

*God's mercy is
greater than
our sins.*



St. Dominic Church

April 7, 2024

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Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shippis, O.P., Parochial Vicar
 Ms. Maggie Friedmann, Pastoral Ministry Intern

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
 Business/Facilities Manager - Ed Von Hagel
 Music Director - Denny Layendecker
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Parish Pastoral Council

Philip Clarke	Doris Stukes
Jules Hurst	Susan Timoney
Tim Lang	Carrie Traverso
Maggie LaPrairie	

Parish Finance Council

Thomas Bolger	MJ Morrow
Jim Courtney	Carol Pica
Michael Grace	Scott Warady

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.

* Or by appointment through the Parish Office

Liturgy of the Hours—Priory Chapel **NEW!**

Lauds — Mon-Fri: 7:00 a.m. Sat: 8:00 a.m.
 Sun: 7:00 a.m.
 Vespers — Mon-Fri: 5:30 p.m. (w/ Office of Readings)
 Sat-Sun: 5:30 p.m. (Rosary precedes Vespers
 each day at 5:10 p.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

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 Parish Office/Priory — 630 E Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20024
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 Fax: (202) 554-0231

Web address — www.StDominicChurch.org
 E-mail — Office@StDominicChurch.org
 FaceBook — [stdominicchurhdc](https://www.facebook.com/stdominicchurhdc)

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

Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass,
 in the parish meeting room.



“My Lord and my God!” This exclamation of St. Thomas the Apostle is a profound and powerful expression of faith. Thomas can say them when he sees the Lord and the wounds that remain in his resurrected body. He believes because he sees. In a rudimentary way, his experience corresponds with our modern desire for scientific evidence. We have in our being a kind of “withholding of faith” until something is proved to us. We hold within ourselves the criterion of “I won’t believe it until I see it for myself.” It is a self-imposed limit that can prevent us from encountering and experiencing the Risen Lord.

To assist us and help us, God provides the gift of theological faith and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit “...who opens the eyes of the mind and ‘makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth’”(CCC 153); and this truth is always unfolding. The gift of faith that we receive at our Baptism “is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop” (CCC 1253). We can and should always be growing in our faith so that we can more profoundly encounter the Risen Lord. “It is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith and to understand better what He has revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love” (CCC 158).

The graces of the Easter season help us to encounter the Risen Christ with the eyes of faith. Through the Scripture readings of the Sacred Liturgy and the Sacraments, Christ presents himself to us. He stands in our midst and invites us to reach out to him. He invites us to touch the realities that we do not understand. St. Augustine once said, “I believe in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe” (cf. CCC 158). Our faith in Christ and our relationship with him began on the day of our baptism. Now it grows through prayer, spiritual reading, and participation in the life of the Church. Hence, we need not be discouraged because of our struggles in faith. Rather, we persevere in hope because we are the ones about whom Jesus speaks when he says to Thomas, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (Jn 20:29).

Sustaining and growing in faith occurs when we have the habit of praying daily. Through it we are united with God and establish a receptivity to know his truth and will. And, we receive the graces we need to accomplish his will. With this in mind, I draw your attention to the preparatory Year of Prayer that is underway in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. The Archdiocese of Washington Office of Evangelization has prepared a selection of resources for individuals and parishes to grow in the habit and grace of prayer. These resources are available here: <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/evangelization/year-of-prayer/>. Additionally, the parish offers opportunities to support and teach the life of prayer. We have regularly scheduled Masses every day of the week. The daily Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) is open to the public in the priory chapel where you can pray with the Dominican friars. There is the weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursday evenings, the Scriptural Rosary on Saturday mornings, and the Rosary and devotions to St. Jude during the weekdays. These opportunities and your personal prayer life help our parish to grow as a praying community. We can hope for God’s blessing, response, and the fruit that comes from his grace.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

The Jubilee Logo



The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life’s pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the

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Monday April 8	Tuesday April 9	Wednesday April 10	Thursday April 11	Friday April 12	Saturday April 13	Sunday April 14
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i> Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Conf Room</i>	Donut Social and interaction with the Parish Council after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i> Solemn Vespers 7 p.m. <i>Church</i> w/ reception following in the Parish Mtg Room

Sanctuary Candle



*For the repose of the soul of
Andrew Troanovitch
from his loving family.*

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for \$15 or a Mass Intention for \$10, can be made online and in the Parish Office.

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Mary Frances Widner, Dr. Tseghai Berhe, 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:

All of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 7

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Easter Novena (7/9)

Monday, April 8

- 8:00 a.m. † Felicia Garcia Taliaferro
- 12:10 p.m. Easter Novena (8/9)

Tuesday, April 9

- 8:00 a.m. Easter Novena (9/9)
- 12:10 p.m. † Jean Pike, Gloria King & Beverly

Wednesday, April 10

- 8:00 a.m. Joseph & Roe Fitzgerald
- 12:10 p.m. † Maiselle Shortley

Thursday, April 11

- 8:00 a.m. Joseph & Roe Fitzgerald
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak

Friday, April 12

- 8:00 a.m. Joseph & Roe Fitzgerald
- 12:10 p.m. † Joanne Timmel

Saturday, April 13

- 9:00 a.m. Conversion of Jamison Adams

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Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

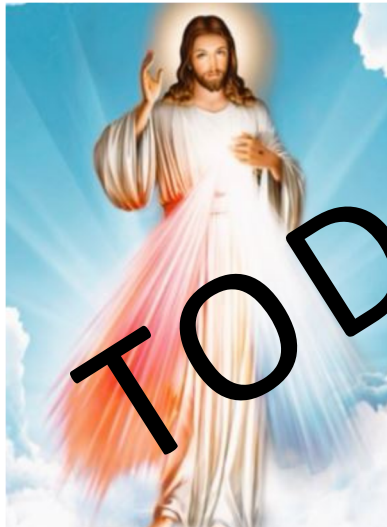
May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within
 both humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.
 Amen.

