



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2026

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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: Kelly Hanlon
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 Carrie Traverso
Daniel Padilla Lori Tucker
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

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

Monday - Friday | 7:00 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: 8:30 a.m.
— 1:00 p.m .

Church Hours

Daily 7:00am -7:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 8th

8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude
Benefactors

Monday, February 9th

Priory 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Priory 2 Richard Kelley
12:10 p.m. † Marie Shipley

Tuesday, February 10th

Priory 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Priory 2 Lee Money
12:10 p.m. † Linda Money

Wednesday, February 11th

Priory 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Priory 2 † Kathryn Niehaus
12:10 p.m. † Thomas Francis Halwick

Thursday, February 12th

Priory 1 † David Martell
Priory 2 † Ann Shipps
12:10 p.m. Dcn. Bruce Fortnum

Friday, February 13th

Priory 1 Arin Tooze
Priory 2 Josh & Kerstin Mabie
12:10 pm † Michelle Ramstack

Saturday, February 14th

Priory 1 † Andre Bouillot
Priory 2 † Mary Horton
9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack
5:00 p.m. † Charlie Tucker



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 9th

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

Tuesday, February 10th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Men's Fellowship
† Parish Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 11th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus
† Parish Meeting Room

Thursday, February 12th

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

Friday, February 13th

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

Saturday, February 14th

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

Sunday, February 15th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts
† Parish Meeting Room
6 p.m. Religious Movie Seminar -
Mission to Glory: A True Story (Kino: The Pa-
dre on Horseback) † Parish Meeting Room



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ The presentation on painting the sanctuary is moved to **Sunday, February 22 at noon** in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **DELAYED: Donation acknowledgement letters** for the calendar year 2025 will be mailed this week. All who donated \$250 or more should expect a letter. Please contact the parish office if there is a discrepancy, an expected letter was not received, or you would like a copy of your statement for a smaller amount. If you need your donation amount sooner, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.
- ◆ **A short pilgrimage to The St. John Paul II Shrine** on Harewood Road NE is being planned for February 16 for families. The time spent at the Shrine would be from 11:30 until 3:00 p.m. Families could drive together from St. Dominic's, leaving at 11:00, or meet us at the Shrine. The time there would include Mass, an indoor picnic lunch, and a guided tour of the St. John Paul II Exhibit. Please contact Sister Margaret Andrew (202-853-4133 or srmargaretandrew@stdominicchurch.org) if you are interested in this Presidents' Day trip.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima, The World Apostolate of Fatima – Archdiocese of Washington Division “The Blue Army” Invites you to a special time of prayer including the Holy Rosary, Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Precious Blood of Jesus Chaplet, and Brown Scapular Enrollment. Friday, February 13, 2026. 1:00 PM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Michigan

Avenue, Washington, DC. For more information, please call 301-949-5710.

Personal Retreat Days in Lent

Fridays: Feb 27 & Mar 13 ~ 9am-4pm

Don't let the winter blues freeze your spirit! Join us for a for a Personal Retreat Day at Our Lady of Bethesda! During your personal retreat, from 9am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus lunch; so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$135 per person. Advance Registration is required. Visit our website to register and to find more dates at ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301-365-0612. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for Women and Evenings of Reflection for Men. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18

Masses will be offered at

8:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Ashes will only be distributed during Mass

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TODAY'S ART & MUSIC

Cover Art

The Seven Works of Mercy
North Holland School (Haarlem)

Prelude

Magnificat V, from *Vêpres du commun des fêtes de la Sainte Vierge, Op. 18*
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in D minor, BWC 554
Attr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Motet after Communion

Ego sum panis vivus
Palestrina (1525-1594)

"I am the bread of life.

*Your forefathers ate manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven;
he who eats of this bread will not die."*

LET US PRAY FOR:

The sick and homebound

Maria Balotescu, 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 February

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support,
never losing strength and hope.

Sanctuary Candle



For Phillis Winston

~ Maria Balotescu ~



Offertory for the Week of February 1

Received	\$1,891
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,955)



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From the Pastor's Desk

This week Wednesday, February 11th, is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – a feast that the Church has designated as the World Day of the Sick. St. John Paul II first established this day in 1992, setting aside the annual celebration as a time for the Church to focus her prayers on those burdened by sickness and to remind society of its responsibility toward them. The Vatican emphasized that this day is meant to be “a privileged moment of prayer, spiritual closeness, and reflection for the entire Church and for civil society, who are all called to recognize the face of Christ in our sick and vulnerable brothers and sisters” (Vatican News).

