

LENT

PRAYER

PENANCE

ALMSGIVING

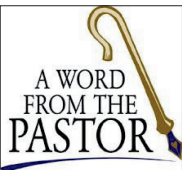
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings This Weekend:

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Readings Next Weekend:

Ez 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45



In today's Gospel we encounter a man who was born blind. And this is us. For we were born into sin and with a spiritual blindness from which we must be rescued. This is the problem that is presented. Note the Purification that is prescribed. Jesus tells the man to go to the pool and wash. He came back able to see. This is Baptism. But notice the text says he came back ABLE to see. Just because I am able to see, does not mean I fully see everything. Thus his perception is partial. We spend most of our lives trying to see more deeply into things and grasp proper meaning. So this man, who is us, needs to go through stages of awakening to have the Lord open his spiritual eyes even further. Next, notice the progress that is portrayed. After a long series of questions he progresses in stages from referring to the Lord merely as "the man called Jesus," to seeing him as a prophet, to declaring "he is from God." Then he reaches the final stage, the Perfection that is Portrayed. In a conversation with Jesus, he is summoned to deeper faith and responds by saying, "I do believe" and he falls down and worships Jesus. This is us, we are on this journey to know Jesus more deeply and to come to confess and experience him as more than a mere man, or a prophet, but as Lord and God.

 **FUNERALS:** Russell Dewitt Colbert, Sr. (March 21st)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 19

8:00am Martina Redmond †
9:30am Dr. James L. Outtz †
11:00am Helen Price †
7:00pm Margaret Dean †

Monday, March 20 *Solemnity of St. Joseph*

7:00am Howard Cook †

Tuesday, March 21

7:00am Martin Ford †

Wednesday, March 22

7:00am Emma Coulton †

Thursday, March 23

7:00am Charles Lancaster †

Friday, March 24

7:00am Marlene Whitlock †

Saturday, March 25 *Solemnity of the Annunciation*

8:00am For the people
4:30pm Patricia Ann Chase †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Luke 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15 John 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32: 7-14 John 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Luke 1:26-38

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



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.

This eGiving service is **FREE**. You can register to have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month or give a one-time gift/donation.

Questions? Contact Kim Peaks
(kpeaks@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for news.
- **Subscribe to Flocknote** by texting "HSCS" to 84576 or visit <https://hscchurch.flocknote.com/> to sign up 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

March 12, 2023

4:30pm	42
8:00am	64
9:30am	22
11:00am	150
7:00pm	70
Total:	348

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (3/20)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (3/24)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (3/22)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study

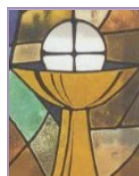
Saturday (3/25)

11:00am Knights of Peter Claver



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.



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. If you would like to offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

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.

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

PARISH LIFE



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND YOUR GENEROSITY! We have finally completed the renovation of the church restrooms. There are a couple of superficial items to finish but the overall renovation is done. Thank you for your generosity to the Christmas & Easter collections in 2018 and 2019 (and prior years) which funded this project. The renovation was delayed due to COVID and unexpected issues with our aging building. Praise God!



HCSC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY:

Our fellowship scheduled for Sun. March 19th has been **cancelled**. Please stay tuned for our next fellowship in mid-May. We are planning a fun spring event so we can begin to build our ministry that will minister to couples who are and are considering marriage. Stay tuned.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

✦
P
R
A
Y
E
R
+
G
I
V
E

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held throughout Lent every Friday in the church with **Holy Hour at 6pm** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. Come and journey with Jesus to Calvary this Lent.

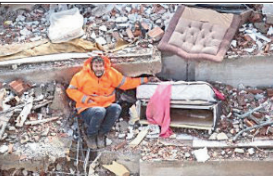
Check out ways to pray this Lent on the **HALLOW APP** — the #1 Catholic App in the world. Pick up a flyer/card in rear of church or just download the app on your mobile device.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) every Wednesday during Lent at 7:15pm for a Lenten Bible Study titled "*Learning in Lent*". We will look at scripture and examine the teachings of the Church that seem difficult especially during these times when it appears counter to today's culture. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link via email at hscchurch.flocknote.com. **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885. **To attend in-person**, see the **Young Adult Bible Study** in this bulletin. Visit hscchurch.org for audios of each session.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: Give to others during the season of Lent by donating to our Lenten food drive. You can make a monetary donation; purchase and bring in the food or order and have it delivered to the rectory. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church for the types of food that we are requesting.



