

# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"He is not God of the Dead, but of the living."*

~ Luke 20:38

*Sunday, November 6, 2022*

*32nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

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*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

## **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.  
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Deacon: Brother Dominic Koester, O.P.

Pastoral Associate: Margaret Maxwell  
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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.

Monday November 7	Tuesday November 8	Wednesday November 9	Thursday November 10	Friday November 11	Saturday November 12	Sunday November 13
<b>Cenacle</b> 7 p.m. (via Zoom)		<b>Music Ministry Rehearsal</b> 6:30 p.m. Church	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b> 7 p.m. Church	<b>Veterans Day Parish Office</b> <b>CLOSED</b>  <b>NO Confessions, Rosary or 12:10 p.m. Mass</b>  <b>2nd Annual Veterans Day Mass</b> 7 p.m.	<b>Church Cleaning</b> 9:30 a.m. Church	<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b> 11:45 a.m. Kitchen Mtg Room  <b>Religious Movie Seminar</b> 6:30 p.m. Parish Mtg Room

Sanctuary Candle



*For peace during our upcoming national election process.*

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 RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

Alexandra Brynn De Bruin, daughter of Bryan & Julie De Bruin

Nora Jane Wagner, daughter of Eric & Danielle Wagner

**THE SICK:**

Fr. Jordan Turano, O.P.

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Elysia Branson, Donald Wright, Bryon Matthews and Mary Blackstone.

This Week's Mass Intentions

**Sunday, November 6**

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

**Monday, November 7**

- 8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternity
- 12:10 p.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

**Tuesday, November 8**

- 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Mark Mioduski

**Wednesday, November 9**

- 8:00 a.m. Lisa Klewicki
- 12:10 p.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

**Thursday, November 10**

- 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Doris Baldwin

**Friday, November 11**

- 8:00 a.m. Maureen Maturi
- 7:00 p.m. All current and deceased members of the military

**Saturday, November 12**

- 9:00 a.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance



Last week Sunday, the Parish Pastoral Council met for the first time of my pastorate here at St. Dominic's. It was a positive and enthusiastic meeting. Two primary agenda items were, 1) an assessment of the parish currently; and 2) brainstorming on the revitalization/reinvigoration of parish life and mission.

The current assessment is that attendance at weekly Sunday Mass has greatly decreased. Here's a summary of the annual October headcount (the number is average attendance over all the Sundays of October): 2002: 644; 2007: 491; 2012: 386; 2017: 357; 2018: 365; 2019: 382; 2020: 195; 2021: 270; 2022: 302. The response to the recent pandemic means that many workers are working from home, there is a variety of personal comfort levels of being in public spaces, the St. Dominic Young Adults (SDYA) group no longer meets; the Cenacle group meets only virtually, and the special events such as Advent Stations, Passiontide, and chant Masses have not been offered for the last few years. Lower attendance has caused a decrease in financial support and the parish has a deficit budget. However, the quality of liturgical celebrations and preaching remains exceptional, the priests remain available for the sacramental and spiritual needs of parishioners, and the population in SW has greatly increased because of urban development, especially at The Wharf.

The council members believe, as do I, that there is a deep desire within the parish to revive parish life. Thoughts are to reintroduce the special events mentioned above, which usually attracted many people. We are not able to do everything all at once, but we can make a start and grow from there. We should look for ways that members of the community can serve the needs of the poor and marginalized. (Coats for Kids and the Giving Tree are 2 efforts.) We need to foster and encourage intergenerational friendships to build a stronger sense of community; and we must consider efforts of evangelization and reaching out to the new people who have moved into our neighborhood.

To build momentum for renewal in the parish, the council has agreed to meet more frequently than once a month. This willingness shows a beautiful generosity of time and talent for which I am grateful. All parishioners working together and participating in the offerings of the parish will revitalize this parish for us and for others.

Everyone's support is necessary. Please keep the parish in your prayers for the help of God's grace. Remember, Scripture says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do its builders labor" (Psalm 127:1).

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

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

## Poor Box Donations

For many years, the parish has had a virtual Poor Box to provide for those in need. Giving is made through Faith Direct or with cash/check specifically designated for this purpose. Let me say a hearty "thank you" for the generosity of those who have given and continue to give to the Poor Box. The purpose of the Poor Box is to help and serve those in need, not to create a large reserve. Oftentimes, we collaborate with other parishes through the facilitation of Catholic Charities so that an entire need can be met.

With this bulletin, the parish will begin providing a quarterly summary report of monies received and disbursed through the Poor Box. It is important that we all see how our parish community reaches out to the community and responds to those in need.

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

- Receipts: \$11,689.88
- Disbursements:
  - ◆ Direct support to individual requests: \$200
  - ◆ Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, DC: \$4,000
  - ◆ S.O.M.E.: \$2,000
  - ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Church Food Bank: \$1,500
  - ◆ Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids: \$1,000
  - ◆ Semper Fi and America's Fund: \$1,500

Please note that these disbursements greatly reduce the reserve that had accumulated because of a particularly large donation. May God bless all who serve the needs of the poor through this means of the parish.

Offering

Sunday Offertory Collection	10/30/2022	\$2,379.00
Weekday Offertory Collection	10/30/2022	\$510.00

Coming Soon! New Offertory Collection Format.

Religious Movie Seminar

Join us each Sunday evening in the Parish Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. for a new movie, now through March 26, 2023.



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.

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."

Visit our website at <http://www.stdominicchurch.org/liturgical-ministries.html>, for more information or contact JC Cantrell through the Parish Office or by email: music@stdominicchurch.org.

Lay Ministers of the Mass

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.

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

Coats for Kids



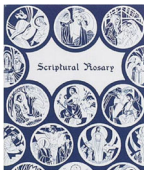
The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations for this year's Coats for Kids. The Knights will use the funds raised to buy coats for children in the Southwest/Southeast area. To donate, you may use [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) or make a check out to St. Dominic Church, write "Coats for Kids" in the subject line, and drop in the collection basket.

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.



Scriptural Rosary



Can we interest you in joining our group to pray for your intentions? We are a small group, but growing. We meet **after the 9am Mass every Saturday** at the back of St. Dominic Church 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. We look forward to your joining us.

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



*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.*