God sent his Son that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16

St. Dominic Church

June 4, 2023
Pastoral Staff
Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar

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Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
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Tim Lang Carrie Traverso
Maggie Smith

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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.

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.
Making the Sign of the Cross is the most common prayer and gesture of our Catholic faith. It accompanies the beginning and end of our prayers; it expresses the most essential dogma of our faith. Unfortunately, the prayer and gesture are often made thoughtlessly or superstitiously. Sometimes it appears that a person is swatting away a fly more than making the Sign of the Cross.

“The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” (CCC 261). One God in three persons is the God of our faith and worship. Hence, we are baptized in the name of the Three-Personed God, we pray in the name of the Three-Personed God, and we worship in the name of the Three-Personed God. This paradigm is reflected in so many of our prayers. For example, the Mass begins and ends with the Sign of the Cross and the invocation of the names of God. The prayers of the Mass are addressed to God through Jesus Christ and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The end of the Eucharistic Prayer is Trinitarian when we say, “Through him and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor is yours forever and ever. Amen.”

Yes, this is a great mystery that can be hard to understand with the human mind. Most of us do not have the philosophical and theological training to grapple with terms such as “substance,” “person” or “hypostasis,” “relation,” and so on. Nevertheless, through our Baptism and the gift of faith, we are always in a relationship with God who is One and relates to us Person to person. He created us in love and in a plan of sheer goodness to make us share in his own blessed life (cf. CCC 1). We can have confidence that the Holy Spirit has guided the Church from the beginning in the clarification of our Trinitarian faith and articulated the true faith through the creedal statements of the earliest Councils. The Creed that we pray today in the Mass has its origin in the Council of Nicea in 325. When we pray the Creed, we re-affirm our Catholic faith and the promises of our baptism.

We don’t get a new definition or explanation of the Trinity today. Instead, we enter anew into the worship of God who has revealed himself to us. The Sign of the Cross is a succinct profession of our faith and a reminder of the Cross of our salvation and redemption. We all do well to make this sign reverently and consciously. Doing so will deepen our relationship with God who created us, who saves us, and sanctifies us. It is a holy sign.

Next weekend is very special in the liturgical calendar of the Church as we observe the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi). This feast focuses our attention on the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus, who invites us to worship him and experience within ourselves the fruits of his redemption of our souls. The 10:30 parish Mass will be a solemn celebration that will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession outdoors around the block of the church. It is desired that everyone will join in this procession as a public witness to the world outside of our faith in Jesus and his Presence among us. After going around the block, the procession will return to the interior of the church for the Benediction (blessing) and the conclusion of the Mass. (Note: A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly participate in a solemn Eucharistic procession, held inside or outside a church, of greatest importance on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.)

Immediately following the procession and benediction, all are invited to the parish picnic on the north lawn (E Street side) of the church. The parish will provide grilled meats. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. Volunteers are needed to set up tables and chairs, arrange the food, etc. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking. Help will be needed to clean up afterward. Please find further information on this event elsewhere in this bulletin. Come celebrate the beginning of summer with your parish family. I hope to see you there.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

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

COVER IMAGE:
“The Trinity”
By Francesco de Mura
Circa 1741
Sanctuary Candle

*For those that live without faith: that the love of the Blessed Trinity will awaken their minds and give hope to their hearts.*

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:**
Karl Shipps.

This Week’s Mass Intentions

**Sunday, June 4**
5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
8:00 a.m. † Evalina Stukes
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

**Monday, June 5**
8:00 a.m. John Vasile
12:10 p.m. † Karl O. Shipps

**Tuesday, June 6**
8:00 a.m. † Jaqueline Rock
12:10 p.m. † Karl O. Shipps

**Wednesday, June 7**
8:00 a.m. † Karl O. Shipps
12:10 p.m. † Joyce Anna Browne

**Thursday, June 8**
8:00 a.m. † Patricia Keating Doyle
12:10 p.m. † Bonnie O’Brien

**Friday, June 9**
8:00 a.m. Anne Vasile
12:10 p.m. Erin & Alison Getz

**Saturday, June 10**
9:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena 1/9
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 world-changing 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: Volunteer Update

Volunteers who can move and lift tables and chairs are needed to help set up for the parish picnic on Sunday, June 11 at 9:15 a.m. Volunteers will meet in the parish hall. If you can help, please let us know by contacting Jay at Jules.w.hurst@gmail.com.

