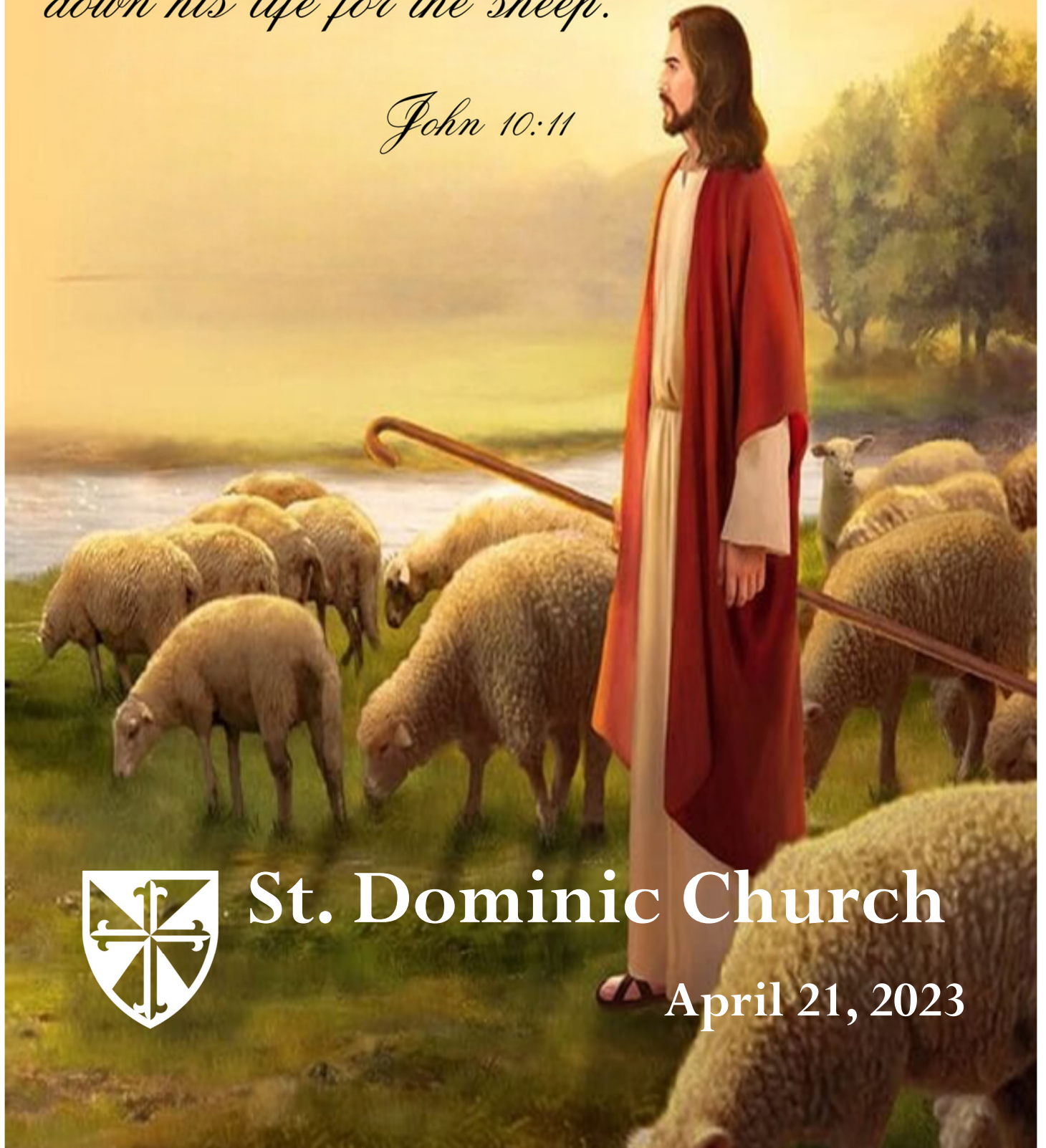


*The good shepherd lays  
down his life for the sheep.*

*John 10:11*



**St. Dominic Church**

**April 21, 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

## Liturgy of the Hours—Priory Chapel **NEW!**

Lauds — Mon-Fri: 7:00 a.m. Sat: 8:00 a.m.  
 Sun: 7:00 a.m.  
 Vespers — Mon-Fri: 5:30 p.m. (w/ Office of Readings)  
 Sat-Sun: 5:30 p.m. (Rosary precedes Vespers  
 each day at 5:10 p.m.)

## 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](http://www.StDominicChurch.org)  
 E-mail — [Office@StDominicChurch.org](mailto: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

Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass,  
 in the parish meeting room.



This Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday” because the Gospel reading comes from the Gospel according to St. John wherein Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd and his disciples as sheep. He has great concern for the sheep, knows each one, and is willing to lay down his life for them.

As a pastor, I am a shepherd of souls here at St. Dominic’s because I share in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. With the help of his grace, especially the gift of pastoral charity, my duties are to celebrate the Sacraments, announce the Gospel and provide faith formation, and to govern the daily operations of the parish. But, I do not do this alone. I have the help and support of my brother Dominican friars, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Council, the Parish Staff, and those who volunteer. At the Meet and Greet the Parish Council event last Sunday, someone asked the question, “What does the Parish Pastoral Council do?” A good question and everyone should know the answer. Here are some points from the “Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils” from the Archdiocese of Washington.

### Responsibilities of Parish Pastoral Councils

“The parish pastoral council is a consultative body for the pastor. Through reflection, prayer, planning, motivation and support, the parish pastoral council serves the pastor by helping identify and encourage those ministries or services that are needed for the growth of a living parish community, evaluated and implemented on a regular basis. Thus the pastoral council must carefully consider the needs of the faithful and search within the community to recommend to the pastor ideas and means that will adequately respond to these needs. This responsibility of the parish pastoral council does not diminish the continued mission and responsibility of the parish as a whole. Each baptized parish member remains responsible in his or her own way for the mission of the parish. In this way, the parish pastoral council is an instrument to help the pastor and the parish better discern, clarify, and communicate its responsibilities for proclaiming the Good News.

The main objective of the parish pastoral council is “to promote pastoral activity that will help the parish achieve its supreme purpose, the salvation of souls.” The parish council assists the pastor with discerning and achieving

the overall good of the parish and its mission. The work is both contemplative and active. With the pastor, the council practices discernment. Through reflection, prayer, planning, setting goals and priorities it responds to the movement of the Holy Spirit in the life of the parish and to the Bishop’s pastoral vision for the archdiocese. In action, council members take leadership in the coordination, motivation, support, and evaluation of pastoral activities in the parish. Concerned with the overall pastoral development of the parish, the pastoral council will often serve as liaisons to the various parish groups or coordinate the implementation of specific initiatives at the request of the pastor.

### Roles and Responsibilities of Council Members

The pastoral council as an important consultative body for the pastor should reflect the face of the parish and represent the various pastoral activities that are carried out within the boundaries of the parish. The members of the council should be: representative of the parish; knowledgeable about the faith; committed practicing registered members of the parish; knowledgeable of the various programs, apostolates, and initiatives of the parish; and committed to the evangelizing mission of the Church. Also, members should be chosen on the basis of their varied expertise in matters worldly, such as, family life, IT, marketing, teaching, facilitating, development, etc.... Regardless of their varied cultures and occupations, members of the council should be the first evangelizers of the parish, that is, always prepared to hear and share the Good News of God’s love with their whole lives in thought, word, and deed. Regardless of their varied cultures and occupations, this must be the unitive motivating principle of the entire council.”

Here at St. Dominic’s, we publish the minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meetings in the bulletin to keep the entire parish informed of the workings of the council. These reflect the implementation of the principles given above. Parishioners are welcome to speak with the pastor or pastoral council members regarding ideas or concerns. Together, we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the growth and unity of our parish.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

George P. Schommer, O.P.  
Pastor

Monday April 21	Tuesday April 22	Wednesday April 23	Thursday April 24	Friday April 25	Saturday April 26	Sunday April 27
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>	Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Conf Room</i>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>			

**Sanctuary Candle**



*That our parish may grow in holiness and in our dedication to evangelization.*

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for \$15 or a Mass Intention for \$10, can be made online and in the Parish Office.

**Let Us Pray For...**

**THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:**

Mary Frances Widner, Dr. Tseghai Berhe, 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, April 21**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Andrea Troanovitch
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 5:00 p.m. † Most Rev. Francisco Gonzalez, S.F.

**Monday, April 22**

- 8:00 a.m. † Daniel Dingman
- 12:10 p.m. Barbara Holly

**Tuesday, April 23**

- 8:00 a.m. † Marion Maxwell
- 12:10 p.m. All Dominicans Living & Deceased

**Wednesday, April 24**

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak
- 12:10 p.m. All Dominicans Living & Deceased

**Thursday, April 25**

- 8:00 a.m. † David & Natsuko Morrow
- 12:10 p.m. All Dominicans Living & Deceased

**Friday, April 26**

- 8:00 a.m. † Frank & Jane Vecchione
- 12:10 p.m. † Most Rev. Francisco Gonzalez, S.F.

