Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit.

Matthew 13:8
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
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.
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.

St. Dominic Cenacle—Mondays

Bishop Robert Barron’s The Mass series

Join Cenacle on Monday Evenings at 7 p.m.
Please join by zoom with the following link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84105587170
Meeting ID: 841 0558 7170
or by phone +13017158592,84105587170# US (Washington DC)
### The Week Ahead

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### Sanctuary Candle

*For the intentions of Jeff Ball<br>by Mitzi & Vince Sobash.*

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 Week’s Mass Intentions

**Sunday, July 16**
- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
- 8:00 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.
- 5:00 p.m.

**Mary Troanovitch**
**Rosaleen Cooke**
People of the Parish
Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

**Monday, July 17**
- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m.

**Sandra Przdock**
**William Murray, Jr.**

**Tuesday, July 18**
- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m.

**St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 1/9**
**John Vasile**

**Wednesday, July 19**
- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m.

**Mrs. Jane Li**
**St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 2/9**

**Thursday, July 20**
- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m.

**St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 3/9**
**Mrs. Cecile Tchong & Family**

**Friday, July 21**
- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m.

**Madeline C. Panis**
**St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 4/9**

**Saturday, July 22**
- 9:00 a.m.

**St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena 5/9**

### Let Us Pray For…

**THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:**
Frank & Phyllis Chesley, Nora Courtney, Eileen Maturi, Bogomila Mireva, Pia Pell and Frances White

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:**
All those serving in our country and around the world.

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**
John Chisolm, Phyllis Ann Desantis and Barbara Sanders.
St. Dominic Neighborhood Cenacles - Forming NOW!

Small groups (Cenacles) will meet in homes or meeting space on a variety of days and times. These meetings are intentionally informal and facilitated by parishioners, who are trained and prepared with professional presentation material. Each cenacle will study the same material so that we as a parish can be united and formed together.

We are encouraging and inviting you to register for the cenacle group that best fits your availability. You are not restricted to a geographical area. Please see the list below and register through the parish office (office@stdominicchurch.org or 202-554-7863).

If you are interested in this initiative, but cannot find a group that fits your schedule, please contact the parish office. We’ll see what can be done.

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Visit our website to read the entire letter from Fr. George explaining this new initiative.

Are you searching for...
A deeper relationship with God?
An encounter with Jesus Christ?
A sense of belonging in a Christian community?
A greater fulfillment of your purpose in life?

Have you been curious...
What Catholics believe about God, Jesus, Mary, and the Saints?
What Catholics believe is God’s plan for human life and happiness?
What makes the Catholic Church different from other Christian churches?
What is the meaning and purpose of the Sacraments?
What are the benefits of going to Mass?
How Catholics serve the poor and engage in social justice?
Why the church teaches what it does about human life, sexuality and happiness?

Consider living your life as a Catholic
Register for Inquiry – a casual meeting format to begin answering questions and curiosities. General topics will be presented to inform and facilitate conversation. Participation does not mean a commitment to become Catholic. Meetings begin after Labor Day on Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 am. Register today. Scan the QR code below.
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 as of July 14 is $9,615. Thank you! Additional gifts will support the final phase of the organ restoration.

Church History

The 2nd double window on the north side of the church features Blessed Humbert (1200-77). His major concern was to help his brothers understand their vocation as preachers and to clarify Dominican law and Dominican life. In his left hand Humbert holds a master copy of the Dominican Constitutions, which he always carried so that a copy could be made when he visited the various houses.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

Offertory

Week Ending July 9, 2023

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Electronic Giving Options

Faith Direct, venmo

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.

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.
From the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A weekly, continuous reading of the Article on the Sacrament of the Eucharist:

1335 The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist. [156] The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the Hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfillment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ. [157]

1336 The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" [158] The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?": [159] the Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life" [160] and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.

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.

To support the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Barron’s file series, The Mass, FREE to watch online!

Watch for FREE!

Walk through the Mass with Bishop Barron and be transformed through in sights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm; how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church; and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

Click the button above to start watching or go to https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1.

"This bread is bread before the words of the Sacrament. But when the words of Christ come to it, it is the body of Christ … Before the words of Christ it is a cup full of wine and water. When the words of Christ become operative, the blood which has redeemed the people is caused to be there."

—St. Ambrose

COVER IMAGE:
“The Sower Sowing the Seed”
By English School
Circa: 19th Century
Pastoral Council Summary Minutes

The parish pastoral council met on Sunday, July 9, 2023. All the members were present. Father George opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Father George noted that the fiscal year for the parish ended on June 30, 2023. The financial statements show that the parish ended the year in a positive way, overcoming the deficit in the budget. The offertory collection has been strong and the QR codes posted in the pews have been regularly utilized. A summary financial report will be prepared and made available to the parish in a couple of months.

The new cenacle initiative for adults is underway. The hosts had an initial information session. Hosts will receive training as facilitators. Advertising and the invitation from the pastor has been communicated to the parish. The cenacle home groups will begin meeting after Labor Day.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (previously known as RCIA) will have its formation meetings on Saturday mornings beginning at 10 a.m. Advertising has begun. Parishioners are asked to invite non-Catholics to participate. A small team of catechists will assist the pastor to present the program.

Family faith formation has become aware of a possible catechist. Possibilities will be pursued.

Evangelization team formation is ongoing. Team members will be completing online formation. A meeting of the team will determine the next steps.

Communication outlets were reviewed. A comment was made about the improvement of the parish bulletin in its content and layout. Efforts will be made to make portions of the bulletin more readable. Flocknote continues to be an effective method of communication. There is over a 50% open rate. The parish Facebook page has some troubles with access. It is hoped that this problem will be resolved soon.

The council members debriefed on the events of June. The Corpus Christi Mass and Procession was well attended. Some people remarked that they had never seen such a procession before. The parish picnic following the procession was enjoyed by many. Ideas were offered for improving the experience of the procession and the picnic. A possibility for next year is to collaborate with neighboring parishes for a longer procession. This would support the Eucharistic Revival initiative in the USA. Planning needs to start early.

The Solemn Sung Mass on the feast of the Sacred Heart was not well attended. Solemn vespers in June also had few attendees. Council members offered suggestions on improving advertising and promotion. There was also a suggestion of catechesis in the parish on the importance of Sunday Vespers in the liturgical life of the Church and the parish. The schedule for Solemn Vespers once a month was presented through December.

The parish will observe its patronal feast of St. Dominic on Tuesday, August 8 with a solemn sung Mass at 7 pm. A simple reception will follow outside as the weather permits.

The neighborhood school supplies drive has garnered some support. Supplies must be received by July 16. Distribution to the neighborhood children will be on Sunday, August 6 at Riverside Baptist Church.

Changes in a couple of parish staff positions are on the horizon. These will be communicated to the parish when appropriate. Note: The pastor is not leaving.

There will be a parish ministry fair the weekend of September 23-24 after all the Masses.

Upcoming parish pastoral council meeting dates were established through December. Then Father George closed the meeting with expressions of gratitude for the service of the council members and a final prayer and blessing. The next meeting is on August 13.