



*"Grandparents are a treasure..."*

*...the elderly are those who  
transmit history to us, who transmit  
doctrine, who transmit the faith  
and give it to us as an inheritance."*

*~ Pope Francis*



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Sirach 27:30—28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35



The Gospel today issues the call to compassionate Christian correction. Note first the **PRESCRIPTION**. Jesus says, if your brother sins against you, tell him about it. Note, tell HIM, not 15 other people. Start with him.

Scripture tells us in many places that we are obliged to correct the sinner (e.g. James 5:19; Col 3:16; 1 Thess 5:14; Gal 6:1; Lev 19:17; Ez 3:17). Next, note the **PURPOSE** of correction. The text speaks of him as listening and being won over. We do not correct to win an argument. We correct to win a brother over from sin to grace. Next, notice the **PROCESS**. The text says that we should speak privately to him. Secondly, if he persists in serious sin, take one or two along with you and strive to prevail on him. If he still persists in serious sin, tell it to the Church. If he still will not repent then the Church may need to excommunicate him. Here too note that Scripture often mandates this last resort of excommunication as a strong medicine to bring about conversion (e.g. 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Thess 3:6; 2 Thess 3:14; 1 Cor 5:1ff). Finally, note the **POWER** of correction. Scripture speaks of excommunication and other measures used by the Church as being recognized in heaven. Further, we are told that if we agree on earth and pray for conversion that our prayer will be recognized by the Father. Hence, in the presence of sin we are called to do more than just shrug and say, 'none of my business.' We are called to work for compassionate Christian correction.



**FUNERALS:** Ernestine Freeman (Sept 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Norma Lomax (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, September 10** *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Karen Thomas Mitchell †  
9:30am Intentions of Maureen Norman (B'day)  
11:00am Intentions of Kimberly Peaks (B'day)  
7:00pm Intentions of Deacon Richard Walker

**Monday, September 11**

7:00am Reba L. Neale †

**Tuesday, September 12** *Most Holy Name of Mary*

7:00am Kenneth W. Louis (B'day) †

**Wednesday, September 13** *Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop*

7:00am Ernestine Freeman †

**Thursday, September 14** *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:00am Clarence Tiogo (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) †

**Friday, September 15** *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00am Intentions of Hai-Y Le

**Saturday, September 16** *Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00am For the People

4:30pm Norma Lomax †

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>MONDAY</b>	COLOSSIANS 1:24—2:3	LUKE 6:6-11
<b>TUESDAY</b>	COLOSSIANS 2:6-15	LUKE 6:12-19
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	COLOSSIANS 3:1-11	LUKE 6:20-26
<b>THURSDAY</b>	NUMBERS 21:4-9 PHIL 2:6-11	JOHN 3:13-17
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1 TIMOTHY 1:1-2, 12-14	JOHN 19:25-27
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1 TIMOTHY 1:15-17	LUKE 6:43-49



**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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3. Go online to [faith.direct/DC59](https://faith.direct/DC59) and register.

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**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
**September 2-3, 2023**

4:30pm	31
8:00am	44
9:30am	48
11:00am	129
7:00pm	66
<b>Total:</b>	<b>318</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Tuesday (9/12)**

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday (9/15)**

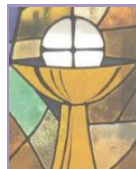
6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

**Wednesday (9/13)**

7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)



**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 Intention in memory of a friend or family (living or deceased), 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.*

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH LIFE



**CORRECTION:** The mass intention for James & Dorothy Young on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> (11am Mass) indicated their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They are actually celebrating **61** years of marriage. We apologize for the error but are so grateful to be able to recognize and celebrate such a wonderful milestone! *Happy Anniversary!*

#### PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged.

I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds.

May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united.

Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.

**NOTE:** The U.S. Bishops celebrates the World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

#### HCSC FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN DAY CELEBRATION:

Our parish will celebrate **ONE** morning Mass on **Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. We will still have the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday, and the 7pm evening Mass on Sunday. We are planning a reception for all on the Church grounds following the 10:00am Mass! We need volunteers for set-up, serving and clean-up. **PLEASE** contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) if you can help with reception.

**NOTE:** If you are able, we kindly ask you to wear **RED** in celebration of our feast day.



#### HCSC ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC is Sat., Sept., 23<sup>rd</sup> at Watkins Regional Park, Upper Marlboro, MD, Lot #4.