**Saturday, April 27**

- 9:00 a.m. † Most Rev. Francisco Gonzalez, S.F.

# SAVE THE DATES

**Sunday, May 12 - Solemn Vespers -  
7 p.m. in the Church with Reception following.**

**Saturday, May 18 - Blessing of the Fleet at the Wharf  
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Fr. George to give the blessing.**

**Saturday, May 25 - Ordination of Dominicans to  
the Priesthood - Basilica of the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception.  
9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, June 2 - Mass with Corpus Christi Procession  
10:30 a.m.  
Parish Picnic on the North Lawn following the  
procession.**

**Friday, June 7 - Devotions in Honor of the Most  
Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Church.  
7 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 8 - Archdiocese Eucharistic Congress  
Mass & Procession - Basilica of the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception.  
Beginning at 8 a.m.**

St. Dominic Catholic Church

## Offertory

**Week Ending April 14, 2024**

Received	\$3,400
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$ 446)

## Electronic Giving Options



## Mass Intentions - Now Available Online

Mass intention 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 payments now accepted for ALL transactions.

## 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.

## Easter Water

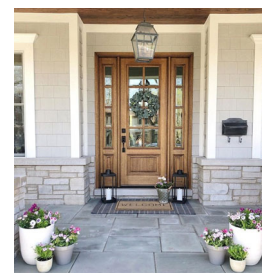


During the Easter Vigil Mass, a large quantity of water was blessed for the Sacrament of Baptism and the renewal of our baptismal commitment. The font of this Easter water is located in front of the ambo and Paschal Candle.

All are welcome to bring a bottle to take this water home. With this water, we can renew our baptismal promises daily and bless ourselves in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## Parishioner House Blessings

The Church offers a blessing of the home with the Easter water during the Easter season. Consider having your home blessed by Fr. George, the pastor at St. Dominic’s. Call or email the parish office soon to schedule a day and time in the Easter season. Visits will be coordinated as best as possible.



## St. Dominic’s Hospitality Committee

The hospitality committee has a number of ways for parishioners to participate. You can volunteer to be part of a group that contributes food for receptions when you are able, or the committee is looking for one or two people to coordinate the set-up and clean-up of the receptions following monthly vespers. It does not take more than 15 minutes before and after the reception. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Susan Timoney at [stimoney@att.net](mailto:stimoney@att.net).

“I encourage you to continue your efforts to contribute to a revival of faith in, and love for, the Holy Eucharist.”

— Pope Francis  
From his address to the leaders of the National Eucharistic Congress





## Pilgrimage Registration - Deadline Extended

We are thrilled to welcome you to the upcoming **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**, which will travel through the **Archdiocese of Washington** from June 7 – June 9, 2024.

On Saturday, **June 8, 2024**, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will have a public Mass and Procession in D.C. **All are welcome!**

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will also have a stationary pilgrimage for those with limited mobility, or other disability, at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine at the same time as the walking Procession.

Please, complete the registration information form by **Saturday, June 1, 2024** — visit [National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Registration - Archdiocese of Washington \(adw.org\)](https://www.adw.org).

If you are attending with your family or group, please register **each person separately**.

## Schedule for June 8, 2024

**8:00 a.m.:** Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

**9:00 a.m.:** Eucharistic Procession through the Brookland neighborhood of D.C., stopping at The Catholic University of America (CUA), various religious communities, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) building, and ending at the St. John Paul II National Shrine.

**12:00 noon:** Benediction at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

**12:30 p.m.:** Catechesis on the Eucharist led by Archdiocese of Washington Auxiliary Bishop Evelio Menjivar and a young person from the Archdiocese of Washington.

There will be time at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for rest and refreshments.

The theme for the Procession will be *Walk with Jesus: To Jesus Through Mary*. Each stop on the Procession will have a short period of prayer and the language at each prayer session will alternate between English and Spanish.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**



Visit St. Dominic's website!

### 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.



### Interested in Joining St. Dominic Parish?

We would love to welcome you into our parish! Visit [StDominicChurch.org](http://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.

# MARIAN PROCESSION

Join us in honoring the Most Blessed Virgin Mary!

Processing from Immaculate Conception (1315 8th St NW), to St. Patrick's (619 10th St NW), and concluding at St. Mary Mother of God (727 5th St NW). *The full route is approximately 1.5 miles.*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**  
**Begins at 6:30PM**

 Erin at [erindonnich@gmail.com](mailto:erindonnich@gmail.com)



*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.*