

## **Pastoral Staff**

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar

## **Parish Staff**

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell Business/Facilities Manager - Ed Von Hagel Liturgical/Music Director - J.C. Cantrell

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

Philip Clarke Doris Stukes
Jules Hurst Susan Timoney
Tim Lang Carrie Traverso

Maggie Smith

#### **Parish Finance Council**

Thomas Bolger MJ Morrow Michael Grace Josef Neusser Eileen Lyons Carol Pica

# **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.

# <u>Devotions—Rosary Shrine of St. Jude</u>

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
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> 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.

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and disciples. Jesus had instructed them to pray for this gift and we learn that this divine gift inspired them to give personal

witness to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. As we learn in the Acts of the Apostles, the coming of the Spirit had the immediate effect of making the apostles' preaching of God's great works intelligible in all languages.

The exit of the first apostles from the upper room to the streets of Jerusalem after the Pentecost moment is the first work of evangelization in the newly-formed Church. Their movement into the society and culture reveals that the gifts of God are not to be hoarded, but shared, communicated, distributed, and used for the benefit of others. In short, the Church has a place in the public square and has the right to announce the truths of God for the salvation of souls and the development of the common good.

In the Apostolic Exhortation *On Evangelization in the Modern World* (1975), Pope Saint Paul VI says that "...the presentation of the Gospel message is not an optional contribution for the Church. It is the duty incumbent on her by the command of the Lord Jesus, so that people can believe and be saved. This message is indeed necessary. It is unique. It cannot be replaced. It does not permit either indifference, syncretism or accommodation. It is a question of people's salvation. It is the beauty of the Revelation that it represents. It brings with it a wisdom that is not of this world. It is able to stir up by itself faith - faith that rests on the power of God. It is truth. It merits having the apostle consecrate to it all his time and all his energies, and to sacrifice for it, if necessary, his own life"(5).

Furthermore, Pope Saint Paul VI says that "the person who has been evangelized goes on to evangelize others. Here lies the test of truth, the touchstone of evangelization: it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn" (24).

Each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. We, like the Apostles, are now empowered by the Holy Spirit to give witness to our faith and the graces we have received in our lives. Through this witness, God invites everyone to share in the new life we have in Christ. The great commission of Jesus is given to us: "Go, and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:19).

Our zeal for the good of others is not some sense of narrow self-righteousness; it is not the presumption of self-perfection, or the blind fanaticism of those who want to impose their views on everyone. It is based on our knowledge and experience that God loves every person and desires every person to receive the new life that is found through faith in Christ. We propose to others the truths of our faith and extend to others the invitation of Jesus: "Come, follow me."

Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a new way upon our parish that all of us will be witnesses in word and action to the love and salvation of Jesus. Through the working of the Holy Spirit we can hope for the renewal of our parish and the growth of our community. Together, with the entire Church we pray: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."

Two weeks from today, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord (*Corpus Christi*). This special feast draws our attention to the Holy Eucharist and becomes the initial event of the Eucharistic Revival on the parish level.

For the conclusion of the 10:30 Mass on this day, we will have an outdoor solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the block of the church and priory. Everyone is invited to participate, especially families with children. The procession will conclude with Solemn Benediction in the church. Afterward, we'll have a parish picnic on the E Street lawn. It should be a day of joyful witness to our Catholic faith and lively fellowship with one another.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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Pastor

#### **COVER IMAGE:**

#### "Descent of the Holy Spirit"

Embroidered banner in the Dominican Sisters' Convent at Stone in Staffordshire, England

Photograph by Fr. Laurence Lew, O.P.

Monday May 29	Tuesday May 30	Wednesday May 31	Thursday June 1	Friday June 2	Saturday June 3	Sunday June 4
Parish Office CLOSED for the Memorial Day Holiday  A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room  Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)	Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room  Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. Church	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room  Holy Hour 7 p.m. Church	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. Church	Holy Couples & Married Saints 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Parish Mtg Room  Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass Parish Mtg Room
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## **Sanctuary Candle**



For the repose of the souls of those who have died in service to our nation, and for all who continue to risk their lives in military service.

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, Bogomila Mireva 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, May 28

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † William Hope 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

5:00 p.m. † Thomas Egan

Monday, May 29

8:00 a.m. Fr. Gregory Coyne

12:10 p.m. No Mass—Federal Holiday

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 a.m. † Joyce Anne Browne 12:10 p.m. John Kormos, Jr.

