

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead
and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.

Luke 15:32



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Readings This Weekend:

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

Readings Next Weekend:

Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13

Message from the Pastor

Today's Gospel contains one of the most memorable parables of all, the Prodigal Son. Since it is so familiar we can sometimes tune out as it is read. But notice how it begins: "A man had two sons...." In other words, God has many children of a different sort. Some of us are outwardly rebellious like the younger son. Some of us are outwardly obedient but inwardly distant from the Father and can have many secret resentments. And there are any number or other combinations. But the fact is that we all have our "issues." Notice how the father loves them both. One of the most shocking aspects of this parable is the way the father lowers himself to care for his sons. Both these sons treat their father with contempt and speak to him in a way that no ancient father need ever tolerate. But the father runs to embrace his rebellious son. Ancient noblemen never ran since it was a sign of being on an errand for someone or of being in flight. Further, to run meant a man had to bare his legs. This was considered a disgraceful thing for a nobleman. But this father throws aside all "dignity" and runs to his returning son. To the older son who denounces him, the father pleads with him to come into the banquet and greet his brother. No ancient father would ever plead with a son, he simply commanded. But the father (Jesus' Father) lowers himself and pleads with his son. An amazing detail of the Father's patience and love. The story is left unfinished. We do not know if the older son entered the feast or not. You and I are that son, and we have to finish the story for ourselves. Will we enter the feast of heaven on its own terms, or will we stand outside, resentful that the Father doesn't think like we do? You decide.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 11

8:00am Reba L. Neale †
9:30am intentions of Brenda Worthy
11:00am Rev. Everett Pearson †
7:00pm For the victims of violence and terrorism

Monday, September 12

7:00am intentions of Sister Marie Tellier, CH

Tuesday, September 13 *St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Dr*

7:00am intentions of Sylvia Hall

Wednesday, September 14 *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:00am For the People

Thursday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00am Ian Lindquist †

Friday, September 16 *Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

7:00am Ifeanyi Edochie

Saturday, September 17 *St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Dr*

8:00am Jeffrey Link †
4:30pm James A. Hill †

To offer a mass intention, call the office at 202-546-1885.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Lk 7:1-10
TUESDAY: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Lk 7:11-17
WEDNESDAY: Nm 21:4b-9 Ph 1 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
THURSDAY: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 2:33-35
FRIDAY: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3
SATURDAY: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Lk 8:4-15



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through *Faith Direct*. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

1. Scan the QR code to the right →
2. Text "Enroll" to 301-478-8900 to give.
3. Go online to faith.direct/DC59 and register.
4. Pick up brochure in rear of the church.

This tithing service is **FREE**. Your tithes are automatically deducted twice a month. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



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- Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for news.
- **Subscribe to Flocknote** by texting "HCSC" to 84576 or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish such as bulletins, and homily notes. It's **FREE** and easy!
- Download the **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device. To get the app: visit your app store (*available for Android & Apple phones*). Turn on notifications so you can receive parish news. **And**, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**).

MASS ATTENDANCE
September 4, 2022

4:30pm	34
8:00am	69
9:30am	26
11:00am	95
7:00pm	38
Total:	262

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (9/12) 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Saturday (9/17) 12noon Parish Picnic (off-site)
Wednesday (9/14) 7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	Sunday (9/18) Feast of St. Cyprian 10:00am Mass followed by reception
Friday (9/16) 6:00pm Holy Hour	

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The indoor mask mandate has been rescinded for DC. However for those who prefer a Mass with masks, the 8:00am Mass on Sundays is designated as **Mask-Only** (*masks are required for this Mass*). We also offer the following:

- ♦ Pews are roped off for social distancing purposes.
 - ♦ Automatic hand sanitizing units are available at doors.
 - ♦ Wearing of masks and sanitizing of hands by ministers remain in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.
- We kindly ask everyone to be respectful of each other as we continue to navigate these changing policies.

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC is **Sat., Sept., 17th** at the Hillantrae Park in Clinton, MD. You, your family and friends are invited to fellowship at this annual parish gathering. **We also need volunteers help!** If you are able to volunteer in any capacity, call Annette Brooks at 202-361-4699 or call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org. This annual picnic (*held offsite at a local park*) has been a tradition for a number of years until COVID when we had to cancel. We would love to bring it back to our families! See flyer for details and we hope to see you there!



HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION: Our parish will celebrate only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sunday, Sept. 18th at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. We still celebrate the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday, and the 7pm Mass on Sunday. A reception for all on the Church grounds following the 10:00am Mass! **Volunteers are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up.** Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org if you can help on Sunday.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022—23 for youth in pre-K through 12th grade will begin on **September 25, 2022**. Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes those youth who need their Sacraments (*First Communion and Confirmation*). Registration forms with details are located in the rear of the church. For information, contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at mre@hscchurch.org or (202) 368-7231. You can also visit hscchurch.org for details and registration.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? MISSED RECEIVING YOUR SACRAMENTS? Consider our Catholic education classes (RCIA) which begin in late September on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the rectory. These classes provide adults the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. Although these classes are especially designed for non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, they are also a wonderful opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. If interested, pick up an inquiry form in rear of church, complete and return to an usher or the rectory office. Questions? Contact Liz Butler at rciahsc@gmail.com or (301) 379-5266. Come and see!

