



5th Sunday of Easter

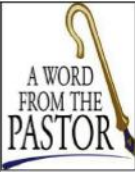
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 John 15:9-17



The Gospel today presents four principles of productive discipleship. The first is the **Principle of Pain**, for the Lord describes the necessity of pruning in life, as he describes our life as branches on the vine. We do not like the experience of pruning at all. But, as any experienced gardener knows, pruning is an essential part of long-living things such as roses, shrubs, trees, and so forth. The Lord will not leave us unpruned, lest we grow wild and have our strength dissipated. Next, there is the **Principle of Persistence**. Notice that the word "abide" or "remain" occurs seven times in this brief passage. To abide means to go on habitually residing close to the Lord, and to be stable and steadfast, fixed and firm, consistent and connected in this residing. Too many Christians are on -again, off again in their relationship with the Lord. The Lord invites us and gives us the grace to abide with him. Next, note the **Principle of Peril**. The Lord warns that those who do not abide have their strength wither, their faith also becomes dry. He further warns that "people will gather them and throw them into a fire." In a way, the warning is that if I do not know who I am, anyone can name me. If I do not believe in God I may well fall into the trap of believing anything. Disconnected from Christ, people can easily carry me off and I am easily burned. Finally, note the **Principle of Produce**. In effect, if we remain on the vine we produce abundant fruit. Why? Because, as Jesus describes it, the Father can trust us with greater and greater blessings since the Word, the mind of Christ, is within us. Thus, the Father knows we will use our blessings well and ask for what is right.



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

April 14, 2024

4:30pm	20
8:00am	56
9:30am	41
11:00am	181
7:00pm	50
Total:	348

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (4/29) 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Wednesday (5/1) 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)
Tuesday (4/30) 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Friday (5/3) 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 in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 28 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00am Claude Jackson †
 9:30am Lawrence Rodgers †
 11:00am Miguel Luna (died in Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse) †
 7:00pm Francis Joseph Williams †
Monday, April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am Zachary Carlson †
Tuesday, April 30 *St. Pius V. Pope*
 7:00am Intentions of Jamar Thompson (B'day)
Wednesday, May 1 *St. Joseph the Worker*
 7:00am Leola Hamilton Holmes †
Thursday, May 2 *St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am Thomas Lewis Hawkins †
Friday, May 3 *St. Philip and St. James*
 7:00am Cora Cecilia Campbell †
Saturday, May 4
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Norval V. Lacey †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	Acts 14:5-18	John 14:21-26
TUESDAY:	Acts 14:19-28	John 14:27-31
WEDNESDAY:	Acts 15:1-6	John 15:1-8
THURSDAY:	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	John 14:6-14
FRIDAY:	Acts 15:22-31	John 15:12-17
SATURDAY:	Acts 16:1-10	John 15:18-21

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2024

celebrates First Holy Communion on **Sunday, April 28th at 11AM Mass.**

Our communicants are:

*Richard Nelson Bennett
Peter Buck Collin
Jayda Calie Epps-Jameson
Joel Robert Frederick
Odette Isabelle Gollan
Brooklyn Danice Gourdin
Omasirichukwu Angel Okoye
Rylie Lauren Reid
Marquell Elijah Ross
Alexander Xavier Taylor
Jaide Aubrey Taylor*

We pray that these youth, along with their parents' help and our support, will make this First Communion a life-long practice of receiving the Holy Eucharist every Sunday.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Luca James Jordan** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **April 21st**. May God bless Luca and his parents as they begin this spiritual journey.

HCSC ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION: Sunday, May 5th following 11AM Mass. We will gather in the church and then process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. **We invite ALL families and HCSC ministries with their banners.** See flyer for details.



MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE: Are you looking for a gift for Mother's Day? There will be a small gift sale out on the church plaza following the morning Masses on April 28th, May 5th and 12th. All proceeds will benefit the **Oblate Sisters of Providence**. So stop by and see the lovely items offered for Mother's Day.



PENTECOST is Sunday, May 19th. On this day we pray, *"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love."* Please invite family and friends to come share this holy day which is also the feast day of the parish of Holy Comforter. **NOTE: Volunteers are needed** to help with the reception following the 11AM Mass. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org to help. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE: Join with the HCSC Holy Name Society and Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary as they host a *Day of Reflection* on **June 9th** after 11AM Mass at Center City Public Charter School (15th & E. Capitol Sts, SE). Father Larry Swink is the guest presenter. Come and hear about the *'Eucharist - Food for the Mind Body and Soul.'* Stay tuned for info to RSVP for this FREE event.



SAVE THE DATE: HCSC Women's Ministry will host a women's retreat on **Nov.15-17, 2024** at Bon Secours Retreat Center (Marriottsville, MD). Theme: *GOD CARES- You Can't Give What You Don't Have*—facilitated by Charlene Howard. Cost: \$400. Visit hscchurch.org for details.



LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In this, the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish has been seeking 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!*

Visit our website for info on upcoming events and teachings. **Scan the QR code to the right with cellphone camera → to link directly to the church webpage.**



Visit our **'Eucharistic Miracles'** exhibits in the rear of the sanctuary and learn about the supernatural power of the Eucharist.

