

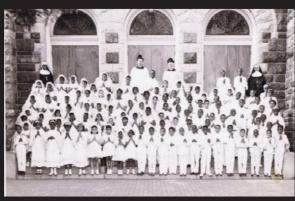
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Celebrating Black History (Month 2024



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024













SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Levi 13:1-2, 44-46 Luke 1:40-45

Readings Next Weekend:

Gen 9:8-15 1 Pet 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15



We are the leper in today's gospel. Admit it! Notice first, the Portrait that is Presented. Sin is like leprosy. It disfigures, deteriorates and distances

us. It is ugly. But next, note the Prayerfulness that is Portrayed. When you've got sin you can either run from God or run to him. It is obvious what we should do. Follow the example of the leper, go to Jesus and kneel and pray. Notice the Pity that is Powerful. When the text says Jesus showed pity it is not like we use the term today. Pity is rooted in the word for family love. Jesus sees a brother who is wounded and reaches out to help him. Now see the Presentation that is Prescribed: "Go show yourself to the priest", says Jesus. Jesus wants to heal him, but through another. Do you see confession here? Jesus forgives your sins but he wants to do it through others as well, in this case. the priest. Jesus could have healed him directly but he chose the priest. Pay attention here Church. Many ridicule confession to the priest, but here Jesus prescribes the priest. Finally, note the Praise that is Proclaimed. Don't forget to testify what the Lord has done for you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Thomas Jordan † 9:30am Dorothy T. Walker †

11:00am Intentions of Francese Brooks 7:00pm Intentions of Rev. Ed Harding

Monday, February 12

8:00am Eric Tompkins (B'day) †

Tuesday, February 13

7:00am Christopher Nesmith †

Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

Theresa Smothers + 7:00am

10:00am Bernadette Hawkins Marlow (100th B'day—1/18)

William Barnes + 7:00pm Thursday, February 15

7:00am Intentions of Eric Martin

Friday, February 16

Intentions of the family of Ryan Booth 7:00am

Saturday, February 17 8:00am For the People 4:30pm Mary Rose Ennis †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JAMES 1:1-11		Mark 8:11-13
TUESDAY	JAMES 1:12-18		Mark 8:14-21
WEDNESDAY	JOEL 2:12-18	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	MATT 6:1-6, 16-18
THURSDAY	DEUT 30:15-20		LUKE 9:22-25
FRIDAY	Isaiah 58:1-	9	MATT 9:14-15
SATURDAY	Isaiah 58:9-	14	LUKE 5:27-32



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through Faith Direct. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

- Scan the QR code to the right.
- Text "Enroll" to 301-478-8900 to give.
- 3. Go online to faith.direct/DC59 and register.
 This eGiving service is FREE. You can deducted twice a month or give a one-time gift/donation. Questions? Contact kim Posture (kpeaks@hcscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).



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- Visit our parish website (hcscchurch.org) for news.
- Subscribe to Flocknote by texting "HCSC" to 84576 or visit https://hcscchurch.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 **February 4, 2024**

4:30pm 8:00am 76 9:30am 30 11:00am 163 7:00pm 64 Total: 374

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Tuesday (2/13)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday (2/14) Ash Wednesday

7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass

Friday (2/16)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (2/17)

5:30pm Marriage Enrichment



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, 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org. 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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Life



2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal: *United in Purpose*—This weekend we have been asked prayerfully to consider making a gift to the *2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal*. Please complete or take a

commitment form (in your pews) at Mass this weekend, or make your gift at give.adw.org. Visit **appeal.adw.org** to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to the *2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal*!



February is Black History Month— This month is an annual commemoration of Black Americans' achievements and celebrated in honor of their contributions to the

United States and the world. In 1926, this celebration was founded by Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and was initially called Negro History Week. During the nation's bicentennial in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford extended the celebration to a month. Throughout the month, our parish will provide resources and other information so that we all may become more aware of the gifts of our multi-cultural community. See flyer in bulletin.

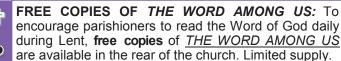
WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

ASH WEDNESDAY is **February 14**th and begins the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed during **7am, 10am, and 7pm Masses only.** It is also a day of fasting and abstinence (from meat). Come and begin your preparations for Lent.





LENTEN FAMILY DAY—Sun., Feb. 18th after the 11am Mass at the school building. Join us for food, lessons and fellowship as we begin the season of Lent. Lunch provided for those who RSVP this week! See flyer in bulletin or visit website to RSVP.