This year, the theme Pope Leo has chosen is: “The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another’s pain”. The Holy Father writes in his letter for this day: “In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not ‘pass by.’ Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze – the very gaze of Jesus – which led him to act with human and compassionate closeness. The Samaritan ‘stopped, approached the man and cared for him personally, even spending his own money to provide for his needs... [Above all] he gave him his time.’ Jesus does not merely teach us who our neighbor is, but rather how to become a neighbor; in other words, how we can draw close to others. In this respect, we can affirm with Saint Augustine that the Lord did not intend to show us who that man’s neighbor was, but rather to whom he should become a neighbor. Indeed, no one is truly a neighbor until they freely draw near to another. Thus, the one who became a neighbor was the one who showed mercy.” Pope Leo’s reflection reminds me of the instruction St. Paul gives to the Galatians, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ”(6:2).

Celebrating the World Day of the Sick in conjunction with the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes highlights her maternal care and intercession for the sick. Since 1858, when Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in the grotto at Massabielle outside Lourdes, the sick have gone or been brought to the shrine to wash in the water there and to seek healing from the Lord through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. There are seventy-two healings officially recognized as miracles by the Catholic Church in Lourdes. In our own church, we have a shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes in the southeast corner of the church. Many people regularly pray there and light a candle. Planning is underway to enhance the beauty of the shrine and bring it into harmony with the other architectural renovations made in the other shrines in the church.

The Church continually responds to the needs of the sick through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. “This Sacrament offers to the sick the grace of the Holy Spirit, by which the whole person is helped toward salvation, is lifted up by the faithfulness of God, and is strengthened against the temptations of evil and the anxiety of death. Consequently, the person may not only patiently bear but even fight against evils and also regain health if it is beneficial to their spiritual salvation. If it is necessary, the Sacrament also brings forgiveness of sins and the completion of Christian Penance. ... [This Sacrament] is to be conferred on the faithful who because of sickness, mental illness, or age are seriously ill”(From the Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care #6, 8).

Very often, this Sacrament needs to be requested by a family member or friend. A priest cannot know who is seriously ill and in need of the Sacrament. Conferring the Sacrament is a prayer of faith for healing and strength. Making the request is a practical way of caring for the sick and bringing hope and comfort to family members and friends who are attending to the sick person. Once again, I encourage you not to wait to request this Sacrament. The grace of the Lord is within it.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.



Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

The Parish Pastoral Council gathered for a brief meeting on Sunday, February 1. Father George opened the meeting with a prayer, after which the minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

Regarding the ongoing life of the parish, Father George communicated that Sister Margaret Andrew Baker, O.P. will take the lead for the St. Paul Street Evangelization efforts. Two Dominican deacons will also participate in this effort during Lent. The Council has recommended a parish mission to further revitalize the parish. The names of possible preachers have been suggested. However, the date has not been set because of a possible conflict with an archdiocesan event.

The various faith formation groups such as the Bible Timeline, Cenacles, and the Summa Study Group are all going well. The council members expressed their appreciation for the look of the bulletin and commended the use of Flocknote to communicate with the parish.

During Lent this year, we will again have a soup and bread supper on Friday evenings before praying the Stations of the Cross in the church. Volunteers will be requested to help with bringing food, setup, and cleanup. Father George is working with the OCIA participants and finding sponsors for them.

Nominations are being sought for membership on the parish pastoral council and the parish finance council. Any registered and active parishioner may be nominated and considered. Both councils are advisory and very helpful to the pastor.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with a prayer and blessing. The next meeting is on Sunday, March 1, 2026.