DIVINE MERCY
 SUNDAY
 APRIL 7, 2024



*God's mercy
 is greater than
 our sins.*

*St. Dominic
 Catholic Church*
 501 6TH STREET, SW
 L'ENFANT PLAZA
 METRO

3 P.M.

† CONFESSION
 EXPOSITION OF
 THE BLESSED
 SACRAMENT

† SINGING OF THE
 DIVINE MERCY
 CHAPLET

FR. JAMES BRENT, O.P.
 CELEBRATING AND
 PREACHING AT THE
 HOLY HOUR.

FR. JAMES DOMINIC BRENT, O.P., IS A
 NATIVE OF MICHIGAN, AN ENGAGING
 PREACHER, AND A PROFESSOR OF
 PHILOSOPHY ON THE PONTIFICAL FACULTY
 OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT THE
 DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDIES IN
 WASHINGTON, DC. ADDITIONALLY, HE
 FREQUENTLY GIVES LECTURES AROUND THE
 COUNTRY FOR THE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE.

“All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest.”

—Diary of *St. Faustina*
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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.

Offertory

Week Ending March 31, 2024

Received	\$6,478.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$2,632.00

Easter Water



During the Easter Vigil Mass, a large quantity of water was blessed for the Sacrament of Baptism and the renewal of our baptismal commitment. The font of this Easter water is located in front of the ambo and Paschal Candle. All are welcome to bring a bottle to take this water home. With this

water, we can renew our baptismal promises daily and bless ourselves in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Electronic Giving Options



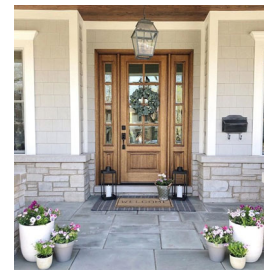
Poor Box



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.

Parishioner House Blessings

The Church offers a blessing of the home with the Easter water during the Easter season. Consider having your home blessed by Fr. George, the pastor at St. Dominic's. Call or email the parish office soon to schedule a day and time in the Easter season. Visits will be coordinated as best as possible.



Mass Intentions - Now Available Online

Mass intention for 2024 are available by calling the parish office (202/554-7863), by emailing the parish office (office@stdominicchurch.org), or by visiting the parish website and clicking on the "Mass Intentions" header.



ONLY intentions for "Announced Masses" are available online and payable by credit card. You will still need to contact the parish office for "Unannounced" and "Gregorian Mass" intentions.

CREDIT CARD payments now accepted for ALL transactions.

Mingle with Parish Council Members

Your chance to mingle with the Parish Council Members will be next Sunday, April 14, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the parish meeting room.

Fr. George will give a report on the state of the parish and a few council members will give updates on several initiatives.

Council Members are: Philip Clarke, Jay Hurst, Tim Lang, Maggie LaPrairie, Doris Stukes, Susan Timoney and Carrie Traverso.



Pilgrimage Registration

We are thrilled to welcome you to the upcoming **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**, which will travel through the **Archdiocese of Washington** from June 7 – June 9, 2024.

On Saturday, **June 8, 2024**, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will have a public Mass and Procession in D.C. **All are welcome!**

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will also have a stationary pilgrimage for those with limited mobility, or other disability, at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine at the same time as the walking Procession.

Please, complete the registration information form by Monday, **April 15, 2024** — visit [National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Registration - Archdiocese of Washington \(adw.org\)](https://www.adw.org).

If you are attending with your family or group, please register **each person separately**.

Schedule for June 8, 2024

8:00 a.m.: Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

9:00 a.m.: Eucharistic Procession through the Brookland neighborhood of D.C., stopping at The Catholic University of America (CUA), various religious communities, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) building, and ending at the St. John Paul II National Shrine.

12:00 noon: Benediction at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

12:30 p.m.: Catechesis on the Eucharist led by Archdiocese of Washington Auxiliary Bishop Evelio Menjivar and a young person from the Archdiocese of Washington.

There will be time at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for rest and refreshments.

The theme for the Procession will be *Walk with Jesus: To Jesus Through Mary*. Each stop on the Procession will have a short period of prayer and the language at each prayer session will alternate between English and Spanish.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center



We will be collecting your donations of practical baby items like diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at each Mass the **weekend of April 6 & 7.**

Place your items in front of the Ambo at the front of the church or you are welcome to drop off donations at any time during normal business hours in the Parish Office.

Thank you for showing support for those families that have chosen life!

Monthly Church Cleaning

Volunteers needed to help with our monthly church cleaning on Saturday, April 13th after the 9 a.m. Mass. No experience required. New volunteers are always welcome. **No more than an hour of your time is required.**



If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org.

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.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

**You're Invited
to**
Solemn Vespers

for the
3rd Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 14, 2024
7:00 PM

*with reception following
in the parish meeting room*

*St. Dominic
Catholic Church*

**501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro**

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.