HELP THOSE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA AFTER EARTHQUAKE:

Since Feb. 6th, we have seen a humanitarian crisis unfold in Turkey and Syria after successive 7.8 magnitude earthquakes devastated the region. The death toll has surpassed 33,000 and will continue to increase. Parishioners are encouraged to pray and to donate to Catholic Relief Services by visiting crs.org. Your gift will help CRS partners in the region provide safe shelter, and access to food, clean water and hygienic supplies. Thank you for your generous response to help those in need.



HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

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



GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will present the re-enactment of the **Lord's Passion** on **Good Friday, April 7th** at 7pm. Rehearsals held on

Sunday after 11am Mass. If you'd would like to participate as actor, reader or cast member, contact youth director.

EASTER FLOWERS: Remember your loved ones this Easter by submitting their names with your Easter Flower envelope. All names submitted will be listed in the Easter bulletin. If you use Faith Direct for a donation, email name(s) to kpeaks@hscchurch.org. To include a memorial for your loved ones, please return your envelope (or email) to an usher, or the rectory, **NO LATER THAN Sun., April 2nd**. Envelopes available in the rear of church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**



HONEY BAKED HAM FUNDRAISER:

There is still time to order your Easter dinner from Honey Baked Hams. **All orders are due by Sun., March 26th**. Orders will be ready for pick up on Sat., April 1st. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church with prices and food items that are offered and details on how to place your order. Sponsored by the HCSC Women's Ministry.



Three young women from our parish have been invited to attend World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal – but need the funds get there! The trip is \$3,000/person. Please consider a contribution for these young ladies to have this experience. Pick up a flyer/envelope in the rear of the church for details. Thank you.

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement**. To receive email notifications, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on hscchurch.flocknote.com. The theme for this Lent is "*Learning in Lent*". See the **Lenten Bible Study** in this bulletin for more details.



HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1357 East Capitol Street, SE, WDC 20003

202.546.1885 ♦ www.hscchurch.org

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor (www.msgrpope.com)

Deacon James P. Flagg II

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)

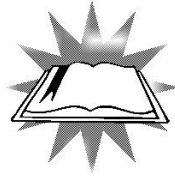
Rectory Office Hours:

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

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Catholic Church

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY w/MSGR. CHARLES POPE

Every Wednesday beginning March 1 to March 29



LEARNING IN LENT

...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Roman 12:2)

Lent is a time of renewal and conversion, a time to grow in our faith. But the teachings of our faith are under attack as never before and Catholics can too easily become doubtful and cynical about biblical and Catholic teachings on many critical moral topics related to life, marriage, family and sexuality. Consider a fast from all the criticism and give the gift of your time to hear what the Church actually teaches and why.

Our Lenten Bible study will focus on areas of Church teachings that have become controversial over the past decades. We will look to their biblical origins and explain why they remain true for us today and how they make sense.

We will meet via Zoom (online) each Wednesday of Lent at 7:15pm and cover the topics below. If you have not done so, please subscribe to **FlockNotes** at hscchurch.flocknote.com and select the *Wednesday Bible Study* to receive the weekly Zoom link to each session. If you have questions on how to link to the bible study via Zoom, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

March 1st – FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPALS

Why does the Church care what people do?
The Cross - The way of the Truth is not always easy
The Nature of the Church - A thermostat not a thermometer
Stay Put-Stay Catholic - How politics changes, but the Church teachings stay the same

March 8th – MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL IDENTITY ISSUES

Is the Church Anti-LGBTQ?
Why does the Church not accept Gay Marriage?
What does the Church offer LGBTQ Catholics?
Why does the Church teach against transgenderism?

March 15th -- LIFE ISSUES 1

Abortion
Contraception

March 22nd – LIFE ISSUES 2

Physician Assisted Suicide
Capital Punishment

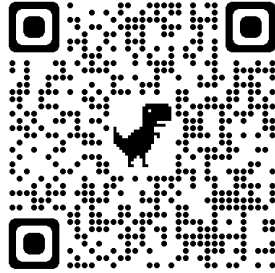
March 29th – VOCATIONAL ISSUES

Why no women priests?
Why do scriptures say that the husband is the head of his wife and family?
Why no divorce and remarriage?
Denial of Communion?

Therefore, be of clear mind and self-controlled so that you can pray. (1 Peter 4:7)

NOTE: If you missed the bible study, you can find details on how to listen to the audio file by visiting this link or scan the QR code:

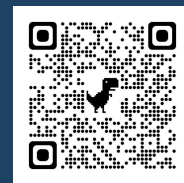
<https://hscchurch.org/lenten-bible-study/>





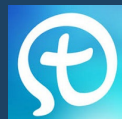
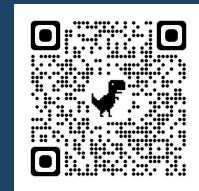
WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED AT HCSC

Visit our website (hcscchurch.org)



Subscribe to *Flocknote* by texting 'HCSC' to 84576 or
visit: hcscchurch.flocknote.com

This is a FREE service to sign up to receive emails for parish
announcements, bulletins, bible study links and much more...



