



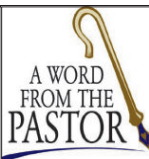
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43



In the gospel today is described a man who has two sons. The man, of course, is God. The sons differ in that one is religiously observant while the other is not. The observant son says "yes" when his father tells him to work in the vineyard, but later blows off the request and does his own thing. Let's pay special attention to the second son who, when his father calls him to the vineyard, says "no", but later repents and goes in. As we begin to pray about who it is the Lord wants us to shepherd back to his house, we need to remember not to write anyone off, not to give up on them. Here was a son who disobeyed his father to his face, but later went to work. We never know, until the end, if someone might repent, might change. The gospel gives us hope as we look at the rebellious members in our own families or among our friends and realize that they could possibly change their "no" to a "yes." Again, continue to pray and ask the Lord to show you whom he might wish you to work with in order to lead them back to his vineyard. It could be a spouse, a child, or a grandchild. Stay open to God, and keep asking for guidance. Listen for his answer and whether it be a spouse, family member or friend, understand, that people do change. Scripture says, *"The oppressed often rise to a throne, and some that none would consider wear a crown. The exalted often fall into utter disgrace; ... Call no man happy before his death, for by how he ends, a man is known."* (Sirach 11:5-6a, 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 (kpeaks@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



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- Visit our parish website (hscchurch.org) for news.
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**MASS ATTENDANCE
September 23-24, 2023**

4:30pm	25
8:00am	43
9:30am	27
11:00am	145
7:00pm	65
Total:	305



FUNERALS: Derek Williams (Oct. 4th)
Elizabeth Neal (Oct. 10th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, October 1 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Robert Walker †

9:30am Tyrone Ashton †

11:00am John Willis Ferguson †

7:00pm Joyce V. Hall †

Monday, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*

7:00am Pauline Elizabeth Nabinet †

Tuesday, October 3

7:00am Barbara Nettles †

Wednesday, October 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*

7:00am Charles Wren Curry †

Thursday, October 5 *Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin*

7:00am Elaine Joyce Carter †

Friday, October 6 *Saint Bruno, Priest*

7:00am Shawntee Rowe †

Saturday, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00am Isabella Lopez †

4:30pm For the People

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (10/2)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday (10/4)

6:30pm Blessing of the Animals

7:30pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday (10/3)

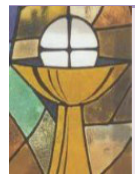
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday (10/6)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession



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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY	ZEC 8:1-8	MATTHEW 18:1-5, 10
TUESDAY	ZEC 8:20-23	LUKE 9:51-56
WEDNESDAY	NEH 2:1-8	LUKE 9:57-62
THURSDAY	NEH 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	LUKE 10:1-12
FRIDAY	BAR 1:15-22	LUKE 10:13-16
SATURDAY	BAR 4:5-12, 27-29	LUKE 10:17-24

PARISH LIFE

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: Every October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Our parish will provide information in the bulletin and in the rear of the church on life issues. For more church teachings on Respect Life Month, scan QR code or visit: respectlife.org/celebrate.



The Southeast Deanery & Partnering Churches presents the **34th Annual East of the River Revival: Oct. 2nd—4th at 7pm** at Holy Family Catholic Church, Hillcrest Hts., MD. The theme is: *'Hold on, Help is on the Way'*. **Revivalist:** Rev. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ, Academic Dean, St. Joseph Seminary. See flyers in bulletin for more details. A reviving and spiritual tradition in this community for over 34 years! Come and see!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **Wed., Oct. 4th**, our clergy will bless your pets on the church plaza between **6:30pm—8:00pm**. Bring your pets and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by for a brief blessing.



SEVEN DAILY HABITS OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN: Power up your prayer life with Fr. Larry Swink on **Wed., Oct. 11th from 7-8pm** in the Church. Come and learn how you can build uplifting and consistent traditional prayer habits that can empower your faith. **NOTE:** An evening of refection for men will be held Wed., Oct. 25th at 7pm.

