

He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God.

(St. Faustina's Diary, 390, page 175)

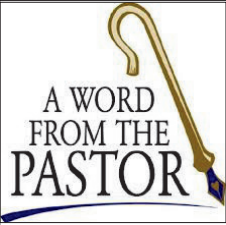
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY)**

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35



Thomas the apostle, for many, has been given the name "the doubter." Certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of

the other apostles did not fully understand the words of Scripture, that Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. Thomas overcame his doubts with the Lord's help and went on to give his life proclaiming Jesus as Lord. It is said that he went as far to the east as India! Perhaps his name should not be "Doubting" Thomas, but "Getting it Done" Thomas. Or "Thomas the Tireless Traveler. Well, you get the point. There was more to Thomas than his doubt.



FUNERAL: Patricia Boyd (April 17th)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, April 16

8:00am Patricia Boyd †
9:30am Larry Elgin †
11:00am Rafael Trejo †
7:00pm Rev. Peter R. Alliata †

Monday, April 17

7:00am Dorothy Simpson (99th B'day)

Tuesday, April 18

7:00am Rev. Frederick H. MacIntyre †

Wednesday, April 19

7:00am Rev. Donald Brice †

Thursday, April 20

7:00am Cynthia Peak (killed in Nashville, TN) †

Friday, April 21

7:00am Wynette Wilkins †

Saturday, April 22

8:00am For the people
4:30pm Alice Neale Thorntont (B'day) †



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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31 John 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21



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 →
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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 (pam@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885.



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- **Subscribe to Flocknote** by texting "HCSC" 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!
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Mass Attendance for Holy Week 2023

Holy Thursday (April 6) 7:00pm 116
Good Friday (April 7) 7:00pm 112

Mass Attendance for Easter 2023

Easter Vigil (April 8) 8:00pm 192

Easter Sunday (April 9)

9:00am 157

11:00am 417

7:00pm 46

Total 1,040

Alleluia! We are so grateful for your faithfulness!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Friday (4/21)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Sunday (4/23)

9:30am Sunday School

Saturday (4/22)

11am 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.

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is April 16th. Please join with our Sunday school youth after the 11am Mass in the church to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in both word and song and then participate in a Eucharistic procession into the neighborhood and around Lincoln Park. Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter) was instituted by Saint John Paul II calling it "the Sunday of

Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery." The Divine Mercy devotion was started in the 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who had a vision of Jesus in which He asked for devotions to His Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is chanted or sung using the rosary. We will supply words to the chaplet and rosaries. **ALL** are welcome to join in this beautiful devotion. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is dedicated in loving memory of our beloved Deacon Kevin Butler.



SAVE THE DATE: HCSC ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION: Sunday, May 7th following the 11am Mass. We will gather in the church and process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing marian hymns. **We invite ALL families to attend along with ALL HCSC ministries with their ministry banner.** Please plan to attend this annual tradition in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary!



HCSC WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT: May 19-21, 2023, Claggett Retreat Center, Adamstown, MD. Theme: "Finding God in the Detours: Crooked Paths Made Straight".

Facilitator: Dr. Francine Dove-Hawkins. **Cost:** \$370 (includes accommodations, transportation and meals). To register: contact Laura Stanton 301-326-9467, Bertha Colbert 301-567-9786 or Robin Brooks 202-271-2940.



SAVE THE DATE—HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT: Aug. 18-20, 2023 at Bishop Claggett Retreat Center, Adamstown, MD **Theme:** *Trials and Tribulations*. Stay tuned for details.

ST. ANN'S CENTER FOR YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:

The Annual Hope Blossoms Event on **May 10th, 6-8pm** at Columbia Country Club (7900 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815). This is the annual reception and awards ceremony which celebrates and supports families at St. Ann's Center. All proceeds will directly support St. Ann's programs. Visit www.stanns.org/events for details. Questions: contact Sue Flaherty at 301-559-5500 or sflaherty@stanns.org



HCSC YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Did you know...

- ♦ Our parish celebrates **YOUTH SUNDAY** every second Sunday of the month at the 11am Mass. Our youth serve as lectors, altar servers, ushers and music ministry during the Mass.
- ♦ Every Sunday (except Youth Sunday and feast days) our catechist take the youth out during the homily at the 11am Mass to teach them the Word of God on their grade level. It's called *Liturgy of the Word for Youth* and any youth can participate. Come and see!
- ♦ If you are a youth and want to be part of any of our youth ministries: *Ushers, Lectors (readers of the Word), Altar Server or Youth Choir*, contact the Youth Director (see above for info). We need you and your family!



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.



Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15pm** every week. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link and at hscchurch.flocknote.com. **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC! If you want to see what else is happening at the parish, check out our full **Parish Calendar** on our website at hscchurch.org. Click on the QR code to the right with your cellphone camera for instant access.



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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
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Tests & Temptations

SAT., APRIL 29

9:30AM-1:00PM

FR. PATRICK OWUSU OBOAGYE
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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



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April 2023

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Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members.

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- ❖ Do you search for a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues? Tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*.
- ❖ Have you despaired of finding good movies that your family can enjoy together on a Friday night? Start with *Mother Teresa*, the story of the selfless saint who brought hope and love to the poorest of the poor.

You can view FORMED on your computer. You can also view on your television with an inexpensive Roku device or Apple TV. You can even listen on your phone or other mobile device.

My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith and serve as an additional catechetical resource for you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor



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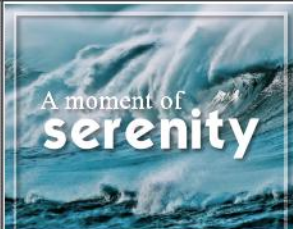
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