The compassion of the Samaritan:
Loving by bearing another's pain

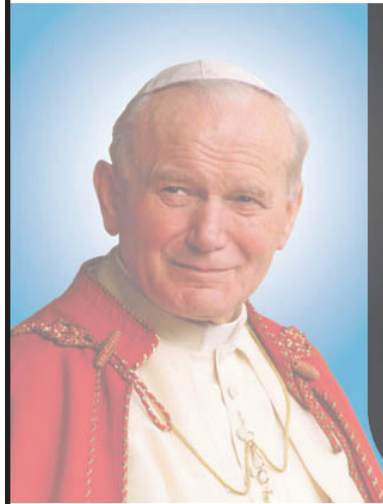
Prayer

Lord of Life,
in this moment we come to You
with our hearts and minds
troubled with names and stories of our brothers and sisters
afflicted with sickness.
In their pain, they cry out for your Mercy.
We ask for the grace
to know how to accompany and love them by bearing their pain.
You who know pain and suffering,
give us the strength of your Spirit, so that
imitating the Good Samaritan,
we may live the call to be neighbors,
always doing good,
with deep love for every human being.
Mary, our Mother,
under the title of Our Lady of Lourdes,
Merciful Mother of God, attentive to the pain and sufferings of humanity,
take us by the hand and bring us to your Son, Jesus,
so that we never grow tired of consoling, healing and doing good.
Amen

34th World Day of the Sick

A Four-Part Survey of Love & Responsibility

Hosted by the St. Dominic Men's Fellowship



St. John Paul II's
Love & Responsibility
laid the foundation for
modern teaching on
love, marriage & the moral life.

This four-part series invites our
men to examine the text closely
& uncover what it reveals.

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SESSION I (February 10)
Love vs. Use — Why Love Requires Responsibility

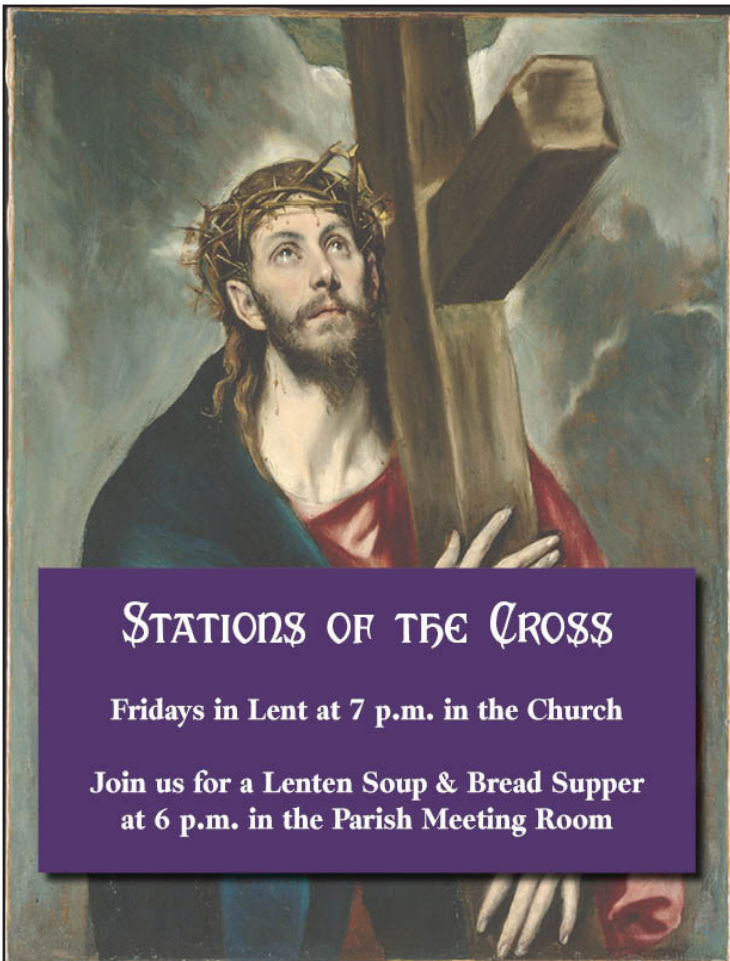
SESSION II (February 24)
Freedom, Desire, and Self-Mastery

SESSION III (March 10)
Chastity and the Integration of the Person

SESSION IV (March 24)
Marriage, Fidelity, and Love as Self-Gift

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

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent at 7 p.m. in the Church

Join us for a Lenten Soup & Bread Supper
at 6 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room

The Thomistic Institute in Washington, D.C. presents:

Why Our Lady Loved to Read

A lecture by
Dr. Zena Hitz
(St. John's College)

Feb 25
7PM

Catholic Information Center
1501 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20005
Refreshments to follow



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