

*No one has greater love,
than this: to lay down one's
life for one's friends.*

John 15:13



St. Dominic Church

May 5, 2024

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shippis, O.P., Parochial Vicar

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
 Business/Facilities Manager - Ed Von Hagel
 Music Director - Denny Layendecker
 Assistant to the Music Director - J.C. Cantrell

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

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

Church — 501 6th Street, SW
 Parish Office/Priory — 630 E Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20024
 Phone: (202) 554-7863
 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.



Today is the first Sunday of the month of May. For many years in the history of the Church, this month has been dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. She always leads us into deeper communion with Jesus, her Son. She prays for us that we may grow in discipleship with the Lord who comes to us in the holy Eucharist. She leads all her children on the narrow way of the Lord Jesus into eternal life.

We, Dominican friars, have a centuries-old association with the rosary of Our Lady—preaching and encouraging the praying of the rosary so that all people can meditate on the mysteries of the life of Jesus while holding onto the beads of Mary in our hand. It is a simple prayer, a humble prayer, a scriptural prayer, a powerful prayer, and a meditative prayer. Generations of people have found help, strength, and consolation through this prayer. Through the repetition of the basic prayers of the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be (which many Catholics learned as children), we find that Jesus and Mary accompany us through all the joys and sorrows, highlights, and ordinariness of our lives. No circumstance or experience is excluded from their loving presence and compassion for us.

Quite truthfully, the rosary should be a devotion that is a part of every Catholic life. Popes, saints, and spiritual directors have recommended it for hundreds of years. The holy beads are not meant to be a kind of jewelry worn around the neck or a decoration over the rearview mirror of a car; rather, they are meant to glide through our fingers with loving attention to the presence, love, and mercy of Jesus and Mary. Learn the rosary, teach the rosary, pray the rosary! Through Mary to Jesus, we find every grace we need to persevere on our pilgrimage of faith, filled with hope that God will bring us to the perfection of charity and make us saints.

Looking ahead, pray the rosary novena prayer on the last Saturday of each month and plan to attend the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 28 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

This weekend, we welcome Father Jerome Zeiler, O.P. to our Dominican community. He will fulfill some needed work within the Dominican community and serve in the parish as Sacristan.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

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. Paper copies of the registration form can be found in the church and in the Parish Office. Be sure to fill out both sides and mail it or email it to the parish office.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

Monday May 6	Tuesday May 7	Wednesday May 8	Thursday May 9	Friday May 10	Saturday May 11	Sunday May 12
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>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	Church Cleaning 9:30 a.m. <i>Church</i>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>		Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Conf Room</i>	Solemn Vespers 7 p.m. <i>Church with reception immediately following in the Parish Mtg Room</i>

Sanctuary Candle



*That God will strengthen the
Eucharistic fervor of our parish.*

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:

James Golden, 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, May 5

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Michelle Ramstack
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena (2/9)
- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, May 6

- 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena (3/9)
- 12:10 p.m. † Ann Fairfax Roberts

Tuesday, May 7

- 8:00 a.m. Sara Rennekamp
- 12:10 p.m. Mother's Day Novena (4/9)

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena (5/9)
- 12:10 p.m. John Lane

Thursday, May 9

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak
- 12:10 p.m. Mother's Day Novena (6/9)

Friday, May 10

- 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena (7/9)
- 12:10 p.m. † Suzanne Engrassia

Saturday, May 11

- 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena (8/9)



You're Invited

*Solemn
Vespers*

The Ascension
of the Lord

Sunday
May 12, 2024
7:00 p.m.

St. Dominic
Church

*Reception to follow
in the Parish Hall*

501 6th Street, SW
L'Enfant Plaza Metro

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THE DATES

Sunday, May 12 - Solemn Vespers -
7 p.m. in the Church with Reception following.

Saturday, May 18 - Blessing of the Fleet at the Wharf
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Fr. George to give the blessing.

Saturday, May 25 - Ordination of Dominicans to
the Priesthood - Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception.
9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 2 - Mass with Corpus Christi Procession
10:30 a.m.
Parish Picnic on the North Lawn following the
procession.

Friday, June 7 - Devotions in Honor of the Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Church.
7 p.m.

Saturday, June 8 - Archdiocese Eucharistic Congress
Mass & Procession - Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception.
Beginning at 8 a.m.

St. Dominic Catholic Church

The Garden Angels

St. Dominic's Garden Angels work their magic on the Church grounds on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Anyone is welcome to join them, whether it be regularly or occasionally, from 9 a.m. to 10:30/11:00 a.m.—meet in the parking lot.



No skill required, just the desire to work in the gardens to beautify our grounds. We do have our own tools, but if you have garden tools that you prefer to work with, feel free to bring them. All we ask is that you bring your own gardening gloves.

If you have any questions, please call or email the Parish Office.

Monthly Church Cleaning

Volunteers needed to help with our monthly church cleaning on Saturday, May 11th 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.

Offertory

Week Ending April 28, 2024

Received	\$2,376
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,470)

Electronic Giving Options



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.

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.

Church History



Although the cornerstone for the current church was laid in 1865, the completion of the bell tower with its landmark spire was delayed by the depressed economy. The spire was not completed until 1888.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

St. Dominic’s Hospitality Committee

The hospitality committee has a number of ways for parishioners to participate. You can volunteer to be part of a group that contributes food for receptions when you are able, or the committee is looking for one or two people to coordinate the set-up and clean-up of the receptions following monthly vespers. It does not take more than 15 minutes before and after the reception. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Susan Timoney at stimoney@att.net.

