



*As the Father sent me, so I send you:*

*Receive the Holy Spirit*

*John 20:21*



**St. Dominic Church**

May 19, 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](http://www.StDominicChurch.org)  
 E-mail — [Office@StDominicChurch.org](mailto: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 we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and disciples. Jesus had instructed them to pray for this gift and we learn that this divine gift inspired them to give personal witness to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. As we learn in the Acts of the Apostles, the coming of the Spirit had the immediate effect of making the apostles' preaching of God's great works intelligible in all languages.

The exit of the first apostles from the upper room to the streets of Jerusalem after the Pentecost moment is the first work of evangelization in the newly-formed Church. Their movement into the society and culture reveals that the gifts of God are not to be hoarded, but shared, communicated, distributed, and used for the benefit of others. In short, the Church has a place in the public square and has the right to announce the truths of God for the salvation of souls and the development of the common good.

In the Apostolic Exhortation *On Evangelization in the Modern World* (1975), Pope Saint Paul VI says that "...the presentation of the Gospel message is not an optional contribution for the Church. It is the duty incumbent on her by the command of the Lord Jesus, so that people can believe and be saved. This message is indeed necessary. It is unique. It cannot be replaced. It does not permit either indifference, syncretism or accommodation. It is a question of people's salvation. It is the beauty of the Revelation that it represents. It brings with it a wisdom that is not of this world. It is able to stir up by itself faith - faith that rests on the power of God. It is truth. It merits having the apostle consecrate to it all his time and all his energies, and to sacrifice for it, if necessary, his own life"(5).

Furthermore, Pope Saint Paul VI says that "the person who has been evangelized goes on to evangelize others. Here lies the test of truth, the touchstone of evangelization: it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn"(24). Perhaps a way of reminding ourselves of our personal participation in the mission of the Church is to look at the EXIT sign above the doors of the church.

Our celebration of the Eucharist renews and reinvigorates us in the grace of discipleship. We do not remain in the church, however, but exit and go forth. Each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. We, like the Apostles, are now empowered by the Holy Spirit to give witness to our faith and the graces we have received in our lives. Through this witness, God invites everyone to share in the new life we have in Christ. The great commission of Jesus is given to us: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:19).

Our zeal for the good of others is not some sense of narrow self-righteousness; it is not the presumption of self-perfection, or the blind fanaticism of those who want to impose their views on everyone. It is based on our knowledge and experience that God loves every person and desires every person to receive the new life that is found through faith in Christ. We propose to others the truths of our faith and extend to others the invitation of Jesus: "Come, follow me."

While Pentecost brings the Easter Season to its conclusion, it should not conclude our continual prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. I learned about this continual prayer a few years ago when a teaching of Jesus made an important impact in my life. In Luke 11, Jesus teaches us to pray by giving us the "Our Father." And he goes on to teach us about how the Father answers our prayers. And it is the conclusion of this teaching that made the impact: "...how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him"(Lk 11:13). For me, it was a clear directive that the Lord wants us to ask continually for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives; and I've made this petition a part of my daily prayer.

Together with this teaching, I developed a prayer influenced by the late Archbishop Luis Martinez of Mexico who wrote a book entitled "The Sanctifier." The prayer is this: Come, Holy Spirit. Come and sanctify my body and my soul. Come and reproduce in me the life, the virtues, and the holiness of Jesus. Come by means of the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your well-beloved spouse.

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<b>Monday May 20</b>	<b>Tuesday May 21</b>	<b>Wednesday May 22</b>	<b>Thursday May 23</b>	<b>Friday May 24</b>	<b>Saturday May 25</b>	<b>Sunday May 26</b>
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>  Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	<b>NO 9 a.m. Mass</b>  Dominican Ordination to the Priesthood 9:30 a.m. <i>Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception</i>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>

**Sanctuary Candle**



*For the grace this week to live with the joy and peace bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit.*

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:**

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:**

James Golden.

**This Week's Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, May 19**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † Elizabeth Hope
- 8:00 a.m. † Dorothy Kormos
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

**Monday, May 20**

- 8:00 a.m. Dominican Ordination Class of 1994
- 12:10 p.m. † Rich

**Tuesday, May 21**

- 8:00 a.m. † Mori Green
- 12:10 p.m. The intentions of James Collom

**Wednesday, May 22**

- 8:00 a.m. The conversion of Jamison Adams
- 12:10 p.m. Pour Souls

**Thursday, May 23**

- 8:00 a.m. Thomas & Lillian Bailey's 32nd Anniv.
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak

**Friday, May 24**

- 8:00 a.m. Luisa Maria Paredes
- 12:10 p.m. Doreen McHugh

**Saturday, May 25**

- 9:00 a.m. No Mass



### THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

*joyfully announced the Ordination of their Brothers*

- LUKE MARY NEITZKE, O.P.
- CHRISTOPHER MARIA DANIEL, O.P.
- CORNELIUS MARIE AVARITT, O.P.
- CHARLES MARIE ROONEY, O.P.
- CYRIL STOLA, O.P.

