

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

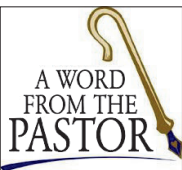
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20



In rising from the dead, one of the gifts that Jesus gives us is the power to love. In today's gospel, we learn the lessons of love. Note first the power of God's love. The text says if you love me you will keep my commandments. Notice how love is the power by which we keep the commandments. Love changes our hearts. The more God's love is in us the more we keep the commandments, not because we have to but because we want to. Next, note the person of God's love. Jesus promises that he will send us the Holy Spirit who will dwell within us. The Holy Spirit is the love of God, the power of God, and the life of God. The Holy Spirit not only transforms our hearts but also our minds, for the Lord describes him as the Spirit of truth. As we grow in God's grace our minds begin to think differently, and we grow to understand God's word more fully. Finally, note the proof of God's love. The Lord says that we will come to realize that he is with and in us. The word "realize" means to experience something as real. Jesus adds "and you will live." What Jesus is saying is that as his love grows in us we will come to experience the power of new life. We will become more alive, more joyful, and more serene. Are you a witness as to how you come to experience new life by the power of God's love?



FUNERAL: Jovon Tatum (May 16th)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, May 14

8:00am Mary Toigo (1 Year Anniv.) †
9:30am Intentions of Gia Morgan
11:00am Intentions of Abraham & Fay Flores (50th Wedd. Anniv.)
7:00pm Intentions of David Clem

Monday, May 15

7:00am Eli Nash †

Tuesday, May 16

7:00am William Kinney (killed in Nashville, TN) †

Wednesday, May 17

7:00am Norma Jackson †

Thursday, May 18

7:00am Helen Whiting †

Friday, May 19

7:00am Reba L. Neale (B'day) †

Saturday, May 20

8:00am For the people
4:30pm Greg Teasley †



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 16:11-15	John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34	John 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15,22-18:1	John 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18: 1-8	John 15:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18	John 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28	John 16:23b-28



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



Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for news.
- **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!
- 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

May 7, 2023

4:30pm	34
8:00am	49
9:30am	39
11:00am	223
7:00pm	82
Total:	427

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/15)

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday (5/19)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (5/17)

7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday (5/20)

10:00am Baptism Class (Zoom)

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.



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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

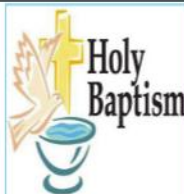
PARISH LIFE

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.



Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Samuel Timothy Hudik Schwarz** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **May 6th**. May God bless Samuel and his parents as they begin this spiritual journey.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: Do you have an infant or young child who needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism? Parents must attend a baptism preparation class prior to the baptism. Our next class is scheduled for **Sat., May 20th at 10am** via Zoom. Contact June Johnson (202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org) if interested.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION: As we do every year, our parish would like to honor our HCSC parishioners who are graduating from middle school, high school and college. Let us know if you are **graduating in 2023!** Complete the flyer in the bulletin or on our website.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE: Are you still looking for a gift for Mother's Day? There will be a small gift sale following the morning Masses this Sunday in front of the church. All proceeds benefit the **Oblate Sisters of Providence**. Come and see the items offered.

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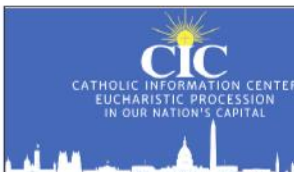
THANK YOU to all who coordinated and participated in the annual May Procession last Sunday. We had a great turn out in honor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven! We especially thank this year's **May Queen: Lisa Smart**, her attendants: **Natalie Powell and Nicolette Wilkins**; and the statue bearers (pictured), **Emmanuel Nuel-Ejifor, Tyreik Reese, and Omar Wilkins**.

MARY HOME ALTAR: During the month of May, Catholics offer up to Mary from their hearts a loving homage of prayer and veneration. Another way we can celebrate and honor Mary is a home altar that includes a special place for Mary during May. You can honor Mary easily with things you may already have at home such as an image of the Blessed Mother (usually a statue). If you don't have a statue, a holy card or picture will do.

- **Altar cloth:** cover the table or shelf with blue fabric, tablecloth, blue fabric, or place mat.
- **Candle:** Any size or number of candles. We have votive candles in the usher store.
- **Flowers:** A bouquet, or a vase to add flowering branches or blooms from your yard.



To Jesus Through Mary



THE CIC's EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION: You are invited to the first Catholic Information Center's (CIC) Eucharistic Procession in our nation's capital on **Sat., May 20th** to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and bring Christ's **Real Presence** onto the streets of downtown DC. Visit cicdc.org/procession for details and to RSVP.

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 hcscchurch.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 hcscchurch.flocknote.com. **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

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For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at hcscstaff@hcscchurch.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

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

If you are a **registered parishioner** graduating in 2023 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 4th** at the 11:00 am Mass.

Please complete and return this form to rectory office no later than **Sunday, May 28th** **or** email to kpeaks@hscchurch.org **or** complete online at 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, list degree rec'd _____

If applicable, name of high school or college/university attending in the fall of 2023: _____

Best phone to contact graduate/family: _____

You and your family are invited to the 11:00 am Mass on **Sunday, June 4th** 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 contacting the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org.



CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTER

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION
in our
NATION'S CAPITAL

Saturday, May 20, 2023 • 9:30am-noon



Starts & ends at the CIC (1501 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005)
Closest Metro Stops: McPherson Square and Farragut North

*You're invited to the Catholic Information Center's first
Eucharistic Procession in our nation's capital!*

Join us as we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and bring Christ's
Real Presence onto the streets of downtown DC—passing by
Farragut Square, Lafayette Square, and McPherson Square.

SCHEDULE 9:00 am: Doors open at the CIC
9:30 am: Mass
10:15 am: Procession begins
Around noon: Conclusion

Visit www.cicdc.org/procession to **RSVP** !

HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

Test & Temptations

AUGUST 18-20, 2023

The Claggett Center

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Deacon Richard Walker, Jr.

Retreat Facilitator

Rev. Patrick Owusu Oboagye

Celebrant for Mass at Sat. Vigil Mass

COST: \$290 (Single Occupancy)
\$260 (Double Occupancy)

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due **June 4th**
to secure space and final payment is due **Aug. 6th**.

Cost covers accommodations, meals, and retreat
materials.

Please indicate if you have special needs such as
accommodation, food or transportation (carpool).



Arrival time on Friday (8/18): 2:00pm



Departure time on Sunday (8/20): 12 noon

For more information & to register: contact Cyprian Jenifer at 301-580-4273

This retreat is open to all men!

Meet the Retreat Facilitator

Deacon Richard L. Walker, Jr.



Deacon Richard Walker was born in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate with the Class of 2008. His first assignment was to St. Thomas More Parish in Southeast Washington where he served for eight years. In October 2016; Cardinal Donald Wuerl appointed him as deacon to St. Luke Parish with his designated Ministry of Charity, the St. Luke Food Bank. He assists the pastor with day to day parish administration, parish organizations programs and projects.

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



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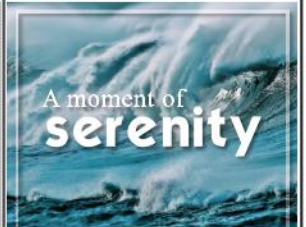
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Clyde Fairfax Sr.
Clyde (Guy) Fairfax Jr.
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In Memory of
Our Deceased Members
HCSC
Holy Name Society

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**

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Devin M. Wright
*Love Always,
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