Wednesday, May 31

8:00 a.m. Matthew T. Dinh 12:10 p.m. † Gerard Egan

Thursday, June 1

8:00 a.m. † Rita M. Keliher 12:10 p.m. † Joseph de Luca

Friday, June 2 8:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m. † Mitzi Valldeperas

Saturday, June 3

9:00 a.m.



St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church 630 E Street, SW L'Enfant Plaza Metro

Holy Couples E Married Saints

> A series of talks on modern-day married saints.

Led by Fr. Kevin Kraft, O.P.

Sundays April 16 - August 27, 2023 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Parish Meeting Room

#### St. Dominic Cenacle



In this Augustine Institute series Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy interwoven through the transformative

message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, the worldchanging papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

Join Cenacle on Monday Evenings at 7 p.m. Please join by Zoom, using the link https://us02web.zoom/us/j/84105587170

The meeting ID: 841 0558 7170

#### **Parish Picnic Volunteers Needed**

The hospitality committee is looking for volunteers to help in a couple of different ways for our Corpus Christi procession and parish picnic on Sunday, June 11. If you can bring a side dish for the picnic table, such as salads, fruit, desserts, all are welcomed, or if you can help with set-up following the 8:00 a.m. Mass or clean-up following the picnic, we would love to hear from you. Please email Susan Timoney, stimoney@att.net.





# Offertory

## Week Ending May 21, 2023

Received \$3,877.00

Budgeted \$3,173.00

Deficit/Surplus \$ 704.00

# **Electronic Giving Options**





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## **Mass Intentions Availability**

Plenty of dates through 2023 are available now! 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, 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.

#### Leave a Legacy

Please remember St. Dominic Church in your will and estate planning. Your thoughtfulness will enable the parish to maintain its presence, ministry and outreach in Southwest Washington.

# **Matching Gift Opportunity**

The rededication of the Roosevelt Organ will be on Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m. To support the event with a concert organist, advertising, and hospitality, a \$7,500 pledge has been



made as a 1-for-1 matching gift. Donors are needed to receive the monies of this pledge. Please consider a gift for this purpose, payable to St. Dominic Church with the note for "Organ." The total amount received in donations remains at \$5,725.

## Nathan's Organ Prelude & Postlude



<u>Prelude</u>: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 634 (Dearest Jesus, We Are Here) -J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

<u>Postlude</u>: Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 631 (Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit) - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them, every day begin the task anew."



- St. Francis de Sales

# 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.

## **Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena**



This weekend, we join the Dominican friars and hundreds of people associated with them to pray the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena for the fifth of nine months. Prayer cards can be found in the church literature racks and at the entrances of the church.

God our Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are adopted as your beloved sons and daughters.

At Pentecost you poured out the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles while they were at prayer.

Pour out that same Holy Spirit upon us as we meditate upon the mysteries of Christ contained in the Most Holy Rosary.

Enlighten our faith, strengthen our hope, and set us ablaze with love for you and our neighbor.

Graciously grant us St. Dominic's own zeal for the salvation of souls.

Bless the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage.

May it lead many souls to Jesus through Mary, so that we may know you and your saving power now and for all eternity.

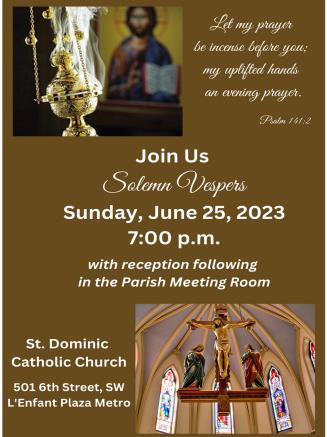
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us! St. Dominic, pray for us!

# 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.





## The Garden Angels

St. Dominic's Garden Angels work their magic on the Church grounds on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the



month. Anyone is welcome to join them, whether it be regularly or occasionally, from 9 a.m. to 10:30/11:00 a.m.—meet in the parking lot.

No skill required, just the desire to work in the gardens to beautify our grounds. We do have our own tools, but if you have garden tools that you prefer to work with, feel free to bring them. All we ask is that you bring your own gardening gloves.

If you have any questions, please call or email the Parish Office.

# Sant'Egidio — First Friday, June 2



# DC Public Library—Southwest Branch



#### 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.



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.