Sunday, October 30, 2022

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

Luke 19:10

Parish Staff
Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Associate Pastor: Father Bede Shipps, O.P.
Deacon: Brother Dominic Koester, O.P.
Pastoral Associate: Margaret Maxwell
Business/Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel
Liturgical/Music Director: J.C. Cantrell

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri

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

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour:
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
* Or by appointment through the Parish Office

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: Contact the Parish Office.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Devotions—Rosary Shrine of St. Jude
Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Monday—Friday

Community Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts:
Each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish meeting room. All are welcome.
Please pray for the sick and recently deceased parishioners and family members of the Parish and Priory.

**Sick:** Fr. Jordan Turano, O.P.

**Deceased:** Elysia Branson, Donald Wright, Bryon Matthews and Mary Blackstone.

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**Collections from Last Week**

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**Prayers for the Sick & Deceased**

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**Toys for Kids**

We will be working with the First District Police Department to give toys to children in the area. The giving tree will be set up at the back of the church on November 5th. Simply take an ornament and bring the unwrapped gift to the church NO LATER THAN Sunday, December 4th. The gifts will be distributed to neighborhood children at the DC Police Christmas party.

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**Religious Movie Seminar**

Grab your bowl of popcorn! St. Dominic’s popular Religious Movie Seminar is set to begin rolling on **Sunday, November 6th.** Our first movie will be “Jacob: The Man Who Fought with God”, starring Giorgio Cerioni, Jean Morcier and Judy Parker. Join us in the parish meeting room at 6:30pm each Sunday evening through March 26.

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**2nd Annual Veterans Day Mass**

All veterans, active duty and retired, and their families, are invited to be our special guests at our 2nd Annual Veterans Day Mass on **Friday, November 11 at 7pm.** Celebrating the Mass will be the Archbishop for the Military Services, Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D. Join us!

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**Sanctuary Candle**

“In thanksgiving to the blessings of God for our music ministry these past 50 years.”

- JC & Marylou Cantrell

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for $15 or a Mass Intention for $10 can be made in the parish office.

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**Mass Intentions Availability**

2023 dates now available! 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.

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**The Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, October 30**

5:00 p.m. Vigil  † Concetta Scordo
8:00 a.m.  Emilee O’Neal
10:30 a.m.  Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
5:00 p.m.  People of the Parish

**Monday, October 31**

8:00 a.m.  † Brian Davenport
12:10 p.m.  Anna T. Dinh

**Tuesday, November 1**

8:00 a.m.  Fr. Pier Giorgio Pacelli, OCD
12:10 p.m.  Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

**Wednesday, November 2**

8:00 a.m.  Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
12:10 p.m.  Anna Mae Kormos & Zoe

**Thursday, November 3**

8:00 a.m.  Justin Phillips/Coleman
12:10 p.m.  Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

**Friday, November 4**

8:00 a.m.  Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
12:10 p.m.  Doris Stukes

**Saturday, November 5**

9:00 a.m.  † Michelle Ramstack
This past week, we mourned the passing of two of our long-time parishioners, Elysia Branson and Donald Wright. I remember them well from my previous term as pastor here. I do not know the circumstances of their final days nor is my reflection here a judgment about their families. But their passing motivates me to make this reminder and encouragement.

Jesus, through his Church, offers sacraments and prayers to assist and accompany the dying person into eternal life. The sacraments are Confession with the accompanying Apostolic Pardon that remits all temporal punishment due to sin. This special grace can only be given to the dying. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick asks for the grace of the Holy Spirit and that the Lord would save the person and raise him or her up. Additionally, there are the prayers that commend the dying into the arms of our heavenly Father through the intercession of Blessed Mary and the saints. If possible, the dying person is given Holy Communion as Viaticum so that Jesus truly present in this sacrament will go with the person on the way to God.

