The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

St. Dominic Church

June 11, 2023
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.

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
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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.
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus (in Latin, *Corpus Christi*). This special feast day is an occasion for Catholics around the world to reaffirm their faith, love, and devotion for the Real Presence of Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist. We highlight the unique and special relationship we have with Jesus who made an eternal covenant with us through his Blood. Through him, we are saved from sin and death, reconciled with God, and given all the graces we need to live a life of love, fidelity, and obedience. The Eucharist is the continual memorial of God’s presence and saving action in our lives. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we offer a perfect sacrifice of praise and worship to the Father. It embodies our gratitude and thanksgiving for the infinite blessings of God in our lives.

In this celebration we recall the primary sacrament which Jesus himself entrusted to his Church and commanded that it be celebrated in memory of his saving passion and death on the Cross. We learn from the Catechism that “the Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch” (CCC 1324). Every time the Mass is celebrated the real presence and saving work of Christ comes to us and is received by us in Holy Communion. He is the nourishment of our souls and fills us with his grace so that we can grow in virtue and holiness.

For our ongoing sanctification and the enhancement of our personal relationship with Jesus, “the Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession”(CCC 1378). As a parish, we carry the Eucharist in an outdoor procession around the parish property today to be a visible witness of our faith to the neighborhood. As a parish, we have a weekly time of Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. During this Holy Hour we can abide in the Eucharistic Presence of the Lord in silent prayer. He is present and waits for us to come to him. All parishioners – in fact, everyone – is invited to come and spend this time with the Lord. His Presence and our worship of him will bring renewal to lives and to our parish. His blessings are available in abundance. We have only to come and receive them. Consider making a commitment to the Lord to spend time with him.

Today marks the beginning of a year for Eucharistic Revival within every parish of our country. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This year will conclude with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17-21, 2024. To learn more about this movement and the congress, go to [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) and consider attending the congress. If you are interested, please inform Margaret Maxwell in the parish office (office@stdominincchurch.org or 202-554-7863). If there is enough interest, we may be able to obtain a group rate or join up with another parish to do so.

Today, we gather as a parish community for a picnic on the north lawn. One of the graces of the Eucharist is to unite us with one another in the Holy Spirit who enables fellowship in the Lord. After years of pandemic restrictions, we make a new start with the Mass and picnic to renew and form friendships. These encounters and interactions with one another strengthen our experience of belonging to a parish family that loves one another and supports one another in faith. My hope is that everyone will have a great time and have the desire for future gatherings.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Fr. George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor
**Sanctuary Candle**

*That the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will strengthen all marriages and families.*

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 11**
- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Maria de Luca & Arragon Perrone
- 8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena 2/9
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, June 12**
- 8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena 3/9
- 12:10 p.m. † Elizabeth Lennon

**Tuesday, June 13**
- 8:00 a.m. † Bridget Dixon
- 12:10 p.m. Father’s Day Novena 4/9

**Wednesday, June 14**
- 8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena 5/9
- 12:10 p.m. Brandon Jacobsen

**Thursday, June 15**
- 8:00 a.m. † Antja Ellen Bodnanuk
- 12:10 p.m. Father’s Day Novena 6/9

**Friday, June 16**
- 8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena 7/9
- 12:10 p.m. † Joyce Anne Browne

**Saturday, June 17**
- 9:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena 8/9
St. Dominic Cenacle—Mondays

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

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**Week Ending June 4, 2023**

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Electronic Giving Options

- **Faith Direct**
- **Venmo**

Faith Direct

We are so grateful for those who continue to generously support the parish through Faith Direct. For those using weekly envelopes, we hope you consider giving by Faith Direct by visiting https://membership.faithdirect.net/DC117 and signing up.

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.

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

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 as of May 31 is $7,065.

Nathan’s Organ Prelude & Postlude

**Prelude:** Not available at time of printing.

**Postlude:** Not available at time of printing.

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.
Pastoral Council Summary Minutes

The parish pastoral council gathered for a scheduled meeting last Sunday, June 4. After an opening prayer and approval of the minutes from the last meeting, Father George provided an update on the process of establishing neighborhood hosts for adult faith formation. Ten parishioners are interested but would like more information before making a commitment. Father George will schedule a meeting with all those interested to answer questions. The council discussed options for content and agreed that the content should support the Year of Parish Revival starting June 11. This revival is within the context of the National Eucharistic Revival underway around the country.

The parish has received a grant from the Archdiocese of Washington for evangelization efforts. Members of the council have registered with the St. Paul Street Evangelization organization for training and resources. Once the evangelization team has completed its training, next steps will be determined.

The parish continues to work on its use of communication tools. Studies show that the parish bulletin is still the most effective means of communication. Making it available electronically helps the effectiveness. The website needs ongoing updates. Facebook needs better utilization. It was reported that Flocknote has a 55% open rate, which is seen as very good.

The council reviewed upcoming events during the summer months, including the Corpus Christi procession, parish picnic, solemn Vespers, and the patronal feast of St. Dominic on August 8. All are hopeful for outstanding participation in the procession and picnic on Sunday, June 11 after the 10:30 Mass.

The council recommends and will support a Parish Ministry and Mission Fair in late September after all the Masses. This fair will be an opportunity for parishioners to learn about additional ways of being involved in the life, ministries, and service opportunities of the parish.

Looking ahead, the parish needs to begin advertising the OCIA (formally RCIA) to invite people to become Catholic. Efforts need to include personal invitations from parishioners. Studies have shown that a personal invitation is the most effective means of welcoming people to the Catholic Church.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with a prayer. The next meeting is on July 9.

Scriptural Rosary

Can we interest you in joining our group to pray for your intentions? We are a small group, but would like to grow. We meet after the 9 a.m. Mass every Saturday at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary to say the Scriptural Rosary.

Each week, a different member leads the group and we pray for their petition and national or world intercession. No rosary necessary. We will provide you with a Scriptural Rosary booklet to use. Join us one Saturday and check us out.

“For Today, in adoring the Sacred Heart, let us pray fervently for peace. First of all for peace in our hearts, but also for peace in our families, in our nation and in all the world. Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, have mercy on us!”

— St. John Paul II

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.

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.
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.

Church History

July 7th is the feast day of Blessed Benedict XI (1240-1304), a Dominican friar who became pope in 1303. The 6th double window on the church’s north wall features Benedict being inspired by an angel while he writes. Benedict wrote volumes of sermons and commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, the psalms, and the Apocalypse. Note the Papal Tiara on the left.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran.

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.

THE CATHOLIC STAFF ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

CATHOLICS IN TODAY’S ‘PUBLIC SQUARE’: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

This talk by Fr. Stephen Fields, SJ of Georgetown University, will give consideration to the writings of Benedict XVI and his thoughts on what is happening with the political and religious traditions in the modern day. Scan the QR code below to sign up!

Tuesday, June 13th at 7:00pm at the Belmont House 314 Independence Ave. SE Washington, D.C.