SAVE THE DATE: Corpus Christi Procession in the neighborhood on **June 2nd** following 11AM Mass. Stay tuned for details. Invite your family and friends to participate.

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**—pray for the continued fruits of the Forty Hours of Adoration that it will renew our parish with the fire of God's love.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION: As we do every year, our parish would like to recognize and congratulate our HCSC parishioners who are graduating from middle school, high school and college. We want to know who is **graduating in 2024!** Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information.



HCSC BIBLE STUDIES

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets with Msgr. Pope in-person on **Mondays at 7PM in the rectory.** To receive email notifications, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on hscchurch.flocknote.com.



Bible Study everyone is welcome
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.

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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 & 4:30AM (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 Roman Catholic Church

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION



Sunday, May 5, 2024

Following the 11:00AM Mass, we gather in the sanctuary to process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. We will return to the Church for the May Crowning. For those unable to process around the park, we invite you to stay and recite the rosary in the sanctuary.

Nicolette Wilkins will be crowned the May Queen

The May Queen Court

Attendants: Khloe Norman and Treyah Norman

Statue Bearers: Emmanuel Nuel-Ejiofor, Tyreik Reese, Omar Wilkins and Nikaih Young

We invite **ALL** our parish families, organizations & ministries to participate in this annual tradition in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. Bring your rosary and ministry banner.

You are invited to wear traditional May Procession attire:

White dresses or suits (females)

White suits or white shirts w/white or navy blue slacks (males)

**In case of inclement weather, we will process throughout the sanctuary.*

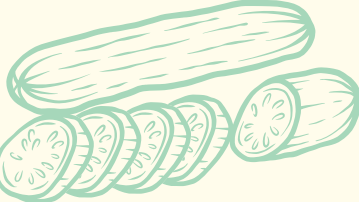


Lisa Graham
(HCSC Parishioner)
presents..



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MAY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, & 26TH
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provided



This is a 4 part series and one builds upon each other, so please try to make all sessions if possible. No products or services will be sold, this is a courtesy workshop to assist parishioners in becoming more aware of good, healthy nutritional habits.

Please RSVP by May 3rd to
receive a free notepad & pen

Lnewman1106@gmail.com

HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

Living with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

JULY 26-28, 2024

The Claggett Center
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Adamstown, Maryland 21710
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Reverend Larry Swink
Retreat Facilitator

COST : \$300 (Single) \$270 (Double)

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due **May 12th**
to secure space and final payment is due **July 13th**.

Cost covers room, meals, and retreat materials.

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

Arrival time on Friday (7/26): 2PM

Departure time on Sunday (7/28): 11AM

This retreat experience is open to ALL MEN!



TO REGISTER & QUESTIONS

Contact Cyprian Jenifer at 301-580-4273
or jen77116@gmail.com

How to Pay

1. **CASH** - Contact Cyprian Jenifer to arrange drop-off or place cash in envelope and bring to rectory office (during office hours) **or** drop cash in envelope in offertory basket. PLEASE indicate **HNS Retreat** and **your name** on envelope.
2. **CHECK** - make check payable to HCSC. Mail to rectory office or; drop-off at rectory office during office hours or; put payment through mail slot in rectory front door; or drop in the collection basket. Make sure your check is in an envelope and indicate **HNS Retreat** and **your name**.
3. **Credit Card/Electronic** - You can pay for the retreat using Faith Direct or Paypal. Scan the QR code below or go to the HCSC website (hcscchurch.org) for payment details. Please indicate **your name** and **HNS Retreat** in the note section.



Meet the Retreat Facilitator *Rev. Larry Swink*



Father Lawrence Swink was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington in May 2006.

He was born on the Midway Islands, an unincorporated territory of the U.S. in the central Pacific Ocean, (northwest of Honolulu). He is the oldest of 10 children and points to his parents as playing a large role in planting the seeds for his vocation. Seeing the sacrifices needed in marriage made him more open to the call to the priesthood.

He attended the Heights High School (Rockville, MD) and graduated from the University of Dallas with a degree in Political Philosophy. He worked for Morgan Stanley as a Financial Advisor for 2-1/2 half years.

In 2001, Fr. Larry joined the Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, NJ and began his vocational journey.

Father Larry's first parish was St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church in Laurel, MD followed by St. Pius X in Bowie, MD. He also served as pastor at Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church in Huntingtown, MD., Sacred Heart Catholic Church in LaPlata, MD and pastor at both St. Peter Claver and St. Cecilia's in St. Mary's City, MD.

Father Larry is a dynamic speaker and he has been leading retreats for men's and women's groups for over 10 years including pilgrimages to Mexico City and holy sites in Europe.

Father Larry's three favorite things about being a priest are offering Mass, confessions, and preaching the Word of God. What feeds his love for the Mass is adoration. Every day, he spends an hour of mental prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. He loves helping people understand the faith at a deeper level, assisting them to connect their life with the Lord, and challenging/encouraging them to holiness. In his spare time, Father is a cyclist, plays basketball, and enjoys hiking and snowboarding... as well as anything that includes a ball or a stick!

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 The Deceased Jenifers:
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 & Very Dear, The Family*

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