“Jesus will be born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.”

~ Matthew 1:18

Parish Staff
Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Associate Pastor: Father Bede Shippss, 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.
### The Week Ahead

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### Offertory — Week Ending December 11, 2022

- Received: $5,198
- Budgeted: $3,173
- Deficit/Surplus: $2,025

### This Week’s Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 18**
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil: Marion Maxwell
- 8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena
- 10:30 a.m.: People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m.: Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

**Monday, December 19**
- 8:00 a.m.: † Andrew Killgore
- 12:10 p.m.: Christmas Novena

**Tuesday, December 20**
- 8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena
- 12:10 p.m.: Abraham Fetahu

**Wednesday, December 21**
- 8:00 a.m.: † Robert Koetz
- 12:10 p.m.: Christmas Novena

**Thursday, December 22**
- 8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena
- 12:10 p.m.: Ari My-An Sorbi

**Friday, December 23**
- 8:00 a.m.: † Robert Joseph Maturi
- 12:10 p.m.: Christmas Novena

**Saturday, December 24**
- 9:00 a.m.: † Nancy Turano
- 5:00 p.m.: Christmas Novena
- 9:00 p.m.: Intention of the Celebrant

### Let Us Pray For...

**THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:**
Frank & Phyllis Chesley, Larry & Mary Ann Hope and Bogomila Mireva.

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**
Barbara Anne Dever, 10/17/2022

**THE RECENTLY MARRIED:**
Connor Gibb & Megan Hays

**THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED:**
Augustine L. Hurst, Child of Jules & Elizabeth Hurst

### Sanctuary Candle

"For the grace this week to welcome the presence of Jesus that comes to us through the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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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St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church
On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we enter a full week of preparations for the celebration of Christmas. Amid the commercialism and secularism that has come to surround this season, I have found silence as a welcome opportunity for prayer and reflection on the profound significance of the Lord’s coming. “Jingle Bells” and “Here Comes Santa Claus” do not speak to the longing for peace and the tranquility that comes with order according to God’s design. The war in Ukraine and wars in other parts of the world, the mass shootings and other acts of violence, the hunger and starvation of peoples in different parts of the world, the dire circumstances of migrants and refugees, and the uncertainty of the economic future – just to name a few of the “problems” in the world – cause my heart to resonate with the longing for God’s intervention expressed through the prophet Isaiah. The name “Emmanuel” is proclaimed this weekend, announcing that “God is with us.” His name is hope and consolation for us. In my previous time as pastor here, there were a couple of parishioners who regularly used this name when signing off from a conversation or an email message. I thought it unique at the time, but now I am more cognizant of its significance.

Our hope and our strength are that God is with us in the midst of all that is wrong with the world, in our families, and in our hearts. He comes in human flesh to be united with us in our human condition in every way but sin so that he can save us from our sins. To experience this grace of salvation, each of us must allow the Lord to enter into our every facet of our lives. We are invited to surrender our lives to him, to repent of our sins and disobedience, and to trust that his Divine Providence will heal and restore what is wounded and broken in our relationship with him and others.

In this last week of Advent, I encourage each person to allow the Lord to enter through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are additional times when priests will be available; and an appointment can be made if none of the scheduled times meet the need. Prepare the way of the Lord by removing the obstacles of sin and offering him an acceptable dwelling place in your heart. Take time for silent prayer and reflection. His coming is the most perfect gift we can receive.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

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

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASSES
December 24: 9 a.m.
Christmas Vigil Mass: 5 p.m. Vigil — No confessions

Christmas Mass During the Night: 9 p.m.
Christmas Mass During the Day:
10:30 am ONLY — No confessions

FEDERAL HOLIDAY
December 26: 8 a.m. Mass ONLY
No confessions, Rosary or 12:10 pm Mass

HOLY DAY MASSES (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)
December 31: 5 p.m. Vigil Mass
January 1: 10:30 a.m. Mass ONLY — No confessions

EPHOPHANY (January 8)
Epiphany Sunday Masses: 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m. on Sunday

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Roy E. Campbell will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10 a.m., at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples are invited to register with the parish office to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary NO LATER THAN Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Contact the parish office at (202) 554-7863 and let us know if you will be attending the Mass or just want a certificate. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU CALL US RATHER THAN EMAILING BECAUSE WE WILL BE ASKING YOU A FEW QUESTIONS TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.
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.