

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mk 7:37



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 50:5-9a James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35



Note first the **PLACE** of the Gospel. It says that Jesus went into the "Decapolis" region, an area of ten Gentile (or pagan) cities. In other words, Jesus is in a region of non-believers. Clearly, this also describes our current culture which increasingly manifests not only unbelief, but even outright hostility to our faith. But notice that Jesus does not hesitate to go there or to engage the culture, and neither should we. Next, note the **PROBLEM** that emerges. A man who is deaf and has a speech impediment is brought to Jesus. This is like a lot of us. In the midst of an increasingly unbelieving culture, many of us have also become deaf to God's truth and because of that deafness have the speech impediment of being silent in the face of this unbelief and sin. Our speech impediment is rooted not only in weak faith, but in fear of what others might say or do to us if we speak. We need healing. Next, note the **PROCESS** when Jesus takes him aside from the crowd. In this we see that the healing is personal. Too many of us wait for the Lord to anoint a leader to speak powerfully, but what if it is you whom the Lord wants to personally heal? Charismatic leaders are a fine gift, but those leaders don't sit at your dinner table each night. Ultimately, we ALL have to be prophets of God. The text says Jesus touched the man's tongue and ears, by this action we see him putting his word in us to empower us to speak. For it is not our word that heals, it is the Lord's word that heals. Finally, note the **PURITY** of the man's healing, for the text says he began to speak plainly. The Greek word is "orthos" from which we get the word orthodoxy, meaning correct doctrine. Thus, the man is not enabled to talk merely that he may gossip or spread error, but rather that he speak correct and clear doctrine, the healing Word of the Lord.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 8 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Intentions of Betty Hamer (B'day)
 9:30am Intentions of Bernadette Nicholson
 11:00am Intentions of Maureen Normann (B'day 9/10)
 7:00pm Intentions of Corinne Davidson
Monday, September 9 *St. Peter Claver, Priest*
 7:00am Bruce J. Donnelly †
Tuesday, September 10
 7:00am Intentions of Kimberly Peaks (B'day)
Wednesday, September 11
 7:00am Barbara Ann Nettles †
Thursday, September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
 7:00am Reba L. Neale †
Friday, September 13 *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
 7:00am Kenneth Louis (B'day 9/12) †
Saturday, September 14 *The Exaltation of the Cross*
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Intentions of Carole Wise

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	1 COR 5:1-8	LUKE 6:6-11
TUESDAY:	1 COR 6:1-11	LUKE 6:12-19
WEDNESDAY:	1 COR 7:25-31	LUKE 6:20-26
THURSDAY:	1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13	LUKE 6:27-38
FRIDAY:	1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27	LUKE 6:39-42
SATURDAY:	NUMBERS 21:4B-9	JOHN 3:13-37



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).



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!
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MASS ATTENDANCE	
September 1, 2024	
4:30pm	35
8:00am	54
9:30am	28
11:00am	128
7:00pm	37
Total:	282

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (9/9) 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (9/13) 6:00pm Holy Hour/Confession
Tuesday (9/10) 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Saturday (9/14) 10:00am Eucharistic Minister mtg
Wednesday (9/11) 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	

FUNERALS: Albert Washington (9/11)

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 also heard at this time.

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.

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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

Prayer for A New School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our youth and young adults as they begin a new school year or travel to college.

Bless them and their teachers/professors and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.

Lord, we pray that Your will be done in their lives. May each of them discover their skills, talents, and passions and work hard to learn how to grow them in order to serve You well in the future according to Your Holy Will.

HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION: Our parish will celebrate only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sun., Sept. 15th at 10AM**. We will have 4:30PM Mass on Saturday, and 7PM Mass on Sunday. We are planning a reception on the Church grounds following the 10AM Mass! **We need volunteers** for set-up, serving/clean-up. If you can help with the reception, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hscchurch.org.



HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC is **Sat., Sept., 21st at Cosca Park (Clinton, MD)** from 12noon to dusk. We will have food, games, prizes, music and more! And, it's **FREE** for family and friends! **But, We need our parishioners help to make this annual family event happen!** Contact Annette Brooks at 202.361.4699 or the rectory office at 202-546-1885 if you are able to help with any of the following: *planning, serving, set-up, clean-up and games.*



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2024—25 for youth in pre-K through 12th grade begins on **Sept. 29th**. Our program provides youth with the authentic teachings of the Catholic faith and includes youth who are preparing to receive Sacraments (*First Communion, Penance and Confirmation*). Contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at mre@hscchurch.org or 202-368-7231. **Registration forms are in the rear of the church. For fillable forms, visit hscchurch.org.**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are begin this fall (held **Sunday's at 9:30AM in the rectory**). Classes are designed for non-Catholics who are considering becoming a Catholic, but also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or sacrament and 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 email: rciahsc@gmail.com. Registration forms in rear of church.



LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

During the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish sought to root and link all our activities, retreats and functions to Jesus who is present with us in the Holy Eucharist. Our hope was 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 draw others to the realization that *Jesus is here right now!*

Learn more about the Eucharist. **Scan the QR code to the right with cellphone camera → to link to our Eucharist webpage.**



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



The HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY 52nd ANNIVERSARY CONCERT is **Sun., Oct. 27nd at 4pm**. It is a **FREE** concert (a free-will offering will be taken). **Theme: GOD IS IN CONTROL!** Please consider placing an ad or memorial in the concert program. Contact a choir member or visit hscchurch.org

for information. Come and Praise the Lord with us in song and music! Invite family, friends and neighbors!

BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 7PM in the rectory w/Msgr. Charles Pope.



FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY: held the **second** Tuesday of every month at 10:30AM in the chapel. Deacon James Flagg is the facilitator.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: held every Wednesday via Zoom at 7:15PM w/Msgr. Charles Pope. Sign up at hscchurch.flocknote.com to receive Zoom link.



MONTHLY ROSARY FOR MENTAL ILLNESS:

Held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 11AM at St. Francis Deaf Catholic Church, Pope Francis Center, 7203 Buchanan St., Landover Hills, MD. **Livestream/Zoom:** Meeting ID: 861 3498 5797. A special welcome to persons living with mental illness and their families. **For more info:** call 301.853.4560 or specialneedsministry@adw.org.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor (pastor1@hscchurch.org)
Deacon James P. Flagg II (jpfaggll@gmail.com)

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;
Weekday Mon—Fri: 7AM (8AM on holidays)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10AM—6PM
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

HOLY COMFORTER-SAINTE CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In Celebration of
The Feast Day of Saint Cyprian
(actual feast day: September 16th)

&

131st Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Parish
1893-2024



Parish-wide Celebration of Mass
(One Mass Only)

Sunday, September 15, 2024
10:00 AM

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

Reverend Monsignor Eddie Tolentino
Guest Celebrant & Homilist
(Former HCSC Pastor celebrating his 40th
Year Anniversary of Priestly Ordination)



Reception on plaza in front of the
Church following 10:00AM Mass.
Light refreshments will be available.
VOLUNTEERS are needed. Call rectory at
202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

The Church Theme for this year is
'Back to Biblical Basics'



This year we set our focus on the Biblical Basics of the Greatest Story Ever Told. The Scriptures teach us why and how we exist, what happened to us in Original Sin and How God, in his great mercy, has redeemed us and called us back to Him in newness of life.

This will be a whole-parish catechesis, led by our pastor, in three stages: Our Fall, Our Redemption and Our Life of Grace.

A keynote song helps us to understand:

OUR FALL- I once was lost in Sin,
OUR REDEPMTION - But Jesus took me in,
OUR GRACE - And then a little Light from
Heaven Filled my Soul.

*Yes, Just a little talk with Jesus made
me whole!*

HOLY COMFORTER-SAIN'T CYPRIAN'S

ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC

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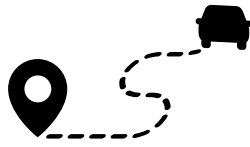
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

12NOON UNTIL DUSK

Louise F. Cosca Regional Park, Picnic Pavilion
11000 Thrift Rd, Clinton, MD



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! CALL ANNETTE BROOKS AT 202-361-4699 OR
PARISH OFFICE AT 202-546-1885 - WWW.HCSCCHURCH.ORG



DIRECTIONS TO COSCA REGIONAL PARK, PICNIC PAVILION

(11000 Thrift Road, Clinton, MD)

- **Driving North on I95 (from VA):** Take Exit 7A South (Branch Avenue/Route 5), toward Waldorf. Drive 5 miles and make a right onto Surratts Road. Turn left at Brandywine Road. Make a right at Thrift Road. Picnic will be held in the Picnic Pavilion which is near the end of the Park but before you reach the Clearwater Nature Center..... look for the green/white HCSC signs.
- **Driving South on Beltway:** Take exit for Route 5 South to Branch Ave/Waldorf. Drive 5 miles and make a right onto Surratts Road. Turn left at Brandywine Road. Make a right at Thrift Road. Picnic will be held in the Picnic Pavilion which is near the end of the Park but before you reach the Clearwater Nature Center..... look for the green/white HCSC signs.
- **From HCSC:** Take 14th St., SE south to Pennsylvania Avenue. Make a left onto Pennsylvania Avenue and continue across bridge and up to Branch Avenue. Make a right at Branch Avenue. Drive 12 miles and make a right at Surratts Road. Turn left at Brandywine Road. Make a right at Thrift Road. Picnic will be held in the Picnic Pavilion which is near the end of the Park but before you reach the Clearwater Nature Center..... look for the green/white HCSC signs.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Card games, Bingo, and much more

Face Painting

Cake/Cupcake Walk

Playground

Nature trails for walking or biking

Our location will have a covered pavilion with limited picnic tables and benches along with a private parking lot and restroom. You are also welcome to bring your own lawn chairs!

Chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, fried fish and select sides provided by the church. But, if you have a favorite dish to share or a baked item (cake or cupcakes for the cake walk), please bring it, but let us know!



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**Winnie,
 Ray,
 Bertie**

In Memory of
**Hump,
 Will, Phil
 Henny**

In Loving Memory
Austina H. Jones
Mother
We Love You Always
Willie, Lawrence & Maria

To Our Beloved
Kenyon L. Jones
Son & Father
*We'll always love you,
 Mom, Kids & Venita*



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