

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17



The Gospel today presents four principles of productive discipleship. The first is the **Principle of Pain**, for the Lord describes the necessity of pruning in life, as he describes our life as branches on the vine. We do not like the experience of pruning at all. But, as any experienced gardener knows, pruning is an essential part of long-living things such as roses, shrubs, trees, and so forth. The Lord will not leave us unpruned, lest we grow wild and have our strength dissipated. Next, there is the **Principle of Persistence**. Notice that the word "abide" or "remain" occurs seven times in this brief passage. To abide means to go on habitually residing close to the Lord, and to be stable and steadfast, fixed and firm, consistent and connected in this residing. Too many Christians are on-again, off again in their relationship with the Lord. The Lord invites us and gives us the grace to abide with him. Next, note the **Principle of Peril**. The Lord warns that those who do not abide have their strength wither, their faith also becomes dry. He further warns that "people will gather them and throw them into a fire." In a way, the warning is that if I do not know who I am, anyone can name me. If I do not believe in God I may well fall into the trap of believing anything. Disconnected from Christ, people can easily carry me off and I am easily burned. Finally, note the **Principle of Produce**. In effect, if we remain on the vine we produce abundant fruit. Why? Because, as Jesus describes it, the Father can trust us with greater and greater blessings since the Word, the mind of Christ, is within us. Thus, the Father knows we will use our blessings well and ask for what is right.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 29 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:00am Theresa Lindsey (birthday)

11:00am Lorenza Y. Robinson †

7:00pm Zach Carlson †

Monday, April 30 *Saint Pius V, Pope*

7:00am Janice Lee Quinn †

Tuesday, May 1 *Saint Joseph the Worker*

7:00am Gary Vincent Scott †

Wednesday, May 2 *St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of Church*

7:00am DeVeel Clark † (birthday)

Thursday, May 3 *Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

7:00am Fr. George Pope, CSC †

Friday, May 4

7:00am For the People

Saturday, May 5

8:00am James O. Neale † (51st anniversary)

4:30pm Lucy Jones † (birthday)

If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 John 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21

Music Schedule

Processional

* Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LMGM #752

** Rejoice

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Offertory

* Praise Him!

LMGM #446

** This Is the Day/For the Lord is Good (medley)

arr. G. Stewart

Communion

* I Am the Bread of Life

LMGM #755

** Taste and See

LMGM #750

Post Communion

** Love medley

Recessional

He Got Up

Edwin Hawkins

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director

** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for April 22, 2018

4:30pm	39
8:00am	108
11:00am	253
7:00pm	121
Total:	521

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (4/22)

\$15,352



2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE: In gratitude to the HCSC parish family, I want to thank each of you for sharing your treasure with those who are less fortunate. We have reached the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal goal in pledged support! To date, **144** have pledged **\$56,390** to the Appeal bringing us to **105%** of our goal. Thank you to all our parishioners who have responded generously to the 2018 Appeal. Your commitment and sacrificial giving are truly a blessing for so many who are searching for Jesus' presence as they face bodily and spiritual needs. If you have not had the opportunity to support the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal, it's not too late to join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington by visiting appeal.adw.org to learn more and donate! Or, pick up an envelope in the rear of the church.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/29)

9:30am Sunday School

7:00pm Mass

8:00pm AA

Monday (4/30)

8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (5/1)

6:30pm Youth Choir

7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (5/2)

11:00am Friendly Seniors

6:30pm Liturgical Dance

7:00pm Bible Study

Friday (5/4)

6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour

Saturday (5/5)

10:00am Liturgical Dance

4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

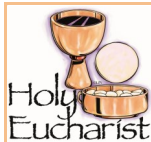
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE

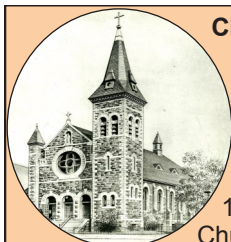


FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2018—will celebrate their First Holy Communion this **Sun., April 29th** at the **11AM Mass**. They are: **Emily Acosta, Raphael Belcher, Logan Bunn, London Carlock, Alyssa Carter, Chiamakeka Ejiofor, Josiah French, Jordan Johnson, Ameera Manneh, Elijah Meyers, Nijayah Ross**. Pray that these youth, with their parents' help, will make this First Communion a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.



CONFIRMATION: Congratulations and Blessings to **Erin Wright** who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **April 14th** at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD. Pray that with the support of her loved ones and the HCSC parish family, Erin will receive special grace by which her faith is deepened and strengthened.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION is **Fri., May 4th**, from **6—7PM** in the sanctuary. The prayer devotion will be hosted by the **Altar Guild** and **Ladies of Charity**. All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend some quality time with Jesus in the church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour.



CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH "How Firm A Foundation"

We are planning various activities and events throughout 2018 to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Catholic Church. Displays of photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church, prior to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966, will be featured in the HCSC vestibule. **You are invited to submit photos and memorabilia from Saint Cyprian Parish for display.** All items will be handled with care and returned to the owner. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org for more information.

THE WORD AMONG US: May issues are available in the Candlelight Store. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. **Limited supply! COST: \$2 each.**



THE LORD IS RISEN! As disciples of Christ, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic tithing through **FAITH DIRECT**. It's **FREE** and convenient! You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code **DC59** or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hscchurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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Camp St. Charles

Ever wanted to go to summer camp but didn't know what to expect? Experience a special **Parent/Child Weekend, May 4—6** for first-time campers at Camp St. Charles, located in Rock Point, MD, on the shores of the Wicomico River in Southern Maryland. **COST: \$50 per person includes lodging, meals and activities.** For details and registration, visit: campstcharles.org

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.



MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE: Corsages and spiritual gifts dedicated to mothers and grandmothers will be available for purchase after the **8AM and 11AM** on **May 6th**. Proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

HOPE AFTER ABORTION

Have you been impacted by abortion? Were you and your partner both pressured to abort? Were you against the abortion? Are you post-abortive? Come to an **ENTERING CANAAN Day of Prayer and Healing** sponsored by Project Rachel Ministries.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING on **Sat., May 12th**, 9AM to 5PM.

Questions? Call Project Rachel Ministries (PRM) at 301-982-2008. Location and contacts are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at: hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7AM (Chapel)
Saturday 8AM (Chapel) and 4:30PM (Vigil)
Sunday 8AM, 11AM, and 7PM

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9AM—8PM;
Wednesday and Thursday, 9AM—5PM;
Saturday, 9AM—1PM; and,
Sunday, 9AM—2PM.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com

♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

♦ HCSC App: myParishapp.com

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