Pray always and do not lose heart Luke 18:1



SUNDAY SCHOOL for youth in pre-K through 12th grade has begun! 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*). **You can still register your youth!** Registration forms in rear of church. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at 202-368-7231 mre@hscchurch.org. Visit hscchurch.org for fillable form.



SAVE THE DATE: The HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY 51st ANNIVERSARY CONCERT will be **Sun., Oct. 22nd at 4pm**. Theme: *In Our Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: We Give You Praise!* Due to COVID, our last concert was in 2019 but we now continue to lift our voices in praise and song with a **FREE** concert! A free-will offering will be taken at the concert. Our youth choir will also be featured. Invite your family and friends!



LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In this, the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish will seek to root and link all our activities, retreats and functions to Jesus who is present with us in the Holy Eucharist. We hope to deepen our personal encounter with the Lord Jesus who is truly and really present in the Holy Liturgy and Eucharist, to reinvigorate our devotion to Holy Mass and Eucharistic adoration, and to draw others to the realization that *Jesus is here right now!*

Our parish is planning specific events and teachings which we will list on our website and bulletin. Check back throughout the year since dates and times may be adjusted. Scan the QR code to link to the webpage.



Don't forget to pick up your Year of the Eucharist **prayer card, lapel pin and flyer** in the rear of the church.

Jesus is Here right now!

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.



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith (called RCIA) begin this fall and are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, but also for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments. contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or rciahcsc@gmail.com.

HCSC BIBLE STUDIES

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on Mondays at 7:30pm in the rectory basement. **NOTE:** Bible Study will resume in November. Receive email notifications when you sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com for Young Adult Bible Study.



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

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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 in chapel (8am on holidays)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

Southeast Deanery and Partnering Churches Present the 34th Annual

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL

“Hold on, Help is on the Way”

**OCTOBER 2 - 4, 2023
7 PM NIGHTLY**

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi

OCTOBER 4th
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HCSC will supply the food and a variety of games for the family. Picnic will be held in the cafeteria so inclement weather is not an issue. please stop by and pickup a plate and stay for a while if you can.





Holy Comforter - St. Cyprian Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary



October 2023



(Sodality members photo – St. Cyprian's Day, September 17, 2023)

Moderator, Msgr. Charles Pope
Perfect, Sharon Lewis
(202) 253-2580
Vice Prefect
Secretary
Treasurer, Diana Jennings-Ashton

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: The mission of the Holy Comforter – St. Cyprian Sodality is to promote a greater devotion to Our Lord through the veneration of His Blessed Mother, and to provide a medium through which Sodalists may experience a deeper and more intimate relationship with God in their daily lives. The Sodality, which is comprised of women and men, carries out its mission through prayer, meditation and reflection, acts of charity, fellowship opportunities and other activities. If you are interested contact a Sodalist or Sharon Lewis. Prefect.

History of Holy Comforter - St. Cyprian's Sodality

Holy Comforter - St. Cyprian's Sodality was formed shortly after the dedication of St. Cyprian's Church in 1894. Over more than 129 years, we continue the legacy of women and men of faith, love and devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, as we grow closer to Jesus.

**Join the Sodality on the first Sundays,
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Center City School Cafeteria, 15th & East Capitol Streets, SE**

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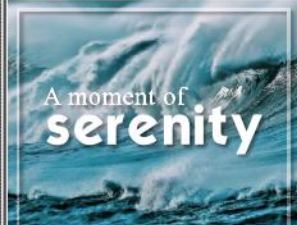
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Our Deceased Members
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**OUR DECEASED
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HCSC SODALITY

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The Deceased Jenifers:
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Baby Sis, Beverly, Frankie, David,
Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan
*Still Loved, Still Missed
& Very Dear, The Family*

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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*

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MEMORY OF**
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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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