



God took the fragrance
of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of
morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty
of the twilight hour...
The soul
of a starry night...
The laughter of a
rippling brook...
The grace of a bird
in flight...
Then God fashioned
from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his
masterpiece was through
He called it simply -
Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

In Honor of Our Mothers

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 Mark 16:15-20

Message from the Pastor

The Gospel today speaks of three Fruits of Love. The first Fruit of Love is **Justice**. Jesus says that he loves us and that we should remain in his love. How do we know and experience that we remain in his love? By keeping the commandments. Notice that keeping the commandments is not the cause of God's love, it is the fruit of God's love. God's love for us causes us to keep the commandments. To keep the commandments is justice, and hence justice is the first fruit of love. The second Fruit of Love is **Joy**. Jesus says that he tells us all this so that his joy may be in us and our joy may be complete. God didn't give the commandments to take away our fun, but rather that we might find joy and happiness. The Greek word translated here as joy is "*chiara*" and is better translated as "*calm delight*." The keeping of the commandments and a life of justice brings this 'calm delight.' The third Fruit of Love is **Jesus**. He calls us his friends in this passage if we keep his commandments. Here, too, note the connections. God's love in us causes us to keep the commandments which brings forth joy and an experience of friendship with the Lord Jesus

Stay Connected 

Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for updates from the Pastor and parish events.

Subscribe to Flocknote by texting **HCSC** to **84576** or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with information such as bulletins, recorded mass links, homily notes and bible study links. It's **FREE** and easy!

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And, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**). Make sure you stay connected!

If you have questions or need assistance, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org

Mass Attendance May 2, 2021

4:30pm	28
8:00am	47
9:30am	19
11:00am	194
7:00pm	45
Total:	333

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, May 9 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00am Ameerah Benton (birthday)
- 9:30am Beatrice C. Hall †
- 11:00am Eva D. Greene † (birthday)
- 7:00pm Vinetta L. Johnson †

Monday, May 10

- 7:00am Barbara Riehle †

Tuesday, May 11

- 7:00am For the intentions of Martha Neal

Wednesday, May 12

- 7:00am Betty Jean Robinson †

Thursday, May 13 *The Ascension of the Lord*

- 7:00am Patricia Chase †

Friday, May 14

- 7:00am For the People

Saturday, May 15

- 8:00am June M. Contee †
- 4:30pm Vivian R. Parks †

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY:	ACTS 16:11-15	JOHN 15:26—16:4
TUESDAY:	ACTS 16:22-34	JOHN 16:5-11
WEDNESDAY:	ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1	JOHN 16:12-15
THURSDAY:	ACTS 1:1-11 Eph 4:1-13	MARK 16:15-20
FRIDAY:	ACTS 18:9-18	JOHN 16:20-23
SATURDAY:	ACTS 18:23-28	JOHN 16:23-28

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THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/10)	Friday (5/14)
7:00pm YAM Bible Study	6:00pm Holy Hour/Confessions
Wednesday (5/12)	
7:15pm Bible Study (Zoom)	

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE



Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today
and thank them for their
guidance and love. We ask
you to bless them with your
own special love, today and
always. Amen.

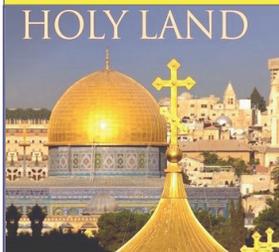


Congratulations to **MARGARET MARIE HERMSDORFER**, who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **May 2nd**. May God bless her in her journey of faith with the help of her parents, Joel and Kathryn Hermsdorfer.



To the HCSC Sodality, the May Queen, **ERIN WRIGHT**, our parishioners, and all ministries who made our annual **May Procession** tribute a beautiful celebration (see flyer for pictures). May is the **"Month of Mary"** and is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world give to the Queen of Heaven." During May, please find time to pray the rosary and offer up to Mary from our hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

HCSC Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND!



Join Msgr. Pope and HCSC pilgrims to the Holy Land for a **10-day pilgrimage, Nov. 8—17, 2022**. In July, 2021, Israel will be opening up to tourism under specific health criteria which is positive news. Pick up a flyer in rear of church or visit: hscchurch.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP ZOOM on **Sat., May 15th, 12 noon to 2PM**. Guest speaker: **Bishop Anita Obrien**. See flyer for Zoom log-in.