THE WORD AMONG US SEPT 2022 issue is available in the usher store and rectory office. **Cost: \$2 each.** This publication offers Catholic meditations based on the daily Mass readings. Ask an usher or stop by the rectory office. *Limited supply!*

HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
youthdirector@hscchurch.org ♦ 202.330.8302



We celebrate **YOUTH SUNDAY** today (9/11) at the 11am Mass. On Youth Sunday, our youth will lector, sing and serve as altar servers and ushers. **We celebrate Youth Sunday the second Sunday of every month. We need youth to serve on Youth Sunday!** If you are a youth or know of a youth who is interested in serving as a lector, choir member, altar server or usher, contact the youth director.

NEIGHBOR NEEDS OUR HELP: Our neighbors at 4-14th St SE, put out a 'give-a-way' box on the curb on Sept. 4th. An antique red hammer was mistakenly put in the box. It has great sentimental value to the family. If you happen to have picked up the hammer, the family would like to have it back. Please call Tony at 571-641-0955.



Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15pm**. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link and information at hscchurch.flocknote.com. Call the rectory office for more details if you are new to the bible study. The theme for the current bible study is: **Real Life at the Time of Jesus**. See the flyer in the bulletin for more information. Even if you miss a bible study, you can still attend since each session is a different topic.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement**, preceded by a short social at 7:00pm. To receive email notifications, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on hscchurch.flocknote.com.



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength, courage and for each other as we face many challenges and struggles throughout our daily lives. All are welcome.

HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Mass Times: **Saturday** 8am & 4:30pm (vigil);
Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 7pm;
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

HOLY COMFORTER—SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT CYPRIAN WEEKEND



**GAMES! PRIZES!
MUSIC! FUN FOR ALL!**

ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 2022

12noon until Dusk

FREE for the entire family!

Hillantrae Park Pavilion

3313 Strawberry Hill Pl., Clinton, MD

The following will be provided by the parish:

Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, chicken, fried fish and beverages.
But, we need YOU to bring a side dish (NO MAYO!) or dessert to share!

See the back of this flyer for details and directions.

MASS OF CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 2022

10:00AM

(No 8:00am or 9:30am Mass)



Reception with light snacks following the Mass out on plaza. It is our feast day so you are invited to wear **RED**! And, invite guests!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET-UP, CLEAN-UP AND SERVE FOR BOTH DAYS!

Contact Annette Brooks at 202-361-4699 or the rectory office at 202-546-1885. You can also email: pam@hscchurch.org. Many hands make light work!!

DIRECTIONS TO HILLANTRAE PARK PAVILION

(3313 Strawberry Hill Place, Clinton, MD)

- ⇒ **FROM 1357 E. Capitol St:** Head east on E. Capitol St SE toward 14th St SE
- ⇒ Turn right onto 17th St SE and follow to end (Barney Circle).
- ⇒ Turn right onto Barney Circle SE and continue to traffic light.
- ⇒ At light, turn left onto Pennsylvania Ave. SE to cross the bridge.
- ⇒ As you cross the bridge, take first right onto ramp to enter Anacostia Freeway 295 S heading toward I-295 S/ Richmond. After exiting, get into one of the two left lanes.
- ⇒ Continue onto I-295 S and follow to MD-210 S/Indian Head Hwy to Old Fort Rd.
- ⇒ Turn left at the light onto Old Fort Rd.
- ⇒ Continue on Old Fort Rd. and take a slight left onto Gallahan Rd.
- ⇒ Continue on Gallahan Rd. and take a left onto Piscataway Rd.
- ⇒ Make a right onto Hillantrae Dr.
- ⇒ Make a right onto Kidder Rd.
- ⇒ Make a right onto Strawberry Hill Dr and follow around to Strawberry Hill Pl.
- ⇒ Look for signage for Hillantrae Park and make a left into the park. Follow the road to Hillantrae Park pavilion.

NOTE: If you do not have transportation, call or email us and we will make arrangements!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Head Over Heels Gym Bus for the little ones!

Corn hole, bingo, card games and more!

Door prizes!

Playground!

Games for the youth....and much more!

❖ **IF YOU HAVE SOME, PLEASE BRING YOUR
FOLDING PICNIC CHAIRS FOR EXTRA SEATING!**

DONATIONS OF FOOD ITEMS!!



We need donations of the following food items. Complete this form and give to an usher or send your donation details to hscstaff@hscchurch.org. **BRING YOUR DONATION TO PICNIC BY 12noon.**

NAME (Please Print): _____

CONTACT PHONE or EMAIL: _____

TYPE OF DONATION: ☐ String Beans ☐ Pasta Salad (no mayo) ☐ Baked Beans ☐ Dessert: _____
☐ Green Salad ☐ Watermelon or fruit salad ☐ Corn on the cob
☐ Other (no mayo): _____

HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

"Real Life at the Time of Jesus"

Each week we will explore the practical, human and daily details of real life at the time of Jesus. What did people wear? What foods did they eat? What were their homes like, and how did a typical village like Nazareth look and function? What sorts of jobs and tasks took up their day? What sorts of attitudes and experiences did the people of that time have toward marriage, family, faith, and Church (synagogue)? What were the political and cultural views that dominated at the time and how did these interact with what Jesus taught?

The bible study is held via **Zoom** every Wednesday beginning Sept. 7 to Oct. 26 from 7:15-8:45pm.

Msgr. Charles Pope is the facilitator.

Sign-up at hscchurch.flocknote.com to receive the weekly Zoom link. For more details: call 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org

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In Loving Memory of
The **Deceased Jenifers:**
Oscar, Mary, Helena, Bay, David,
Baby Sis, Beverly, Frankie, David,
Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan
*Still Loved, Still Missed
& Very Dear, The Family*

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OTHA JOHN HAMER JR.
OTHA JOHN HAMER III
"ETERNAL LOVE"
~ Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,
Betty - wife and mother

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He carries Himself in
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