



*It is the smallest of all seeds,  
and becomes the largest of plants.*

*Mark 4:31*



**St. Dominic Church**

**June 16, 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. (7:30 a.m. during the Summer)  
 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.



In the cultural calendar, today is Father's Day. It is the opportunity to honor and remember our fathers in gratitude for the many blessings of love, care and provision. The Church teaches us through the Catechism that "respect for parents (*filial piety*) derives from *gratitude* toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace. 'With all your heart honor your father, and do not forget the birth pangs of your mother. Remember that through your parents you were born; what can you give back to them that equals their gift to you?' [Sirach 7:27-28] (CCC 2215). So, whether our fathers are living or deceased we have the opportunity fulfill the Fourth Commandment by expressing our gratitude to God for our fathers and asking the Lord to bless our fathers with whatever graces they need. We can fulfill our responsibilities toward our fathers by assisting them in their material and personal needs; and, if they have died, we can pray for the eternal repose of their souls. With these and other expressions of gratitude, we strengthen familial ties and develop within ourselves an ever-grateful heart. Note the refrain in the Responsorial Psalm for today's Mass: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

We can also take the opportunity to grow in our relationship with St. Joseph through a greater devotion to him. As the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary, he can be a spiritual father to each of us. St. Joseph models for us and teaches us how to respond to God's will and welcome Jesus and Mary into our lives. St. Joseph trusted in Divine Providence for himself and his family. He possessed human skill, wisdom, and prudence, but all was submitted to God. He models humility and faith for us; and through our devotion to him, we can hope for the graces to grow in humility and faith before God.

During the past week, we took delivery of a new organ console and bench. They are on display in the rear of the church near the Shrine of St. Jude. Made of white oak, the exterior design copies the details of the wainscoting around the church. The darker wood around the keyboards is mahogany. New pull knobs will be installed in the holes on both sides of the keyboards. The organ builder will be working

over the next few weeks to transfer new digital components from the current console in the organ loft to the new console. When he is ready, the old console will be removed from the loft and the new console hoisted up and put in place. Then the final phase of testing and adjusting will bring the project to completion. Have a look at the console while it is accessible on the main floor of the church. The craftsmanship is exquisite and fitting for our historic Roosevelt organ.

A final reminder that feedback on the modification of Mass times is due by this Friday, June 21, 2024. I am seeking feedback of support or non-support, reasons, alternatives, etc. Submit feedback in writing via email or post. The full letter to the parish and the supporting data is available on the parish website or from the parish office.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

George P. Schommer, O.P.  
Pastor

*Important letter  
from Fr. George!*

Have you read Fr. George's important letter proposing modifications of the parish Mass schedule?

Visit the home page of the parish website or contact the parish office.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**  
Feedback is due by  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024**

Monday June 17	Tuesday June 18	Wednesday June 19	Thursday June 20	Friday June 21	Saturday June 22	Sunday June 23
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	<b>Federal Holiday</b>  <b>8 a.m. Mass ONLY</b>  <b>NO 11:45 a.m. Rosary, Confessions or 12:10 p.m. Mass</b>  <b>Parish Office Closed</b>  A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</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>	Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Conf Room</i>	Donut Social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>  Solemn Vespers 7 p.m. <i>Church, followed by Reception in Parish Mtg Room</i>

**Sanctuary Candle**



*For all Fathers on this Father's Day:  
May they be strengthened to love their  
wives and children with the love of Christ  
for his Church.*

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, Lorraine Weaver 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, June 16**

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) † William Hope
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, June 17**

- 8:00 a.m. † Catherine Scrimshire
- 12:10 p.m. † Rich

**Tuesday, June 18**

- 8:00 a.m. † Timothy Gunderman
- 12:10 p.m. † Deceased member of the Scimeca Family

**Wednesday, June 19**

- 8:00 a.m. † Jeanne Murtaugh
- 12:10 p.m. **NO MASS—Federal Holiday**

**Thursday, June 20**

- 8:00 a.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak
- 12:10 p.m. † Jeannine Abshire Sibille

**Friday, June 21**

- 8:00 a.m. † Gerald G. Fox
- 12:10 p.m. † The repose of the soul of Ronald McGraw

**Saturday, June 22**

- 9:00 a.m. The Lawrence Gray Family



*Join Us!*  
**Solemn Vespers**  
 Sunday, June 23, 2024  
 7 p.m.



*Reception immediately following in the parish meeting room.*

*St. Dominic Catholic Church*  
 501 6th Street, SW  
 L'Enfant Plaza Metro

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**God Bless America: The Eucharist and Praying for the Nation According to St. Thomas Aquinas**

JULY  
**4**

Eucharistic Holy Hour (Confessions available) and Preaching by Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.  
 7 p.m. - Followed by fireworks on the National Mall.

**Solemn Vespers**

JULY  
**14**

7 p.m. in the Church followed by a reception in the parish meeting room.

**Patronal Feast of St. Dominic**

AUGUST  
**8**

7 p.m. in the Church with reception following.

**Solemn Vespers**

AUGUST  
**11**

7 p.m. in the Church followed by a reception in the parish meeting room.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

AUGUST  
**15**

All Masses in the Church: 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7 p.m.