These are the provisions of the Church to bring healing, forgiveness, hope, and the strength of final perseverance to the dying. The catch is that the dying person – our loved ones – need us to call the local parish and ask the priest to come to the home, hospital, or other facility. Because of privacy laws, medical personnel and facilities cannot inform the local parish that a Catholic is sick or dying. Do not wait too long if someone is in danger of death or “actively dying” as is said in hospice care. Inquire if there is a priest-chaplain on duty at the hospital; or call the local parish and request the ministry of a priest. We need to advocate for the dying and their spiritual needs as they approach the end of life. In our charity for them, we do not want them to pass over in an unprovided death. Remember, the body remains behind while the soul goes to God. What a gift we can make by helping someone receive the graces of God before that encounter.

The month of November begins this week. It is a month when we remember and pray for all the souls of the faithful departed. There will be a Book of Remembrance at the front of our church to the left of the ambo. You are invited to simply write the name(s) of deceased loved ones and friends so that they may be remembered in the prayers of the parish. The Paschal Candle will burn in this location to remind us that Christ is the Light that overcomes the darkness of death and sorrow. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

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

**From the Pastor’s Desk**

Monday, October 31

**St. Dominic Cenacle**

Join Cenacle, via Zoom, as they discuss
“Lectio: God, the Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible”

- 7 p.m. — via Zoom

*See the parish website for the Zoom link. This is NOT an in-person meeting.*

Thursday, November 3

**Holy Hour & Confessions**

- 7 p.m. — Adoration — In the Church
- 7:30 p.m. — Rosary followed by Benediction

*All are welcome!*
**Weekday & Weekend Lay Ministers Needed**

The Lay Ministries of Lector and Acolyte have an acute need for additional help. Volunteers are needed for the Weekday (daily Masses) and weekend Masses.

As soon as we have sufficient volunteers, we will resume scheduling acolytes and two lectors at all weekend Masses. Training is available. Please contact JC Cantrell for information by e-mail: music@stdominicchurch.org.

Your service as a Lay Minister will be a blessing to all.

**Lay Minister of the Mass Vacancies and Volunteer**

The schedule for Lay Ministers of the Mass is available via the MSP app or website. The current schedule includes all dates/liturgies through the end of November. Please check your (personal) Lay Minister Schedule and volunteer to fill vacancies for weekday and weekend Masses whenever you are available.

If you are scheduled to serve but are unable, please use the MSP app to request a substitute or notify JC Cantrell for assistance.

For more information, contact JC Cantrell through the Parish Office or by email: music@stdominicchurch.org.

**For Those with 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. Please return the receiver to the Music Director after Mass so that it can be sanitized and made available for others.

**Choir & Ensemble Members Needed**

The Choir and Ensemble need additional choristers to serve our community. With additional singers, we can better support the sung prayer of our community.

Our Parish Cantors, Choir and Ensemble serve at all weekend and holy day celebrations. Vocal coaching and Cantor training is available and provided to all members of the music ministry.

Although rehearsals for the Christmas Season start in early December, we would like you to volunteer now and “raise a joyful song to the Lord.”

JC Cantrell through the Parish Office or by email: music@stdominicchurch.org.

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**Worship**

**Singing at Mass: Hymns, Prayers and Responses:**

- Our community’s sung and spoken responses during the ritual prayers of the liturgy are a key parts of communal prayer.
- At all weekend Masses, the Hymns are listed on the boards near the front of the church.
  - The label “BB” means the music is in the Breaking Bread Book.
  - The label “SM” means the music is in the blue St Michael’s Hymnal.
  - The Gloria for all Masses is #134 in the St. Michael’s Hymnal.
- Frequently, our community music is based on easy to remember responses and will not be listed on the hymn board. PLEASE SING!
- Out of solemn respect for the Mass, we follow the custom of remaining at our places within the church until the conclusion of the recessional hymn.
- **Please silence your cell phone:** As an overt act of courtesy (and respect for the prayer of all), please remember to silence/ turn off your cell phone when you arrive in the church.

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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.*

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