

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Nativity of the Lord
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
2025

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THE TEAM

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Parochial Vicar: Father Bede Shipp, O.P.

Parish Staff

Executive Assistant: Saskia Nevlud
Pastoral Associate: Sister Margaret Andrew Baker, O.P.
Pastoral Associate: Br. Cassian Iozzo, O.P.
Communications: Elissa Krieg
Music Director: Noah Lovold

Parish Pastoral Council

Philip Clark	Doris Stukes
Tim Lang	Susan Timoney
Daniel Padilla	Carrie Traverso
Mitzi Sobash	Chris Varella

Parish Finance Council

Kevin Ciocca	Carol Pica
Jim Courtney	Scott Warady



WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Celebration of Holy Mass

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday | 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays | 12:10 p.m.

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.
Sunday | 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Liturgical Schedule ~ Priory Chapel

December 15 – January 11

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

Monday - Friday | 7:30 a.m.
Saturday | 7:30 a.m.
Sunday | 8:00 a.m.

(Holy Mass following Lauds

Monday - Saturday)

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Monday - Sunday | 5:30 p.m.
Rosary precedes Vespers each day at 5:10 p.m.

Compline (Night Prayer – in Church)

Monday - Friday | 6:40 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday | 7:00 p.m.

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; 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.

Parish Office Hours
Monday- Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Church Hours
Daily 7:00am -7:00pm



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 24th

Priory 1 † Mrs. Mary Kenney
Priory 2 Christmas Novena
5:00 p.m. Taliaferro Family
9:00 p.m. Ezra Augustine

Thursday, December 25th

10:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Friday, December 26th

Priory 1 Rosary Shrine of St. Jude
Benefactors
Priory 2 Intentions of Randy & Carol
Desrochers
12:10 pm Brent Kuch

Saturday, December 27th

Priory 1 Anna Brandi & Seth Wood
Priory 2 Valerie Feldkamp
9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack
5:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, December 28th

8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude
Benefactors
10:30 a.m. Audrey Aileen

Monday, December 29th

Priory 1 Rosie Popovich
Priory 2 Timothy Daniel Dingman
12:10 p.m. Audrey Aileen

Tuesday, December 30th

Priory 1 Dan Popovich
Priory 2 John Popovich
12:10 p.m. Evelyn Marie

Wednesday, December 31st

Priory 1 Sylvester Sanchez
Priory 2 Lilli Popovich Gerber
12:10 p.m. Chad Gerber
5:00 p.m. Peace in the World

Thursday, January 1st

Priory 1 Living Rosary Group
Priory 2 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Yaden
12:10 p.m. Pro Populo

Friday, January 2nd

Priory 1 St. Jude Novena
in Honor of the New Year
Priory 2 † Michael Bledsoe
12:10 pm † Michelle Ramstack

Saturday, January 3rd

Priory 1 St. Jude Novena
in Honor of the New Year
Priory 2 Barbara Cruz
9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack
5:00 p.m. Pro Populo

LET US PRAY FOR:

The sick and homebound

Nora Courtney, Denny Layendecker, Heidi Long, Eileen Maturi, Alessia McGuire, Paul Semeraro, and Frances White

The recently deceased

All the faithful departed

Military Services

All those serving our in our country and around the world

Pope Leo's Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thursday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:** It is a holy day of obligation. The vigil Mass begins at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31. The holy day Mass on Thursday, January 1 begins at 10:30 a.m. No rosary or confessions that day.
- **There is no Holy Hour on Thursday, January 1st.**
- **The parish office is closed** most of this week and will reopen on Friday, January 2nd.
- Next Sunday is the collection of baby items for the **Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center.**

A New Year – New Opportunities to Grow and Live your Catholic Faith

- * **Are there children needing the Sacrament of Baptism?** We can help you receive the sacramental preparation needed, select Godparents, and schedule the ceremony. Please contact the parish office.
- * **Do you or someone you know need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?** It's never too late. Sooner is better for you! We can help you learn more about your Catholic faith, the Holy Spirit, and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact the parish office.
- * **Has it been months or years since you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation?** Wait no longer. Priests are available during the regularly scheduled time for Confession; or you can schedule an appointment through the parish office. The

priest will help and guide you with the prayers of this sacramental liturgy. Remember, every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. God is ready and willing to forgive your sins and be reconciled with you.

- * **Would you like to learn more about Catholicism and becoming Catholic?** We have a twice-monthly informal gathering for asking questions and learning what the Catholic Church believes and teaches. Go beyond hearsay and what you think you know. Come and learn the true way of being a disciple of Jesus. Please contact the parish office.
- * **Are you engaged or soon to be engaged for marriage?** St. Dominic's is a beautiful church in which to celebrate your wedding. There is no parishioner requirement. We can help you prepare for the sacrament to be celebrated here or elsewhere. Please contact the parish office or complete the Marriage Inquiry Form found on the parish website.
- * **Did you get married civilly or in a non-Catholic ceremony?** Inquire about having your marriage become a sacramental marriage and a source of grace for your relationship. We can help you. Please contact the parish office.
- * **Did your marriage end in a divorce?** Do you understand what the Catholic Church has to say about your relationship with God and the reception of the sacraments? Have you considered an annulment? We can help you understand what options are available and how to follow through the process. Please contact the parish office.
- * **Have you registered in any parish?** If not, considering making St. Dominic's your parish home and register today. The form is online and at the church entrances.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

DECEMBER 24: No Rosary, Confessions, or Mass at 12:10 p.m.

