



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026

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THE TEAM

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
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Parish Staff

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	Susan Timoney
Daniel Padilla	Carrie Traverso
Mitzi Sobash	Lori Tucker
Doris Stukes	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

Sunday, January 4th

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
10:30 a.m. St. Jude Novena in Honor of the New Year

Monday, January 5th

- Priory 1 St. Jude Novena in Honor of the New Year
Priory 2 Harrison Downs
12:10 p.m. Mary Healey

Tuesday, January 6th

- Priory 1 St. Jude Novena in Honor of the New Year
Priory 2 † Frank Littrell
12:10 p.m. Fr. Nathan Marzonie

Wednesday, January 7th

- Priory 1 St. Jude Novena in Honor of the New Year
Priory 2 † Andy Sanchez
12:10 p.m. Ashley

Thursday, January 8th

- Priory 1 St. Jude Novena in Honor of the New Year
Priory 2 William Routh
12:10 p.m. Nicholas Popovich

Friday, January 9th

- Priory 1 St. Jude Novena in Honor of the New Year
Priory 2 Barbara & Rick Cruz
12:10 pm † Michelle Ramstack

Saturday, January 10th

- Priory 1 St. Jude Novena in Honor of the New Year
Priory 2 Carrie Traverso
9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack
5:00 p.m. † Catherine Marie Harold

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 5th

- 12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Online Cenacle: The Bible and the Sacraments † Zoom

Tuesday, January 6th

- 12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Bible Timeline
† Parish Meeting Room

Wednesday, January 7th

- 12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal † Choir Loft

Thursday, January 8th

- 12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions in Church

Friday, January 9th

- 12 p.m. A.A Meeting † Parish Meeting Room

Saturday, January 10th

- 9:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary Prayer Group
† Main Church
10:00 a.m. OCIA † Parish Meeting Room

Sunday, January 11th

- After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts
† Parish Meeting Room
12 p.m. Inquiry † Conference Room
6 p.m. Religious Movie Seminar - The Dark Ages † Parish Meeting Room



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bringing the Grace of Epiphany to the Home

Each year on the feast of Epiphany, chalk is blessed by priests around the world and then distributed to the parish. Parishioners are instructed to mark their doorposts in an action clearly inspired by the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt ... “take some of the blood [of the lamb], and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it ... The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.” (cf. Exodus 12:1-13)

It is an ancient tradition that calls upon God’s blessing and protection.

Traditionally a priest blesses chalk on the Feast of the Epiphany by saying the following prayer (from the Roman Ritual):

Bless, + O Lord God, this creature, chalk, and let it be a help to mankind. Grant that those who will use it with faith in your most holy name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Casper, Melchior, and Baltassar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord.

Many families would take this seriously and prayed the blessing with faith, trusting that God would spare them diseases, plagues and other illnesses.

This is reflected in the prayer typically said by the head of the household when marking the doors with chalk.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

From: <https://aleteia.org/2021/01/03/blessed-epiphany-chalk-was-used-to-protect-homes-against-illnesses/>

Blessed chalk and the prayer of blessing are available at the doors of the church this weekend.

Offertory for the week of December 28

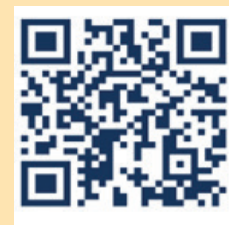
Received	\$2,037
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,809)



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community grow, thrive, and share God’s
love.



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ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother; in union with Mary, we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank for you the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give our country and ourselves to your sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pierced by the sword of sorrow prophesied by Simeon, save us from degeneration, disaster and war. Protect us from all harm. O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, who bore the sufferings of your Son in the depths of your heart, be our advocate. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

Amen.

TODAY'S ART & MUSIC

Cover Art:

The Adoration of the Magi
Fra Angelico & Fra Filippo Lippi (ca. 1440-60)

Prelude:

No. 1 from 8 Pièces Modales
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Postlude:

Dialogue sur les grands jeux,
from Suite du Premier Ton
Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

Motet after Communion

Vidimus stellam

Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517)

*"We have seen his star in the East, and we have come
with our gifts, to worship the Lord."*

LET US PRAY FOR:

The sick and homebound

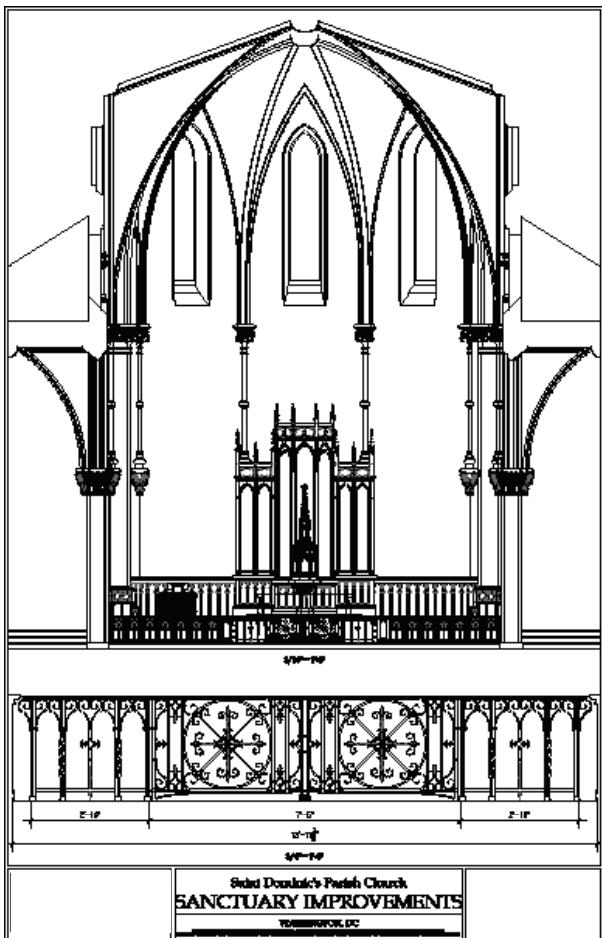
Maria Balotescu, Nora Courtney, Denny Lay-
endecker, Heidi Long, Eileen Maturi, Alessia
McGuire, Paul Semeraro, and Frances White

The recently deceased

All the faithful departed

Military Services

All those serving our in our country and around
the world

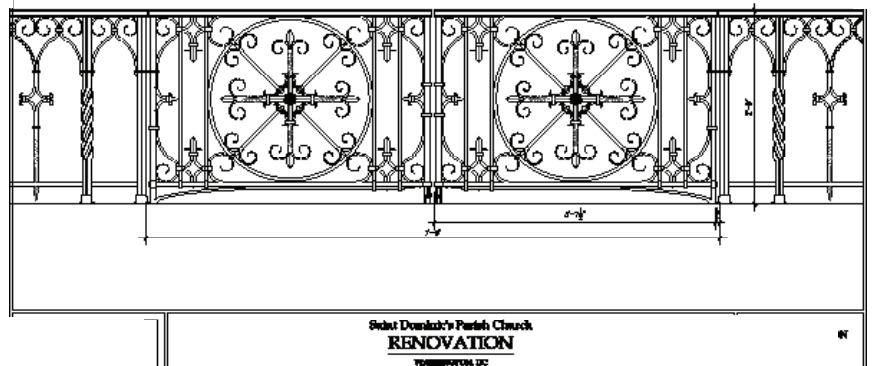


Saint Donaluk's Parish Church
SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS
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A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PARISH

An anonymous benefactor has given a new, hand-
crafted, polished brass sanctuary gate to the
parish. Installation will begin soon.



Saint Donaluk's Parish Church
RENOVATION
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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's shrine for a virtual tour on January 5th. Celebrate Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day! In this tour with a live question and answer session, you will see the White House, where Mother Seton lived with her fellow Sisters of Charity and began a school for girls. Find out why her life and legacy continue to refresh and inspire people for over 200 years. Get up close to artifacts and relics and hear the stories behind them. Advance registration is required to attend the virtual tour, and registration will close two hours prior to the tour time. <https://setonshrine.org/virtual-tours>

You will receive a confirmation email after registering with more information and the link to your tour. Please check your email's spam folder if you do not see an email within 12 hours. We look forward to seeing you online! For more info, call 301-447-6606 or email erica.delp@setonshrine.org.



Pope Leo's Intention for January

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

For the United States of America
For the Health of Joe Biden

IN MEMORY OF

My Mother & Father

My Sister

Anthony & Sara Ann Smith
& Family

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My father Claude

My Grandmother Doris

My Grandmother Reva

My Granddad Arthur

My Uncle Dennis



St. Dominic Men's Fellowship

Regular meetings
for prayer & discussion

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



St. Dominic Church
630 E Street SW
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All men 18+ welcome —
Catholic & non-Catholic.
Email office@stdominicchurch.org

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



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

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.

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JourneyThroughScripture.com