from the last meeting on October 24, 2023, were reviewed without changes and approved unanimously.

The members then began a review and discussion of the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Financial Position. It was noted at the outset that parishioners and friends of the parish have been very generous to the parish; and everyone is grateful for this support. Items of note are the disbursement of the Poor Box money. At the end of every quarter, all funds exceeding $2,000 are distributed to those organizations that serve the poor and needy. Because the parish does not have the facilities or volunteers to offer its own outreach, this is the best way for the parish to partner with other organizations to help them in the fulfillment of their mission which aligns with the mission of the parish. The minimum balance held in reserve is to ensure that we never have to turn someone away who needs assistance.

Secondly, the parish is in the process of receiving a large donation from a parishioner who recently died. The funds are being deposited in interest-bearing, insured accounts for use later for capital improvements.

Thirdly, the parish received a grant from the Archdiocese of Washington for the purpose of evangelization. The funds are being used to train parishioners and others who are interested in street evangelization. The parish is using the training resources of the St. Paul Street Evangelization organization.

An automobile in excellent condition was recently donated to the parish.

The investment funds continue to perform well in the current market. No changes are needed.

There was a brief discussion about the Giving Tuesday effort last November. Again, the members were grateful for the generosity expressed in this campaign. Recommendations were made to make the website and email communications more user friendly.

A review of Capital Repairs and Improvements highlighted once again the difficulty of finding skilled craftsmen to do the work. The entrance doors still need replacing and will be accomplished once a contractor is found. The restoration of the Roosevelt organ is still in process. We are waiting for the new console to be constructed and delivered. The organ façade pipe stenciling effort is going slow. There are 27 pipes remaining for sponsorship. Updated sound system equipment has been installed and the members reported with gratitude that the results can be heard. All are pleased with the altar rail restoration, which was fully funded by a benefactor not from the parish.

Father George reported that a new policy from the Archdiocese went into effect on January 1, 2024, that increases the threshold for spending without the need for approval from Archdiocesan officials. The authority level of pastors to approve and sign contracts is increased from $25,000 to $75,000. The threshold for contracts that require submission to the College of Consultors is increased from $100,000 to $200,000.

There being no other new business, the members confirmed the next meeting for April 23, 2024. Father George concluded the meeting with a prayer and a blessing for all present.

“If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.”

–St. Clement
Archdiocese of Washington’s Website

The archdiocesan website, adw.org and 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 and elpreg.org for the Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Pregonero newspapers.

Catholic Charities Legal Network

Catholic Charities Legal Network provides access to legal assistance to low-income residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington (i.e., District of Columbia, Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and Saint Mary's Counties). In 1989, Catholic Charities Legal Network was established by the late Cardinal James Hickey with the assistance of the John Carroll Society. Thirty-five years later, and after assisting thousands of residents in need of pro bono civil legal services, we are still in need of volunteers who will conduct client intake or assist with pro bono civil law matters. This program also needs volunteers to assist with conducting short seminars on any of the above subjects for local community and senior citizen groups. Please contact James D. Bishop, Esq., Catholic Charities Legal Network’s Director, at (202) 772-1201 or by email at: james.bishop@cc-dc.org.

Burial of Cremated Remains - Catholic Cemeteries

Is your family still holding on to the cremated remains of a loved one who has passed away? The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese have new choices in ground burial, niches and columbariums. These sacred spaces meet both the requirements of the Church and the needs of families called to secure a permanent place with appropriate memorialization for their loved ones. For more information on the choices for burial of cremated remains, kindly visit ccaw.org.

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in Maryland

A bill that plays into people’s darkest fears and would allow doctors to prescribe lethal drugs for patients to take their lives has been introduced in the Maryland General Assembly, HB 403 and SB 443, the “End-of-Life Option Act (The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act).” Go here to tell your state lawmakers NO to this extreme and deadly legislation: https://p2a.co/WK2gk7Q. Visit mdcatholic.org/pas to learn more about this proposal which does not offer genuine compassion and is fundamentally incompatible with human dignity.

Visit St. Dominic’s website!