Our parish will host a **FORTY HOURS DEVOTION** from **March 7**th—**9**th. Forty Hours is a period of continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It begins March 7th at 7PM and continue through March 9th ending at 11AM. This is a joint effort of the parishes of the Northeast Deanery and will



take place at our parish. See the flyer in bulletin for details on how to sign up for specific times during the 40 hours to pray. Invite your family and friends to pray!



LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In this, the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish seeks 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!

We are planning events, exhibits and videos which are on our website (hcscchurch.org) and bulletin. Visit throughout the year since dates and times may change. Scan the QR code to the right with your cellphone camera to link directly to the church webpage.



We offer the 'Mass in Slow Motion' series by Msgr. Pope, throughout the year. This twenty-two part series explains the parts of the Mass and the relevance of everything within the liturgy. Copies are in the bulletin each week and on our website under Living with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Visit our 'Eucharistic Miracles' exhibits in the rear of the sanctuary and learn about the supernatural power of the Eucharist. NOTE: The exhibit changes every 2-3months.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM in the sanctuary. Gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard at this time. HOLY HOUR INTENTION FOR 2/16—that we all may experience a conversion of heart through repentance during Lent.



HCSC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Our parish has a marriage ministry for those who are married or contemplating marriage. It's a forum of food and fellowship with both secular and spiritual discussion among the couples. The ministry meets once a month on the 3rd Saturday after the 4:30pm Mass in the rectory basement. Our next fellowship is Sat., Feb. 17th. Sounds interesting? Contact Deacon Flagg at jpflaggII@gmail.com.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE LENTEN RETREAT: 'In The Healing Presence of Jesus" on Sat. Feb. 17 from 8:30AM to 3:30PM (St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1910 Randolph St, Arlington, VA). Cost: \$40 (light breakfast & lunch). Register at: https://tinyurl.com/MMRetrest2024. Speakers: Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Melissa Overmyer, Rev. Nicholas Schierer and Rev. Declan Gibson.

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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); 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

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament



Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 PM to Saturday March 9th at 11:00 AM

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WHAT IS FORTY HOURS?

Forty Hours Devotion is a special 40-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Affirming our belief in the real presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we come to visit and adore the Lord present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament wherein the sacred Host remains on the altar in a "monstrance" like the one seen on the cover of this flyer. During the next 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. All the faithful (adults and youth) are encouraged to sign up to watch and pray for at least one hour during this period. Sign up will be available online and in other ways listed below.

The number forty has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The Forty Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection.

> PROGRAM -

(confession available at scheduled times)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7 pm - Opening Mass & Solemn Exposition *Adoration begins*

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

7 am - Mass

Adoration continues throughout the day
6 pm - Evening Prayer with short reflection
7 pm - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8 am - Mass and Exposition

Adoration continues

10 am - Youth Holy Hour/Solemn Reposition

11 am - Closing Mass followed by informal lunch

NOTE: Security will be provided during the night hours. There may be reserved parking available in front of the Church. Visit our website (hcscchurch.org) for updated details on parking as we approach the date of the event.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Sign up to spend an hour with our Lord during the period of Adoration that runs from 8:00 PM on Thursday till 11:00 AM on Saturday. Even if the sign up spots are filled, you are invited to come. You can sign up by:

- Using the camera on your cellphone to scan the sign up QR Code to the right → or,
- Visiting the website: hcscchurch.org/holy-eucharist/40 hours/
- If you are unable to sign up using the above methods, contact Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish at 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org and leave your name, contact number & email and your preferred day and time.



Lenten Family Day

MORE ABOUT JESUS WHO DIED FOR ME







Sunday, February 18, 2024 1:00-3:30 PM

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Join the Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church parish family for an afternoon of lessons, food and fellowship as we explore and prepare for the Season of Lent.

Along with an adult session, we offer sessions for youth in pre-k thru high school.

Lunch is offered for those who RSVP by **Feb. 11th**!

3 Ways to RSVP

- Fill out this form, detach and drop into the collection basket or rectory office.
- Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or email your RSVP info to hosestaff@hosechchurch.org
- Scan the QR code with your cellphone camera and tap the website that appears to RSVP online at hosochurch.org



HCSC Lenten Family Day Registration

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YOUTH 2:	GRADE:	AGE:
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Lenten Family Day Theme

More About Jesus Who Died For Me

Our Lenten fmily day theme is a line from an old hymn that urges our soul to seek always the love and mercy offered by Jesus in his Sacrifice on Calvary. The crucifixion is not merely an event locked in history some two thousand years ago. It radiates across time and touches us now, especially in every Mass!