*to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ  
through the Imposition of Hands and Prayer of Ordination*

**Saturday, May 25th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

*Due to the Ordination, there will be  
**NO 9 a.m. Mass.**  
Afternoon confessions & Vigil Mass will be  
as scheduled.*

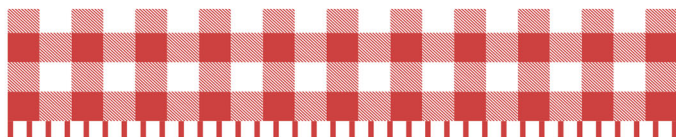
## St. Dominic Catholic Church

### 8 A.M. WEEKDAY MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE

**From May 28 - August 23**

**the 8 a.m. Mass  
will be held in the  
Friar's Chapel**

*Entrance mid-block on E Street*



## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

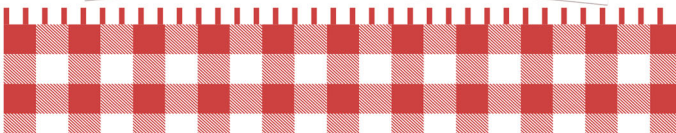
**FOLLOWING THE 10:30 MASS  
& CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024**

**LAWN ON THE E STREET SIDE**



**FELLOWSHIP! FOOD! FUN!**



### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS DEVOTIONS



*SACRED HEART OF JESUS, RICH TO ALL  
WHO INVOKE THEE, HAVE MERCY ON US.*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7  
7 P.M.**



**REV. MICHAEL WEIBLEY, O.P.  
CELEBRANT & PREACHER**

**ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH  
501 6TH STREET, SW**

## Monthly Offertory for April 2024

Received	\$21,128
Budgeted	<u>\$12,692</u>
Deficit/Surplus	8,436
Received via Faith Direct	\$19,191
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$15,125</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 4,066
Summary	
April Deficit/Surplus	\$12,502
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$22,723

## Offertory

### Week Ending May 12, 2024

Received	\$ Numbers unavailable
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	\$ Numbers unavailable

## Electronic Giving Options



## Mass Intentions - Now Available

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.

## 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 not claimed will be donated or discarded at the end of June.



“Do not seek to be regarded as somebody, don't compare yourself to others in anything. Leave the world, mount the cross, discard all earthly things, shake the dust from off your feet.”

—St. Barsanuphius

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I share these paragraphs with you so that you can incorporate the teaching and prayer into your personal prayer life every day. It is a way of unifying the prayer of our parish community so that we can support one another in prayer and grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A parish grows and thrives when its members are imbued with the presence of the Holy Spirit. He will enliven our worship of God together; and empower our outreach and service in the community.

Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we can hope for the renewal of our parish and the growth of our community. Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a new way upon our parish that all of us will be witnesses in word and action to the love and salvation of Jesus. Together, with the entire Church we pray: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."

Two weeks from today, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord (*Corpus Christi*). This special feast draws our attention to the Holy Eucharist and the efforts in our country for a Eucharistic Revival. For the conclusion of the 10:30 Mass on that day, we will have an outdoor solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the block of the church and priory. Everyone is invited to participate, especially families with children. The procession will conclude with Solemn Benediction in the church. Afterward, we'll have a parish picnic on the E Street lawn. It should be a day of joyful witness to our Catholic faith and lively fellowship with one another.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

George P. Schommer, O.P.  
Pastor

**COVER IMAGE:**

The Descent of the Holy Spirit  
By Giovanni Lanfranco (1582-1647)  
C. 1631

**Limited Sponsorship Opportunity!**

*R*estoring the Beauty of the  
*R*oosevelt Organ with the  
stenciling of 37 Facade Pipes.

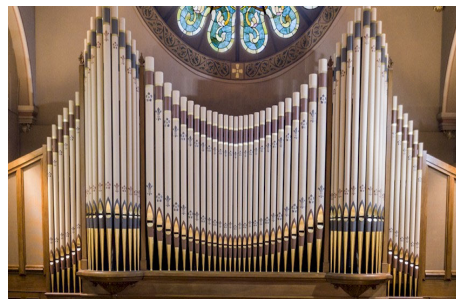
Help St. Dominic Church paint and stencil the 37 façade pipes of the Roosevelt Organ. A donation of \$5,000 per pipe can be made in gratitude, in honor of, or in memory of a person or organization. A donor recognition plaque will be installed.

Contact the parish office for the full brochure or visit the website. Payments can be made over a period of 4 months.

Current Installation



Conceptual Design



**17 Pipes Remaining!**

**Makes A Great Father's Day Gift!**

## Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena

This weekend, we join the Dominican friars and hundreds of people associated with them to pray the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena for the fifth of nine months. The prayer can be found here or prayer cards can be found in the church literature racks and at the entrances of the church.



*God our Father, we thank you  
for the gift of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom  
we are adopted as your beloved sons  
and daughters.*

*At Pentecost you poured  
out the Holy Spirit  
upon Our Lady and the Apostles  
while they were at prayer.*

*Pour out that same Holy Spirit upon us  
as we meditate upon the mysteries of Christ  
contained in the Most Holy Rosary.*

*Enlighten our faith, strengthen our hope,  
and set us ablaze with love for you and our neighbor.*

*Graciously grant us St. Dominic's own zeal  
for the salvation of souls.*

*Bless the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage.*

*May it lead many souls to Jesus through Mary,  
so that we may know you and your saving power  
now and for all eternity.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!  
St. Dominic, pray for us!*



## Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center Baby Item Collection

**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 June 1 & 2.**

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

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



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 a.m. Meet in the parking lot.

No skill required, just the desire to work in the garden 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.



Visit St. Dominic's website!

*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.*