

Pastoral Staff

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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.

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.

^{*} Or by appointment through the Parish Office

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The parish picnic last Sunday was a great success! Hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill with seating and tables inside because of the cool weather and wet ground. Father Bede's homemade chili, salads, baked beans, hot apple cider, and

desserts rounded out the menu. A fire outside gave the children a chance to toast marshmallows and make s'mores. People lingered in animated conversation while others met each other for the first time. Thank you to all who brought food to share, helped to set up, cook, and clean up. We will have another cookout in the late Spring.

The home cenacles have had their first meetings. There are 3 groups after some reorganization. There are some challenges to work through, but we seem to be off to a good start. The video materials and prepared handouts for discussion are providing good guidance on the study of **Jesus and the Eucharist**. Hopefully, the discussion and fellowship will strengthen the faith of each person and the bond of charity within our parish community.

These cenacle gatherings are meant to inform, renew, and revive each parishioner's understanding and love of the Holy Eucharist. This sacrament is the source and summit of our Catholic life. Within it, we encounter the living Lord Jesus, Body and Blood, soul and divinity; and from it we receive all the graces we need in this life, and the graces that will bring us to the eternal life Jesus promises to those who believe in him and follow him. Hopefully, every Catholic will come to the faith and desire expressed in the early Church: "we cannot live without the Eucharist."

The opportunity to pray in the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord is offered every Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish church. This is a time of quiet prayer, a time of intimate encounter. During this Holy Hour, the priest is available in the confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to renew and strengthen your relationship with Jesus, pray for your family, our parish, and our world.

Thank you to all who prayed for me during my retreat that ended last week. It was a grace-filled time of prayer, reading, rest, and recreation. I prayed for the parish each day and I am glad to be home with all of you.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

Limited Sponsorship Opportunity

Help St. Dominic Church paint and stencil the **37** façade pipes of the Roosevelt Organ. A donation of \$5,000 per pipe can be made in gratitude, in honor of, or in memory of a person or organization. A donor recognition plaque will be installed.

Contact the parish office for the full brochure. Payments can me made over a period of 4 months.

Current Installation



Conceptual Design



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. 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 9:30 a.m. Church Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. Parish Mtg Rooms	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass Parish Mtg Room

Sanctuary Candle



For all those that have abandoned the practice of the faith: that the grace of Christ will soften their hearts and move them to return to the sacraments.

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, and Frances White.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bogomila Mireva, Marion Maxwell, and all of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 22

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mary & Jake Thompson 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. St. Jude Feast Day Novena 3/95:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, October 23

8:00 a.m. St. Jude Feast Day Novena 4/9 12:10 p.m. † Dcn Richard Walker, Jr.

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m. St. Jude Feast Day Novena 5/9

Wednesday, October 25

8:00 a.m. St. Jude Feast Day Novena 6/9

12:10 p.m.

Thursday, October 26

8:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m. St. Jude Feast Day Novena 7/9

Friday, October 27

8:00 a.m. St. Jude Feast Day Novena 8/9

12:10 p.m. † David Morrow

Saturday, October 28

9:00 a.m. St. Jude Feast Day Novena 9/9

"Let the name of the Lord be priased, both now and forever more. From the rising sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

Psalm 113

You're Invited



501 6th Street, SW L'Enfant Plaza Metro

Offertory

Monthly Offertory for September 2023

Received	\$13,307
Budgeted	<u>\$15,385</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$(2,778)
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Received via Faith Direct	\$16,253
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$15,125</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 1,128
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Summary	
September Deficit/Surplus	\$(1,650)
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$(1,234)

Poor Box Donations & Disbursements

For the quarter (July-September) ending September 30:

Because of the generosity of so many parishioners, the following disbursements were made to:

- Christ United Methodist Church—\$1,000 to The 5000 Food Ministry in Southwest, DC
- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church—\$1,000 to the Food Pantry
- Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center—\$2,000
- SOME (So Others May Eat)—\$1,000.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our Poor Box.

Offertory

Week Ending October 15, 2023

Received	\$2,424.00	
Budgeted	\$3,846.00	
Deficit/Surplus	\$(1,422.00)	

Electronic Giving Options





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.

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, 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.

Scriptural Rosary—Saturdays



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.



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

1368 The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering.

In the catacombs the Church is often represented as a woman in prayer, arms outstretched in the praying position. Like Christ who stretched out his arms on the cross, through him, with him, and in him, she offers herself and intercedes for all men

1369 The whole Church is united with the offering and intercession of Christ. Since he has the ministry of Peter in the Church, the Pope is associated with every celebration of the Eucharist, wherein he is named as the sign and servant of the unity of the universal Church. The bishop of the place is always responsible for the Eucharist, even when a priest presides; the bishop's name is mentioned to signify his presidency over the particular Church, in the midst of his presbyterium and with the assistance of deacons. The community intercedes also for all ministers who, for it and with it, offer the Eucharistic sacrifice:

Let only that Eucharist be regarded as legitimate, which is celebrated under [the presidency of] the bishop or him to whom he has entrusted it.[189]

Through the ministry of priests the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful is completed in union with the sacrifice of Christ the only Mediator, which in the Eucharist is offered through the priests' hands in the name of the whole Church in an unbloody and sacramental manner until the Lord himself comes.

Annual Friar Formation Appeal

Over the next few weeks, our parish, along with others across the Dominican Friars Province of St. Joseph will be conducting the Annual Friar Formation Appeal. This appeal is critical for providing for the formation expenses of the next generation of priests and brothers.

God has continued to bless our province of Dominican Friars with many vocations such that dozens of friars will be sent out into ministry over the next decade. Some of those friars will likely serve at this parish.

Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.



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.

St. Dominic's Hospitality Committee

The hospitality committee has a number of ways for parishioners to participate. You can volunteer to be part of a group that contributes food for receptions when you are able, or the committee is looking for one or two people to coordinate the set-up and clean-up of the receptions following monthly vespers. It does not take more than 15 minutes before and after the reception. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Susan Timoney at <u>stimoney@att.net</u>.

The Garden Angels

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.

For Those with a Hearing Impediment

The parish has a number of personal listening system receivers with an over-theear speaker for use at the Mass. 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.

Collection for World Missions

Next weekend, the second collection will support the missionary activities of the Church around the world. This collection, organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, is the only canonically mandated collection in the Church. This year's theme, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" (Luke 24:13-35) reminds us that we live out our baptismal call of mission when we are witnesses to God's love and mercy. Pope Francis invites us to focus on three themes for World Mission Sunday: the Word transforming hardened hearts, the Eucharist as the source and summit of mission, and the joy of spreading the Good News.

For the past 201 years, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has extended its arms to support growing Churches globally, reaching across Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Last year, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States sent over \$23 million to more than 1,100 mission dioceses. This assistance bolsters the proclamation of the Gospel, the building of the Church, and service to the poor. Please consider a generous contribution of prayer and sacrifice to this cause.



Visit St. Dominic's website!



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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.