We will supply food, games, prizes, music and fun. If you can offer your time and talent as a volunteer, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org). This annual picnic has been a tradition for a number of years in our parish and provides a wonderful fellowship for families and friends. Come and bring family and friends!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023—24** for youth in pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on **Sept. 24, 2023**. 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*). For information, pick up registration form in rear of the church or contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at [mre@hscchurch.org](mailto:mre@hscchurch.org) or 202-368-7231. Visit [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) for more information.



#### ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE

**ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begin this fall (**held Sunday's at 9:30am in the rectory**). Classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, but also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments. Also for those returning to the Church after a long absence and looking to enrich their faith. **Questions?** For information or to just find out if this is something that will help you in your faith journey, contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [rciahcsc@gmail.com](mailto:rciahcsc@gmail.com).

**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.



*Knights*  
of PETER CLAVER

#### 5K COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENT:

sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver Council and Court 364

on **Sept. 16, 2023** from 10am-2pm at Bladensburg Waterfront Park (MD). Registration fee: \$25/adults \$15/youth. Activities for all ages! Proceeds will go to community awareness and support to *End the Violence* and *Save the Children*. Contact: Mike Russell 301-292-3973, R.D. Carter, Jr 202-213-5608 or William Wims 202-236-5096. You can *run, walk, bike or crawl* to participate!

### HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets in-person on Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement. **NOTE: Bible study will not be held during August. It will resume in September.**

To receive email notifications of when they meet, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). Stay tuned for the next event!



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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). **Questions?** Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

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Deacon James P. Flagg II

For information on membership, baptisms, weddings, funerals and other, contact [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto: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 in the chapel (8am on holidays)

#### RECTORY OFFICE:

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



# Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

In Celebration of  
**The Feast Day of Saint Cyprian**  
*(actual feast day: September 16<sup>th</sup>)*  
&  
**130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Cyprian  
Parish**  
*1893–2023*

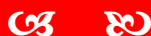
*Living with Jesus in the  
Holy Eucharist*



**Parish-wide Celebration of Mass**  
(One Mass Only)

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**

(No 8:00AM, 9:30AM or 11:00 AM on Sunday)  
(4:30PM Mass on Saturday & 7:00PM  
on Sunday will be celebrated)



Join with us in celebration of the feast day of our  
Patron Saint Cyprian and the start of our yearlong  
journey of encountering the true presence of Jesus in  
the Holy Eucharist.

Reception on plaza in front of the Church following  
10:00AM Mass. Light refreshments will be available.



*Artistic Rendition of Saint Cyprian of Carthage*

*"In the Our Father we say, "Give us this day our daily bread." What we ask is that we who receive the Eucharist as the food of salvation may not, by falling into ... grievous sin be withheld from the Heavenly Bread, and be separated from Christ's Body...who warned, "Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, You shall not have life in you (Jn 6:54)."*

*Treatise on the Our Father, 18  
Saint Cyprian of Carthage*



HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN'S

# ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC

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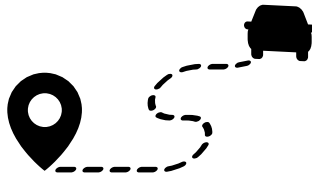
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023**

**12NOON UNTIL DUSK**

Watkins Regional Park (Lot #4)  
301 Watkins Park Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD



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THE PARISH OFFICE AT 202-546-1885



## **DIRECTIONS TO WATKINS REGIONAL PARK, LOT #4**

(301 Watkins Park Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD)

- **FROM I-95 – Take the MD-214/Central Ave Exit 15 toward Largo/Seat Pleasant**
- **Travel 2.81 miles on Central Ave/MD-214 and turn right onto Watkins Park Drive./MD-193**
- **Turn right into the park and follow the signs to Picnic Area #4(which is near the back of the park)**

### **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**Bid Whist, Bingo, and other games**

**Lince Dancing, Face Painting**

**Cake/Cupcake Walk**

**Playground**

**Carousel and Train Rides for the youth**

**You are welcome to bring your lawn/beach chairs!**

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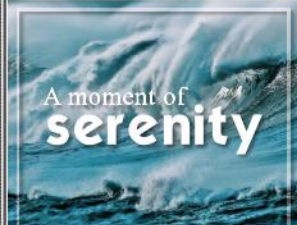
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**Clyde Fairfax Sr.**  
**Clyde (Guy) Fairfax Jr.**  
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*In Memory of*  
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**The Deceased Jenifers:**  
Oscar, Mary, Helena, Bay, David,  
Baby Sis, 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**  
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Reba L. Neale**  
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