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Local health guidelines allows HCSC to celebrate a public mass in the sanctuary for up to 170 people in attendance.

Following are some of the protocols that we follow at each Mass for your safety:

- ◆ To enter the sanctuary, use only the middle front doors and the handicap ramp.
- ◆ To allow for social distancing some pews have been roped off.
- ◆ Attendees must social distance themselves and wear a facial mask or covering. Hand sanitizer is available.
- ◆ Protocols are in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

We are prudent and cautious because we care for you and your family's safety and well-being. Visit our website for more details on pandemic protocols. Our church sanctuary is open daily for private prayer from 8AM—8PM.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 29 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org



GRADUATE RECOGNITION: As we do every year, we would like to honor our HCSC parishioners who are celebrating a promotion from middle school or graduating from high school and college.

We also invite our 2020 graduates since we were unable to recognize them last year due to the pandemic. Our graduates will be celebrated at the 11AM Mass on Sunday, June 27th. See the flyer to submit your information.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEN'S RETREAT:

July 30—August 1 at the Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD. **Facilitator:** Deacon Steven Nash (Saint Joseph of Landover). For more information on safety protocols and cost, pick up a flyer in the rear of the church, or contact Cyprian Jenifer (301-580-4273), or visit: www.hscchurch.org. **All the men of the parish are invited to participate.**



COME AND PRAY: Our church sanctuary is open daily from 8AM—8PM to allow you to come inside and pray. All are welcome.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during the holy hour.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 7PM via Zoom OR in-person in the rectory** (social distanced w/masks). Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. To receive the ZOOM link: subscribe to the YAM Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com. We ask you to RSVP if you are attending in-person. We are currently studying **HEBREWS**.



Join Monsignor Pope for the **Wednesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom at 7:15pm**. To receive the link, subscribe to Wednesday Night Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com. We are currently studying **HEBREWS**.

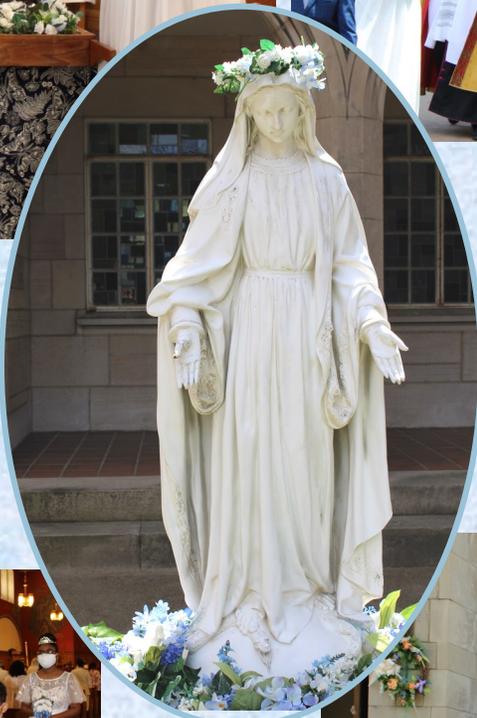
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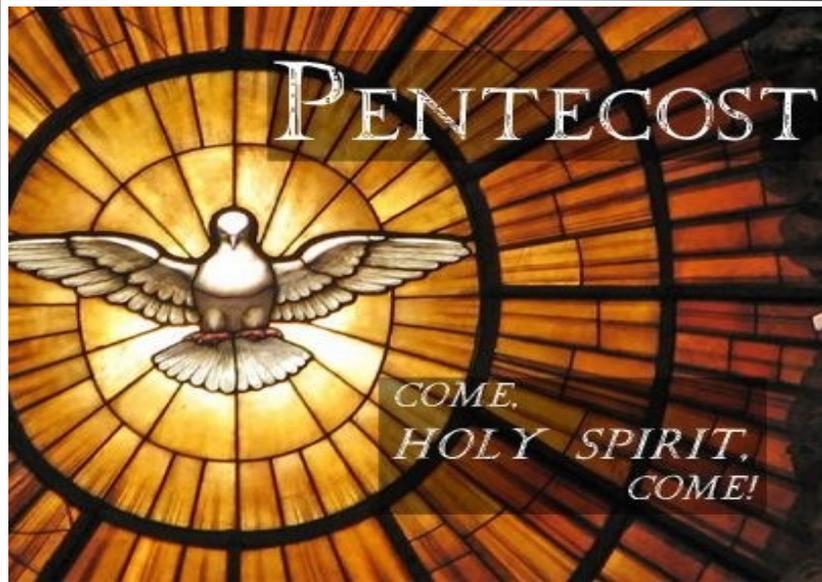
For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact the rectory staff at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