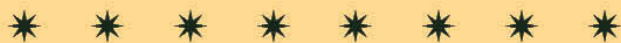
**DECEMBER 24: Vigil Mass of Christmas at 5:00 p.m.
(Carols begin at 4:30 p.m.)**

**DECEMBER 24: Christmas Mass During the Night at 9:00 p.m.
(Carols begin at 8:30 p.m.)**

**DECEMBER 25: Christmas Mass During the Day 10:30 a.m. only
(Carols begin at 10:00 a.m.)**

DECEMBER 31: Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God at 5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 1: Mass of Mary, Mother of God at 10:30 a.m. only



SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION THROUGH DECEMBER 23:

Monday – Friday: 11:45 am – 12:10 pm

Thursday: 7:00 – 7:45 pm

Saturday: 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:45 – 10:30 am

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 28th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts

✦ Parish Meeting Room

Monday, December 29th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting ✦ Parish Meeting Room

7 p.m. "The Bible and the Sacraments"

Monday Cenacle

✦ Zoom (Contact office for link)

Tuesday, December 30th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting ✦ Parish Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 31st

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting ✦ Parish Meeting Room

Thursday, January 1st

12 p.m. A.A Meeting ✦ Parish Meeting Room

Friday, January 2nd

12 p.m. A.A Meeting ✦ Parish Meeting Room

Saturday, January 3rd

9:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary Prayer Group

✦ Main Church

10:00 a.m. OCIA ✦ Parish Meeting Room

Sunday, January 4th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts

✦ Parish Meeting Room

Offertory for the week of December 21

Received	\$2,689
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,157)



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Regular meetings
for prayer & discussion

Build Your Faith.
Build Your Friendships.
Build Your Parish.



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All men 18+ welcome —
Catholic & non-Catholic.
Email office@stdominicchurch.org

First and Third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Email office@stdominicchurch.org for
more information.



The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation

JEFF CAVINS, SARAH CHRISTMYER, and TIM GRAY

From the Pastor's Desk

Welcome to parishioners, family members, and guests who come to St. Dominic's for the celebration of Christmas and the Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This church is a sacred place of encounter with the Lord Jesus, the only begotten Son of the eternal Father, who was born for us and our salvation. Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Eternal Father, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man, which we recite weekly in the Creed. He is fully human and fully divine and belongs to the family of Mary and Joseph. They welcomed this child, cared for him in all his physical and material needs. They protected him from earthly enemies. And they schooled him in the ways of God, as evidenced by the fact that they took him up to Jerusalem each year for the feast of Passover.

Jesus is born into a human family to sanctify it with his presence and to lead us into the family of God, who is a communion of Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Consider this teaching from the Catechism: "The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity"(2205). The domestic church of the Holy Family is an icon for living our daily lives in relation to others and in the fulfillment of all our domestic duties. Like Mary and Joseph, we are invited to accept and assent to the will of God for our lives, which places Jesus at the center of our vocation. Like Mary and Joseph, we are invited to fulfill our daily domestic work in service to God and others. And, like Mary and Joseph, we are invited to pray and ponder about the mysteries that unfold in life, trusting that God's Providence is guiding all things.

Remember that the celebration of the Christmas season continues through the feast of the Epiphany and concludes with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. While the world around us may return to "normal," our daily prayer and reflection help us to remember the coming of Jesus into our lives. The new "normal" for Christians is that Jesus is now and remains at the center of our lives. The new year is a great opportunity to make a resolution to live our Catholic faith more intentionally. Jesus is God-with-us, always near to us. Let us not exclude or ignore him from any facet of our lives.

The Dominican Friars at St. Dominic Church extend prayerful best wishes for a blessed Christmas. We hope that you will be filled with joy and peace as we celebrate the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. May his Mother, Mary, help you to ponder with her this great revelation of divine love and experience the closeness of God in your life. May St. Joseph help you to protect the gift that is received and nurture it to an ever-greater maturity.

May God give you all the graces of the Christmas season.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Welcome to Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle Council #11302. We currently have over 170 men in our Council from all walks of life.

Since our founding in 1994, our council has been actively serving four Catholic parishes in Washington, D.C.'s Capitol Hill area. They are: Saint Dominic Church, Saint Joseph's on Capitol Hill, Saint Peter's on Capitol, and Saint Vincent de Paul Church at the Navy Yard.

You can often see us serving as ushers and Eucharistic ministers at the Mass, actively participating in church service, and hold frequent weekend social events to strengthen our fraternal bonds.

Join us! Together we can serve and help our community, and put our faith into action with approximately two million Brother Knights around the world. Make a difference!

Vivat Jesus! (May Jesus Live)

Fraternally,

SK Raymond K.Y. Yam

Grand Knight



THE BIBLE *and the* SACRAMENTS



Join Us for an Inspiring
Bible Study

Monday
Nights
at 7 p.m.
on Zoom

THE SACRAMENTS SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE

- ✦ Discover the Old Testament roots of the Sacraments instituted by Christ.
- ✦ Grow in knowledge of the Sacraments central to the Catholic faith.
- ✦ Learn how the seven Sacraments have the power to transform our lives and shape us for eternity.

Email office@stdominicchurch.org
for more information.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE



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SUMMA STUDY GROUP

Exploring the Wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas
2026 Lecture Series



7:00-8:30 PM | St. Dominic Church SW DC
Select Monday Nights After 6:40 PM Compline
Open to All Adults

Starting: Monday, January 5

Join the Dominican Friars for this year's lecture series:
Grace, Freedom, and the God Who Moves the Will

Sign Up for Full Meeting Schedule



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 next weekend - January 3 & 4.

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!