Download the *MyParish* app onto your mobile device. To get the app: visit your app store (available for Android & Apple phones).

And, follow us on social media.....



facebook



Instagram



Twitter



YouTube

In Memory of
John N. Graham
Catherine E. Graham
Joan M. Graham
Ernestine C. Jackson
*Always Loved,
Remembered,
Missed*



Pope
Funeral Homes

www.popefuneralhomes.com

Washington Chapel
2617 Penn. Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020
(202) 583-5400

Administrative Office
5540 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, MD 20747
(301) 568-4100

Forestville Chapel, P.A.
5538 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, MD 20747
(301) 568-4100

Charles Ransome
Owner

12011 Wimbeldon St
Upper Marlboro, MD



DYNAMITE TEES

Sweatshirts, T-Shirts, Hats, Jackets &
Tote Bags at a Price You Can Afford!

301.218.0475 • C: 301.655.8659

Family Owned & Operated
Stewart Funeral Home, Inc.
4001 Benning Road, NE
Washington, DC 20019
(202) 399-3600
www.StewartFuneralHome.com
Pre-Arrangement Services Available

*In Loving
Memory of*
Bernard T. Reavis, Sr.
Missing & Loving You
Forever
The Family



**REESE FUNERAL
PROFESSIONALS INC.**
Complete Funeral Service
Chapel Facility • Cremation
Serving DC, MD, and VA

Services are based on professionalism rather than cost, every service is designed to meet your personal budget.
We are dedicated to provide to our families financial assistance in their time of need.
"Our Commitment to Eternal Rest is Sacred, Paramount, and Foremost"

311 N. Patrick St. • Alexandria, VA 22314 • 703-646-9320

In Memory of our Deceased
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HCSC

*In Loving
Memory of*
JAMES A. AND ELIZABETH G. HILL
AND
VERMELLE H. HOWARD
*Love Always,
The Family*

catholicmatch®
D.C.

CatholicMatch.com/goDC

In Loving Memory of
Lillian H. Myrick
Charles Myrick Sr.
Leon (Tony) Myrick
Lucy Myrick
Lucy Jones
Shirley Ann Jackson
The Family

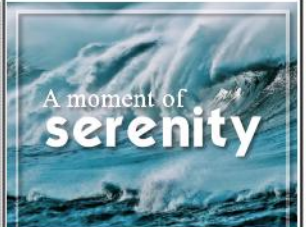
In Loving Memory of
Mattie Barclay
Helene Crutchfield
Edgell Fairfax
Elizabeth Fairfax
Clyde Fairfax Sr.
Clyde (Guy) Fairfax Jr.
The Family

In Memory of
Our Deceased Members
HCSC
Holy Name Society

In Memory of
**OUR DECEASED
SODALISTS**
HCSC SODALITY

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*

*In Loving
Memory of*
OTHA JOHN HAMER JR.
OTHA JOHN HAMER III
"ETERNAL LOVE"
~ Anna, Othalene, Lataunya,
Betty - wife and mother



In Loving Memory
Austina H. Jones
Mother
We Love You Always
Willie, Lawrence & Maria

To Our Beloved
Kenyon E. Jones
Son & Father
*We'll always
love you,
Mom, Kids
& Denita*

**IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**
**Anthony
Maxwell Smart**
(Tony)
- The Family

In Memory of
**Winnie,
Ray,
Bertie**

In Memory of
**Hump,
Will,
Henny**

*In Loving
Memory of*
Devin M. Wright
*Love Always,
The Family*

In Loving Memory of
**James O. &
Reba L. Neale**
and
Alice Neale Thornton
The Family

*In Loving
Memory of*
**James & Hattie
Nicholson &
Norman Williams**
♥ From the Family ♥

**Get this bulletin
emailed to you
every week.**

Simply go to
www.DM.CHURCH/3276

...or scan →



✿ DISCOVERMASS

**The App for
Catholic Life Every Day**
www.myParishApp.com
Available for Apple and Android

**LET US HELP
YOU SELL**
WANT TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS?
Take advantage of a unique marketing
opportunity and become a sponsor on the church bulletin.
The Church's #1 form of communication with its families.
For Information on Advertising Call or Email Tony Melchiorre
at 717-421-3242 or Tmelchiorre@Diocesan.com

Diocesan
Catholic Life