If you are planning to bring a side dish to share, please let Carrie know at catraverso@gmail.com. Food can be dropped off in the parish hall after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and before the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
Offertory

Week Ending May 28, 2023

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Electronic Giving Options

Faith Direct

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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.

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 is now $5,765.

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.
Memorial Mass for Barbara A. Dever

Barbara Anne Dever, wife of Edward Charles Dever, III, both long-time parishioners at St. Dominic, joined her husband in their heavenly home on Monday, October 17, 2022 in California.

All are welcome to join her family and friends for a memorial Mass here at St. Dominic on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 10 a.m. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall following Mass. The burial that afternoon will be private.

Please keep Barbara and her family in your prayers.

Eucharistic Revival

As the Catholic Church begins a three-year Eucharistic Revival, a convenient and FREE way to revive your own devotion to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is to sign up for My Daily Visitor: Eucharist.

Visit https://www.mydailyvisitor.com/eucharist/ for this free devotional with 40 reflection themes to help you pray and reflect on the source and summit of our Catholic Faith.

Beginning on Corpus Christi (Sunday, June 11) you will receive a daily email with a video and the day’s reflection, which will guide you to a deeper love of Christ through prayer, Scripture, and the examples of the saints.

“Do you want our Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him seldom. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament are powerful and indispensable means of overcoming the attacks of the devil. Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you.”

— St. John Bosco

You're Invited!
Chant Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday
June 16, 2023
7:00 p.m.

St. Dominic Catholic Church
501 6th Street, SW
L’Enfant Plaza Metro

Join Us
Solemn Vespers
Sunday, June 25, 2023
7:00 p.m.
with reception following in the Parish Meeting Room

St. Dominic Catholic Church
501 6th Street, SW
L’Enfant Plaza Metro
Meet our Summer Student Brothers

My name is Br. Basil Burroughs and I was born in Singapore as the younger of two sons in a Canadian diplomatic family. After growing up in several countries in Asia, I attended Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, where I received a BAH in economics. I worked for two years in campus ministry before entering the Dominican Order in 2018. In my free time, I enjoy studying foreign languages and reading Church history. This summer, I will be a chaplain intern at Inova Alexandria Hospital, where I hope to grow as an effective witness of God’s mercy and saving power.

My name is Br. Bertrand Hebert, and I’m one of the student brothers living at St. Dominic’s this summer. To tell you a little more about myself: I was born and raised in south Louisiana, near Lafayette. I’m the youngest of four children, and I even have a few nephews and a niece. I just completed my fourth year in simple vows as a Dominican and, God-willing, I will make solemn vows and be ordained a deacon next spring. Before becoming a friar, I was a diocesan seminarian for five years. During that time, I studied philosophy and earned my Licentiate in Philosophy at the Catholic University of America. I recently completed my theological studies at the Dominican House of Studies with my Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology, and I will begin further studies in canon law this upcoming academic year at the Catholic University of America. I enjoy reading (of course, I’m a Dominican), working out, playing a little piano, and recreating with the brethren. This summer, I will be interning as a hospital chaplain at INOVA Alexandria Hospital. In this apostolate I’m looking forward to being more docile to the Holy Spirit who truly comforts those who are afflicted, even by inspiring lowly friars like us. Thank you for welcoming me to your parish this summer, and I look forward to meeting some of you!"

Hello! My name is Br. John Henry Peters. I grew up in Saline, Michigan, the fourth out of six children (three boys, three girls). After being homeschooled, I studied as a lay student at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Michigan, obtaining a B.A. in Philosophy, and an M.A. in Theology. I entered the Dominican novitiate in 2019 and I’ll be entering my fourth year at the Dominican House of Studies. Having just graduated with my Licentiate in Sacred Theology, I will begin teaching high school religion this coming academic year.

This summer I will be studying American Sign Language at Gallaudet University with the hopes of one day being able to use it in ministry. Some of my interests include music (especially playing the organ), karate, and modern and ancient languages. I look forward to spending the summer here at St. Dominic’s!