Are you envious because I am generous?

Matthew 20:15
Pastoral Staff
Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
Father Bede Shippens, O.P., Parochial Vicar
Ms. Maggie Friedmann, Pastoral Ministry Intern

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  Carol Pica
Eileen Lyons

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.
Today we complete our short period of reflection and response to the duties of stewardship in our life as disciples of Jesus. He invites us to acknowledge that everything we have – life, relationships, talents, necessities, and financial resources are gifts we have received from God. In gratitude for his Providence, we return a portion to him for his glory and purposes. I am grateful for all who have supported the parish in the past and are now responding to “Take the Next Step” in the percentage of giving to the parish. All resources will be used to support the parish as it fulfills its mission and ministries.

Rounding out our reflection on stewardship, we have a ministries and organizations fair after all the Masses. This is an opportunity to volunteer or participate in the life of the parish. Greater involvement is needed for the parish to continue to grow and share the responsibilities of parish life. Even if you are unable to be present at the fair, you are always welcome to register. Please consider this reflection as a personal invitation from me.

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is off to a great start with 5 participants and a catechetical team of 4 people. We have begun with teaching and reflection on the existence of God, the gift of Divine Revelation in the Scriptures, Creation, and Original Sin. Next, we consider the need for a savior and begin our teaching and reflection on Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God.

The home cenacles initiative is entering its final stage of preparation. Gatherings are planned to begin the first week of October. The inaugural topic is “Jesus and the Eucharist” to coincide with the Eucharistic Revival underway in our country. All interested in participating are asked to register by Wednesday, September 27. This will give time for an assessment of registrants and locations; and give time to make any consolidations that seem necessary.

Tonight, we have the opportunity to pray Solemn Vespers as a parish community. This monthly offering of liturgical sung prayer helps us to observe the Lord’s Day, keeping in mind that all of Sunday belongs to the Lord. A special choir leads the community in a beautiful combination of simple chant and choral polyphony. Vespers begins at 7 pm in the church. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to prayer and the reception following.

The restoration of the organ loft is ongoing. The painting is complete. However, there are architectural features needed at the top and bottom of the 2 columns and at the bottom of the arch in the southeast corner near the shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. After the architect designs these features, they will need to be fabricated. Those skilled in this work are hard to find. We continue to look for contractors and desire to finish the project as soon as possible.

Last week I announced that I will be attending the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17-21. Here are a couple of discount codes for 20% off the registration: Augustine or WOF. Learn more and register at: https://eucharisticcongress.org/register. Let me know if you are attending and we can look at carpool and lodging options.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

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

You're Invited
Solemn Vespers for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023
7:00 P.M.
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
TONIGHT!

Reception following in the Parish Hall
501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro
### The Week Ahead

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### This Week’s Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, September 24
- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Luis Felipe Diac
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m.
- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

#### Monday, September 25
- 8:00 a.m. Tien Dinh
- 12:10 p.m. † Brian Buscher

#### Tuesday, September 26
- 8:00 a.m. My son to return to God & the Church
- 12:10 p.m. Kim-Hong T. Nguyen

#### Wednesday, September 27
- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m. † Dorothy Kormos

#### Thursday, September 28
- 8:00 a.m. † Esther Whelan
- 12:10 p.m.

#### Friday, September 29
- 8:00 a.m. Daniel Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Rosary Novena 1/9

#### Saturday, September 30
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Novena 2/9

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### Sanctuary Candle

*That the dignity of human life will be protected by law throughout our nation.*

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, Eileen Maturi, 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.
Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena

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!

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.

Unclaimed Items in Parish Kitchen

Several serving items, storage containers, etc., have been left behind in the parish kitchen. These will be put out in the parish meeting room on Sunday, October 1 during the social time after the 10:30 Mass. Any unclaimed items will be given to a charity.
Offertory

Week Ending September 17, 2023

| Received   | $2,946.00 |
| Budgeted   | $3,846.00 |
| Deficit/Surplus | $(900.00) |

Electronic Giving Options

![Faith Direct QR Code]

![Venmo QR Code]

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.

Mass Intentions Availability

Plenty of dates through the remainder of 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.

The 2024 calendar for Mass Intentions is now open.

Contact the Parish Office, at (202) 554-7863 or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org.

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.

“All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully.”

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

1359 The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation
accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of
praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the
Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is
presented to the Father through the death and the
Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can
offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God
has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in
humanity.

1360 The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the
Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her
gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has
accomplished through creation, redemption, and
sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving."

1361 The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of praise by which
the Church sings the glory of God in the name of all
creation. This sacrifice of praise is possible only through
Christ: he unites the faithful to his person, to his praise,
and to his intercession, so that the sacrifice of praise to the
Father is offered through Christ and with him, to be
accepted in him.

Church History

We celebrate the feast day of
St. Louis Bertrand (1526-81) on
October 9th. St. Louis Bertrand,
who is featured in the 6th
double window on the north
wall, became a missionary and
travelled to the new world in
1562. He received the gift of
tongues and is credited with
baptizing many Native Ameri-
cans

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, I invite
you to our parish’s Jesus and the Eucharist Study. This
study was specifically designed for the Year of Parish
Revival of the National Eucharistic Revival under the
pillar of Robust Formation, and it provides a great
opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our
Eucharistic faith.

Each session is full of rich theological content,
powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages
from individual bishops across the country. This study
will be a special time for our parish to grow in faith and
communion as we walk this sacred year together.

Some parishioners have volunteered to host and facilitate
gatherings at different locations and times. See the schedule
chart (below) to see what will work for you. The plan is to
begin the first week of October. I am hoping and praying for
a great response.

St. George, O.P.

Home Cenacle Hosts, Frequency & Locations

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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.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center

We will be collecting your donations of practical baby items like diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at each Mass next weekend, September 30-October 1.

Place your items in front of the Ambo at the front of the church or you are welcome to drop off donations at any time during normal business hours in the Parish Office.

Thank you for showing support for those families that have chosen life!

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.

Catholic Charities Legal Network

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

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.

Visit St. Dominic’s website!

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.