St. Dominic Catholic Church

“The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.”

~ Matthew 3:11

Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

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Parish Staff
Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
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Deacon: Brother Dominic Koester, O.P.
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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.
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**Offertory — Week Ending November 27, 2022**

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**Let Us Pray For...**

**THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:**

Frank & Phyllis Chesley, Larry & Mary Ann Hope and Bogomila Mireva.

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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

**Sanctuary Candle**

*For our parish community: the Lord may draw us together in and through the sacramental life of the Church.*

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, December 4**

5:00 p.m. Vigil  † Frank Wakefield
8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
10:30 a.m. Deceased and Living Members of the SW Washington Alumni Association
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, December 5**

8:00 a.m. † Peter & Elise Tarnoski
12:10 p.m. † Brian Moderack

**Tuesday, December 6**

8:00 a.m. † Nicolas & Georgette Balotescu
12:10 p.m. † Patricia Keating Doyle

**Wednesday, December 7**

8:00 a.m. † Bertha, Victor & Marguerite
12:10 p.m. Lolita B. Pasibe

**Thursday, December 8**

8:00 a.m. Deceased & Living Members of the Lawson Family
12:10 p.m. † Lula Mahone
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Friday, December 9**

8:00 a.m. † Frank Fernandes
12:10 p.m. † Clara Mahone

**Saturday, December 10**

9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack
Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in our Giving Tuesday effort. The matching gifts and the challenge grant helped us to secure funds to overcome the deficit in the parish budget. The total amount raised was $42,725 as of last Thursday.

We all know that these are difficult economic times that impact everyone, so the gifts received are greatly appreciated.

I am asking for help to promote and publicize our parish Advent and Christmas schedule. A simple one-page document can be shared via email, Facebook, or Twitter; or posted on work/community bulletin boards. A personal invitation is the most effective. The document is available on the parish website or contact the parish office to receive a copy via email.

From two weeks ago, I repeat this request (no responses have come): I am seeking nominations from the parish for additional members on the parish pastoral council and the parish finance council. Nominees should be representative of the parish. Candidates for the finance council must be active members of the parish who are knowledgeable and skilled in financial, business, and/or legal matters and are known for their prudent judgement. Candidates for the pastoral council must be active members of the parish who are engaged in some aspect(s) of parish life and worship. They should be knowledgeable about the Catholic faith, and of the various programs, apostolates, and initiatives of the parish. Expertise in some area such as family life, IT, marketing, teaching, facilitating, development, etc. are useful gifts and skills that can benefit the pastoral council. Nominations should include a few sentences of support, such as personal qualities, expertise, and reasons why you think your nominee would be a good candidate for consideration. Submit nominations to the parish office in writing, either by mail or email. Deadline is December 18, 2022.

May God give you all the graces of the Advent season.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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

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 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. We look forward to your joining us.

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.

Toys for Kids

Thank you to all that brought in new, unwrapped toys to St. Dominic this year for the MPD’s Children’s Christmas Party. Your donations will help ensure many children receive a gift this Christmas.

We are seeking volunteers this Sunday (December 4) to put toys into gift bags and transport them to the “1-D” police station on M Street, SW. Many hands make light work.

Walk with Mary

Join with us and other parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, for a “Walk with Mary” - accompanying and praying for the Migrant Community.

The procession, from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Following the procession at 1 p.m., the group will pray the Rosary, with Mass following at 2 p.m.

Nathan’s Organ Prelude & Postlude

Prelude: Wacht auf, ruft uns die Stimme (“Sleepers Wake, a Voice is Calling”) - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Postlude: Vom Himmel hoch, da komm’ ich her (From Heaven Above to Earth I Come) - Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706).

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.