In the Mass, Jesus reaches across history and touches us from the Cross applying its grace to us. These graces are so important for us that Jesus did not want to limit its effects to one moment in history. In Mass we go to the foot of the cross and experience "more of His love who died for me." We invite you, your family and friends to come to this Lenten Family day and learn more of this beautiful understanding of Holy Mass.







Black History is Everyone's History—A Shared American Story

As we continue to journey through Black History Month, we invite you to learn more about the culture and it's impact in our community and around the world. We continue to provide links to a variety of events and informational websites with a specific emphasis on our Catholic faith.

Yes, it can be overwhelming when someone suggests that you 'learn' more about another culture and history and you are not certain where and how to begin. With the internet, there is a plethora of resources such as websites, YouTube videos, books, journals, podcasts and much more, and that can be too much to discern. Our parish is fortunate enough to be located in a city that offers so many ways to begin your journey into the African-American or Black culture. Listed below are some suggestions:

❖ VISIT A MUSEUM: The museums of the Smithsonian Institute are located here in Washington DC and our church is just a few minutes away. Check out the various exhibits and events offered during Black History Month at all of the Smithsonian museums but especially the National Museum of African-American History and Culture located on the National Mall. And remember, these museums are free to the public. Scan QR code → or visit: https://www.si.edu/events/black-history-month.



***** LEARN ABOUT BLACKS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

Learn about the lives of people of African descent who are on the journey to saint-hood in the Catholic church. Scan QR code to the right \rightarrow or visit: https://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent.



\$\frac{1}{2}\$ Suggested Books to Read:

"The Life of Sr. Mary Wilhelmina" - available as an audiobook. Scan QR code → or visit: https://nbccongress.org/the-life-of-sr-mary-wilhelmina-is-available-in-audiobook-format/



"Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African-American Freedom Struggle". Scan QR code → or visit: https://www.shannendeewilliamsphd.com/.



*** BLACK CATHOLICS IN THE NEWS:**

♣ Scan QR code to the right ♣ or visit: https://cathstan.org/news/local/st-augustine-school-celebrates-washington-d-c-street-named-in-its-honor





† Scan QR code → or visit: https://cathstan.org/news/faith/cardinal-gregory-blesses-new-sister-thea-bowman-catholic-student-center-at-howard-university



♣ Scan QR code → or visit: https://catholicreview.org/catholic-educators-students-honor-mother-lange-as-venerable/



The Mass in Slow Motion





The Washing of the Priest's Hands

This is a series on the Mass explaining the meaning and history of what we do each Sunday. This series of flyers is an attempt to add insight and understanding to our celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. You are also invited to learn more by attending Sunday School classes for adults which take place in the school cafeteria each Sunday from 9:45 am. to 10:45 am.

This series will follow the Mass in order.



Washing of the hands—Didn't Father wash his hands before Mass? What's he doing that NOW for? Maybe he accidentally touched something that was dirty? Well, in modern times we place a great deal of emphasis on cleanliness. We have bacteria in mind and consider washing necessary to preserve good health and prevent the spread of sickness. But the ancient world knew very little of bacteria and washing to prevent disease. To the ancients washing was for the removal of dirt to be sure but it was also a symbol of purification. So, when the priest washes his hands, he says rather penitential words: "Lord wash away my iniquity and cleanse me of my sins." Notice there is nothing in these words about the body at all. The washing of the hands is a symbol of the priest's need to have his soul cleansed that he may undertake a holy task. He may or may not have dirty hands, but this is really not the essential point which is that he should have a desire for inward purification before daring so holy a task. The washing of the hands should never be omitted by the priest for this reason. The washing of the hands takes place

at the side of the altar with the priest saying the prescribed prayer quietly. The server pours the water.

The history of this practice is indeed ancient. The Jewish faith prescribed many ritual washings and included were washings that took place at or in proximity to the meal. There was certainly a practical aspect to this washing in earlier days of the Mass. After handling the many gifts brought forward, the priest's hands would easily be soiled and this washing thus had a practical aspect. However, some dispute this claim since the ritual sometimes took place before the offerings were brought forward. At any rate, today the rite has an essentially symbolic role wherein the priest recalls his need to be cleansed interiorly and that he shares in the need for forgiveness and redemption.



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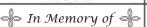


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In Memory of Hump, Will. Henny



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Willie, Lawrence & Maria

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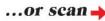
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