Mass Hours: Saturday—8AM & 4:30PM (vigil);
Sunday—8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 7PM;
Weekdays: Mon—Fri 7AM (8AM on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours (during pandemic):
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10AM—4PM;
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday—Closed

*Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Parish
Annual May Procession
May 2, 2021*





“New Life”

Guest Speaker

Bishop Anita Obrien



**Join the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian
Roman Catholic Church
Women’s Ministry—“Queens for the Kingdom”
for a virtual fellowship (via Zoom)**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021
(12:00 noon—2:00 pm)**

If using your computer,
IPAD/Tablet, go to
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Click join a meeting
Meeting ID: 826 4798 2464
Meeting Password: 205486

If using your cellphone download the
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Meeting Password 205486

Or dial in at 1-301-715-8592

Invite others, bring your Bibles. We ask all participants to find a quiet place with the least amount of background distractions and mute your microphones when not speaking.

For additional information, contact one of the following members

Laura Stanton (301) 326-9467

Wanda Ross (301) 523-1017

Bertha Colbert (301) 567-9786

Miriam Townsend-Edelen (301) 219-7986

Robin Brooks (202) 271-2940

Linda Simpson (301) 735-6432

Shirley Austin (202) 368-7231

June Holton-Johnson (301) 529-7114



“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

Anita Vernetta O'Brien is a fifth generation Washingtonian who was educated in the District of Columbia Public School System. At the age of five, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Israel Baptist Church. In 1975 she accepted the call to the Gospel Ministry and was licensed to preach on June 30, 1976 by the late Reverend Dr. Raymond R. Robinson with the approval of the church. On April 6, 1997, Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. ordained her. Among the “Daughters of Israel”, she was the first, in its long history, to be licensed and ordained to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bishop O'Brien is a cum laude graduate of the Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Capitol Heights, MD with a degree in Biblical Studies. In May of 2007, Saint Thomas Christian College of Jacksonville, FL conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree for her ministerial accomplishments during what was recognized then as her 30 plus years of service.

As a charter member of the Prince George's County Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. Bishop O'Brien is Head of Ministry and she serves as a Co-Chair to the G.M.W.A.'S National Evangelistic Ministry overseeing Communion preparation and Programming at the organization's annual convention founded by the Reverend Dr. James Cleveland.

Anita O'Brien is the CEO and Executive Director of LightWork Ministries, Inc. a non-profit corporation for the advancement of the community of man and the community of faith. Under the ministries' umbrella is the Worship Center where she serves as Sr. Pastor and on June 25, 2010 she was consecrated to the Office of Bishop making her the Presiding Prelate of the LightWork Ministries, Inc. Fellowship of Churches and Pastors with a constituency of eight Churches, Ministries and Pastors nationwide.

In counting God's greatest blessings, Anita recognizes her children Kevin, Faith, Joshua, Joseph and James along with her most precious grandson Jermaine.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

*If you are a Registered Parishioner Graduating in 2021 from Middle School, High School, College or Graduate School **ONLY** (please, no elementary or kindergarten).*

*The Parish of Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian would like to Acknowledge and Congratulate you on **Sunday, June 27th** at the 11:00 am Mass.*

*Please complete and return this form to the Rectory Office no later than **Sunday, June 13th** or email info to hscstaff@hscchurch.org*



Graduate Name: _____ Age: _____ (if under 18)
(Please Print)

Name of Guardians: _____ (if under 18)

Graduating from: Middle School High School
(check one) College Graduate School

Name of school graduating from:

If college, Degree rec'd _____

If applicable, name of high school or college/university attending in the fall of 2021:

Best Phone to contact graduate & family: _____

You and your family are invited to come to the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, June 27th** and sit in the reserved pews in the front of the Church. You are also highly encouraged to bring your cap & gown. **If you are unable to attend**, please let us know by calling the rectory office at 202-546-1885.

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 Our Deceased Members
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 The Deceased Jenifers:
 Oscar, Mary, Helena, Bay, David,
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Mother
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 Willie, Lawrence & Maria

To Our Beloved
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 We'll always love you,
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