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is located in the Parish Office. To inquire about a lost item, please call the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or email us at office@stdominicchurch.org.



Items will be donated or discarded at the end of March.



“The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey, and those who nourish themselves with this honey produce sweet fruit.”

– St. Anthony of Padua

Why Would One Donate for Painting and Stenciling of the Façade Pipes of the Roosevelt Organ?

By Mary Moran

I asked myself this question when the bulletin notice came out earlier this year requesting donations to restore the beauty of the Roosevelt Organ. At first I was hesitant to donate due to the urgent needs all around us in our own families, community and around the world. After reflection, I decided to donate for several reasons. Mainly a sense of gratitude as well as recognizing the powerful benefits of music. Then there is the majestic rose window of St. Cecilia which is adorned by the organ and enhances prayer.

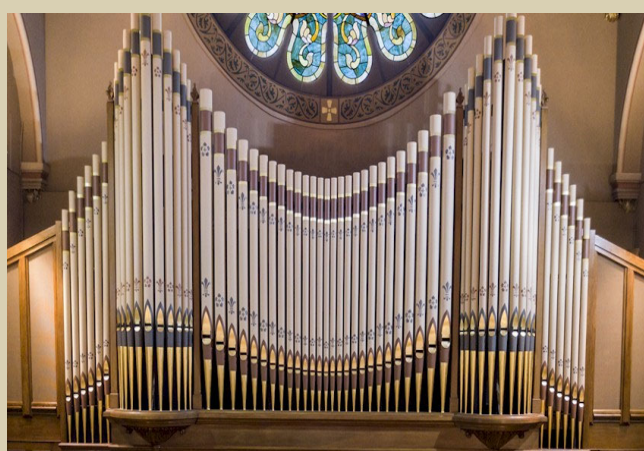
Music has many powerful benefits on the mind, body, soul, and life. Medical research tells us there are many benefits to listening to music individually and collectively. Within the rich Catholic tradition, hymns build group cohesion in a parish congregation. We sing together in praise and thanksgiving for all that God has given us! Such a historic organ like the Roosevelt Organ must be maintained.

Like prayer, music helps lower anxiety and stress. Extensive evidence exists that listening to music can help calm us in situations where we might feel anxious. Music remains a powerful way of uniting people. As one who has experienced brain tumors, I appreciate the effects of music on the brain. Music can lead to better learning, improved memory, and increased focus. Scientists know that listening to music engages and stimulates our brain.

Furthermore, music is a wonderful ecumenical outreach. People of all denominations appreciate inspiring music, no matter what religious denomination. Last, but not least, with inspiring and breathtaking music we are made stronger to confront our daily challenges in our families, neighborhood and around the world.



Current Installation



Conceptual Design

Want to learn more about this wonderful opportunity?

Visit https://www.stdominicchurch.org/uploads/7/7/0/5/77053825/pipe_stenciling_brochure.pdf

NOTICE: Sant'Egidio Food Distribution Update to Their Schedule

Thank you for those dedicated to joining the Community of Sant'Egidio's homes ministry on the first Friday of each month with St. Dominic Parish.

Effective immediately, the Community is changing its schedule. The homeless outreach will no longer take place every Friday night. Instead, the Community is experimenting with serving the homeless two Sundays a month at **2:30 p.m.** The next two service projects will take place on **Sunday, May 5** and **Sunday, May 19**.

Moving forward, the **NEW** meeting location will be **Holy Rosary Parish** near Judiciary Square (595 3rd Street, NW— lower level door on F Street—1 block from the Judiciary Square Metro stop).

When you arrive, please either knock on the lower level door on F Street (below the main entrance of the church), or call or text Tim Lang at (781) 724-0794.

30th Annual Memorial Mass Honoring the Men & Women of the Armed Forces

On Saturday, May 18th at 4:30 pm, Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception located on 4th Street and Michigan Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20017-1566. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be, The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop. Parking is limited. Carpooling advised.

Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform.
Dress: Civilian - Business Attire | Military - Service Dress

For assigned seating, please register by 14 May 2024 at:
<https://www.milarch.org/memorialmass/laity/>

Read more about the event at:
<https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass-2024/>

Catholic Charities Legal Network

Catholic Charities Legal Network provides access to legal assistance to low-income residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington (i.e., District of Columbia, Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and Saint Mary's Counties). In 1989, Catholic Charities Legal Network was established by the late Cardinal James Hickey with the assistance of the John Carroll Society. Thirty-five years later, and after assisting thousands of residents in need of pro bono civil legal services, we are still in need of volunteers who will conduct client intake or assist with pro bono civil law matters. This program also needs volunteers to assist with conducting short seminars on any of the above subjects for local community and senior citizen groups. Please contact James D. Bishop, Esq., Catholic Charities Legal Network's Director, at (202) 772-1201 or by email at: james.bishop@cc-dc.org.

St. Patrick Parish

Christ in the City

Adoration and fellowship for young professionals. Holy Hour followed by social hour. Held the second Tuesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Contact: comms@saintpatrickdc.org.

Women's Evening of Recollection

Adoration and fellowship for women. Held the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Contact: jill@liveyourtalk.com.

Cor Men's Hour

Cor Men's Hour is a monthly gathering for men in our archdiocese who are interested in joining the group every 2nd Saturday of the month for fellowship with fellow faithful men from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Coffee and breakfast available. Contact: twfitzgerald@gmail.com.

St. Patrick Catholic Church is located at 619 Tenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

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.