Sunday, February 19, 2023
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff
Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Associate Pastor: Father Bede Shippss, O.P.
Deacon: Brother Dominic Koester, O.P.
Pastoral Associate: Margaret Maxwell
Business/Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel
Liturgical/Music Director: J.C. Cantrell

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri

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

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour:
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
* Or by appointment through the Parish Office

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: Contact the Parish Office.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Devotions—Rosary Shrine of St. Jude
Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Monday—Friday

Community Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts:
Each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish meeting room. All are welcome.
**The Week Ahead**

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<td><strong>FEDERAL HOLIDAY</strong></td>
<td><strong>NO 11:45 a.m. Rosary or Confessions and NO 12:10 p.m. Mass</strong></td>
<td><strong>Parish Office CLOSED</strong></td>
<td><strong>Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Music Ministry Rehearsal 8 p.m. Church</strong></td>
<td><strong>Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. Church</strong></td>
<td><strong>Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. Parish Mtg Room</strong></td>
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**Monthly Offertory for January**

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**Summary**

| Deficit/Surplus from January | $3,223 |
| Deficit/Surplus from July 1 | $16,163 |

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**This Week's Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, February 19**

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

**Monday, February 20**

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. **NO MASS—Federal Holiday**

**Tuesday, February 21**

- 8:00 a.m. Daniela Carrion
- 12:10 p.m. Camille Reh

**Wednesday, February 22**

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 23**

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † William Cecil Short

**Friday, February 24**

- 8:00 a.m. † Jacqueline Rock
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

**Saturday, February 25**

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

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**THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:**

Frank & Phyllis Chesley and Bogomila Mireva.

**Sanctuary Candle**

*For those that lost their lives in the earthquake in Turkey and Syria and for those that may still be living buried beneath the rubble, that they are found alive.*

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for $15 or a Mass Intention for $10, can be made in the Parish Office.
This evening, the parish celebrates Solemn Vespers in the church at 7 p.m. All are welcome. The addition of this liturgical celebration to the schedule of the parish embraces a directive found in the Vatican II document on the Sacred Liturgy: “Pastors of souls should see to it that the chief hours, especially Vespers, are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and the more solemn feasts. And the laity, too, are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 100). The following is an explanation of the Liturgy of the Hours found on the USCCB website:

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (Opus Dei), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. At times the dialogue is between the Church or individual soul and God; at times it is a dialogue among the members of the Church; and at times it is even between the Church and the world. The Divine Office “is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom. It is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father.” (SC 84) The dialogue is always held, however, in the presence of God and using the words and wisdom of God. Each of the five canonical Hours includes selections from the Psalms that culminate in a scriptural proclamation. The two most important or hinge Hours are Morning and Evening Prayer. These each include a Gospel canticle: the Canticle of Zechariah from Luke 1:68-79 for Morning Prayer (known as the Benedicimus), and the Canticle of Mary from Luke 1:46-55 for Evening Prayer (known as the Magnificat). The Gospel canticle acts as a kind of meditative extension of the scriptural proclamation in light of the Christ event. Morning and Evening Prayer also include intercessions that flow from the scriptural proclamation just as the Psalms prepare for it. In the Hours, the royal priesthood of the baptized is exercised, and this sacrifice of praise is thus connected to the sacrifice of the Eucharist, both preparing for and flowing from the Mass. “The hymns and litanies of the Liturgy of the Hours integrate the prayer of the psalms into the age of the Church, expressing the symbolism of the time of day, the liturgical season, or the feast being celebrated. Moreover, the reading from the Word of God at each Hour (with the subsequent responses or troparia) and readings from the Fathers and spiritual masters at certain assist in understanding the psalms, and prepare for silent prayer.” (CCC 1177)

An advantage to the public celebration of the Divine Office is that it is a non-sacramental liturgical celebration. All are welcome to come and worship the Lord. With time, there is the hope of developing further the invitation to our neighborhood and city to come and pray here at St. Dominic’s. Please consider inviting family and friends.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week. Ashes will be distributed within Mass only. The Mass schedule is elsewhere in this bulletin or on the website. Also on that day, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be at the entrances of the church to receive your charitable alms to sustain them in their care for the aged poor and sick. Thank you for your generosity to them.

A Lenten series on the Holy Eucharist will be presented at the weekly Thursday evening Holy Hour from 7 – 8 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour in prayer and meditation in the Eucharistic Presence of the Lord. The sermon will be short but informative to help us all grow in our love and understanding of this holy sacrament. Information and sermon titles are found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Praying the Stations of the Cross is scheduled for Fridays at 5 p.m.

As always, let us love one another and pray for each other,

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

How to Help Turkey & Syria

Catastrophic earthquakes in Turkey and Syria have resulted in major devastation in areas already impacted by years of war. The people of that region are now in dire need of medical care, shelter, food, water, clothing, and other supplies, as well as the materials to rebuild homes, schools, businesses, and infrastructure. In addition to prayers of the faithful, Catholic Relief Services is the international relief organization parishes can trust and recommend to parishioners seeking to help through giving. Parishioners can learn more and give at support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes.
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.