St. Dominic's Church and Priory  
 and  
 The Thomistic Institute present:

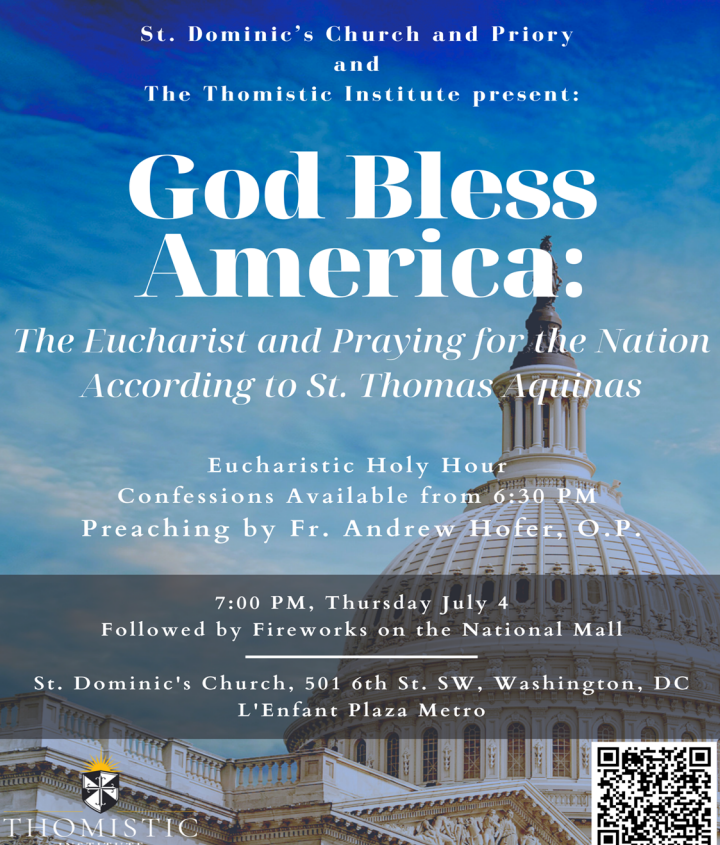
# God Bless America:


*The Eucharist and Praying for the Nation According to St. Thomas Aquinas*

Eucharistic Holy Hour  
 Confessions Available from 6:30 PM  
 Preaching by Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.

7:00 PM, Thursday July 4  
 Followed by Fireworks on the National Mall

St. Dominic's Church, 501 6th St. SW, Washington, DC  
 L'Enfant Plaza Metro





## Are you searching for...

- A deeper relationship with God?
- An encounter with Jesus Christ?
- A sense of belonging in a Christian community?
- A greater fulfillment of your purpose in life?



## Have you been curious...

- What Catholics believe about God, Jesus, Mary, and the Saints?
- What Catholics believe is God's plan for human life and happiness?
- What makes the Catholic Church different from other Christian churches?
- What is the meaning and purpose of the sacraments?
- What are the benefits of going to Mass?
- How Catholics serve the poor and engage in social justice?
- Why the church teaches what it does about human life, sexuality and happiness?

## Consider living your life as a Catholic

Register for **Inquiry** – a casual meeting format to begin answering questions and curiosities. General topics will be presented to inform and facilitate conversation. Participation does not mean a commitment to become Catholic. Meetings begin after Labor Day. Register today by calling the Parish Office at (202) 554-7863 or send an email to [Office@StDominicChurch.org](mailto:Office@StDominicChurch.org).

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## Monthly Offertory for May 2024

Received	\$14,784
Budgeted	<u>\$12,692</u>
Deficit/Surplus	2,092
Received via Faith Direct	\$18,521
Budgeted via Faith Direct	<u>\$15,125</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$ 3,396
<b>Summary</b>	
May Deficit/Surplus	\$ 5,488
Deficit/Surplus from July 1	\$28,210

## 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.

## Mass Intentions - 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.

## Offertory

### Week Ending June 9, 2024

Received	\$2,690
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	<b>(\$1,156)</b>

## Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



venmo

## Interested in Joining St. Dominic Parish?

We would love to welcome you into our parish! Visit [StDominicChurch.org](http://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.



“And since there is in the Sacred Heart a symbol and a sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love one another, therefore is it fit and proper that we should consecrate ourselves to His most Sacred Heart—an act which is nothing else than an offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ, seeing that whatever honor, veneration and love is given to this divine Heart is really and truly given to Christ Himself.”

—Pope Leo XIII





## GET SOUTHWEST DC STUDENTS READY FOR SCHOOL!

St. Dominic Church is partnering with Riverside Baptist Church in Southwest DC to prepare students in our neighborhood with school supplies for the upcoming school year.

### Items needed:

*pens, pencils, crayons, markers, spiral bound notebooks and two-pocket folders*

(Click anywhere on this flier to view the full suggested DC K-12 School Supply List.)

### NEW ITEMS ONLY

Monetary donations may be made for the purchase of backpacks. (Memo: school items)

### Drop-off Items in the Church or Parish Office

**ALL ITEMS OR DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 28.**

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of school supplies on Sunday, August 11 at Riverside Baptist Church from Noon – 3 pm.

For information contact Mary Moran @ [moranmary@verizon.net](mailto:moranmary@verizon.net)

## 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!*



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W/ PEOPLE WHO  
NEED YOU

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Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn icons



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.*