

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me."

Mk 9:37



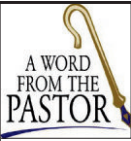
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:30 Mark 9:30-37



In today's gospel, the Lord is calling a crucial question. The gospel begins with a kind of **Processional** and we are told that Jesus is beginning a journey through Galilee. What this means is that he is heading south, into conflict, on his final journey, which will end with his cross, death and resurrection. Jesus' procession is not unlike our own, wherein, as we head toward our eventual death, we must increasingly confront the empty promises of this world, and set our eyes firmly on the kingdom of heaven. But note the **Pain**. Jesus gives the second prediction of his passion, death and resurrection. Jesus, who knew the torture that awaited him, expresses his pain. Sadly, his Apostles become avoidant, they are afraid to ask him any questions about this, and they seem to draw apart and become engaged in a foolish debate about who's the greatest. So, then comes the **Point**, the crucial, question. Jesus asked, "What were you arguing about on the way?" In other words, what is important in your life? What do you spend your time thinking and talking about? Is it really the things of God, or is it foolish and passing things of the world like who's the greatest, who's the big cheese, and how do I rank? Jesus answers their foolishness, (our foolishness), with a shocking paradox: the greatest, in God's eyes, is not those who are served, but those who serve. At the \$10,000 a plate fund raiser, God is not drawn to the head table, or to the dais. He is drawn to those who serve the table. God does not run to the rope line first, he walks into the kitchen and greets the cooks and dishwashers. And so, the crucial question for us is, "What are you discussing as you make your journey, what is important to you?" Is it important to God?

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 22 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Norma B. Jackson (B'day) †
 9:30am Intentions of Mark Lacey
 11:00am Thomas E. Smith (B'day) †
 7:00pm Mason Schermerhorn (killed at shooting in GA) †
Monday, September 23 *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*
 7:00am Dean Curtis Armstrong †
Tuesday, September 24
 7:00am Otha Hamer III †
Wednesday, September 25
 7:00am Leon (Tony) Myrick (B'day) †
Thursday, September 26
 7:00am Dennis C. Williams (B'day) †
Friday, September 27 *Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*
 7:00am Dwayne T. Holton (B'day)
Saturday, September 28
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Devin Matthew Wright †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 COR 11:17-26, 33 LUKE 7:1-10
TUESDAY: 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A LUKE 7:11-17
WEDNESDAY: 1 COR 12:31-13:13 LUKE 7:31-35
THURSDAY: 1 COR 15:1-11 LUKE 7:36-50
FRIDAY: 1 COR 15:12-20 MATTHEW 22:34-40
SATURDAY: EPH 4:1-7, 11-13 MATTHEW 9:9-13



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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MASS ATTENDANCE	
September 15, 2024	
4:30pm	38
10:00am	319
7:00pm	68
Total:	425

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (9/23) 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (9/27) 6:00pm Holy Hour/Confessions
Tuesday (9/24) 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Saturday (9/28) 7:00pm Echoes of the Ancient Choral Music Showcase
Wednesday (9/25) 7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	



FUNERALS: Hercules Glivens (9/20)



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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



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.

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PARISH LIFE



to all the volunteers who assisted with the Feast Day celebration last Sunday. It was indeed a joyous event! A special word of gratitude to Theresa Fields and her awesome crew of volunteers and Michaela Herndon for the beautiful decorations. We were so happy to see so many at the liturgy and reception. We were also joyous at the return of our former pastor Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino who was also celebrating his 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. **To God Be The Glory!**



ECHOES OF THE ANCIENT: A Choral Showcase of New Sacred Music by Young Composers: Sat., Sept. 28th at 7:00PM at Holy Comforter—St. Cyprian Church. Join us for a sacred choral music concert performed by the Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This showcase will feature settings from the up and coming generation of Catholic composers. Concert is **FREE** but a free-will offering will be taken. Light refreshments to follow.



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.**

VOTIVE CANDLES: As of Sun., Sept. 29th, the cost for the 7-day votive candle will increase in cost from \$3.50 to \$4. A case of 12 will cost \$40. Vigil candles, often called votive candles, are a form of burnt offering. A candle is purchased and burnt to the honor of God. It is also true, as you note, that the burning candle beautifully symbolizes our prayer and love for God and our request that he remember our prayers. Votive candles are available in the Candlelight (Usher) Store in the rear of church or the rectory office. You can purchase and light one for the Church or light at home and use with prayer.



MSGR. POPE'S HOMILIES & TEACHINGS are available at msgrpope.com. Check out this online resource on the teachings, homilies, radio show (The Quest), books and much more from Msgr. Charles Pope.



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.

Biblical Basics of the Greatest Story Ever Told



This year, our parish will 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. Words from a keynote song titled *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* helps us to understand the 3 stages:

- i) **OUR FALL**— *I once was lost in Sin,*
- ii) **OUR REDEEMPTION** — *But Jesus took me in,*
- iii) **OUR GRACE** — *And then a little Light from Heaven Filled my Soul.*

Stay tuned for weekly bible stories in the bulletin and on our website (hccchurch.org) along with other events.

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



SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE! The HCSC Women's Ministry hosts a **WOMEN'S RETREAT** on **Nov. 15-17, 2024** at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD. **Theme:** **GOD**

CARES—You Can't Give What You Don't Have—facilitated by Charlene Howard. **Cost:** \$400 (*includes room, meals and transportation*). Visit hscchurch.org for details or pick up flyer in rear of church.



SAVE THE DATE: THE 35th ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL: October 7—9, 2024 at 7PM at Mount Calvary Catholic Church (6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD).

Theme: *Anchored in God: Hold Onto Your Purpose—Unapologetically.* **Revivalist:** Rev. Ajani Gibson, Pastor, St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, New Orleans. Stay tuned for more details.

➔ **YOUTH RALLY** held on Oct. 5th(ages 5-17). See info below.

The East of the River Revival Youth Rally is Sat, Oct. 5th from 10AM—4PM at the Church of the Incarnation (800 Eastern Ave., NE, WDC). Youth (ages 5—17) are invited but must submit a Release & Consent form to attend. Free food, games and other activities including a closing Mass at 4PM. Contact our Youth Director Nicki Gebrehiwot at youthdirector@hscchurch.org or 202.330.8302 to register for and for more details.

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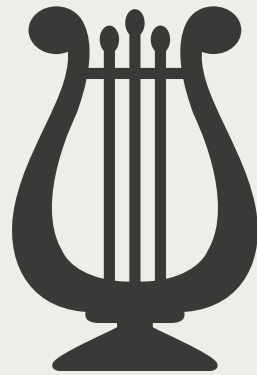
MASS TIMES: **Saturday** 8AM & 4:30AM (vigil);
Sunday 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 7PM;
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7AM (8AM on holidays)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Holy Comforter - Saint Cyprian
Saturday, September 28th
7pm

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Holy Comforter - Saint Cyprian Church Choir

52nd Anniversary Concert

GOD IS IN CONTROL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 @4:00PM

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George Stewart, *Director of Music*

Reverend Monsignor Charles Pope, *Pastor*

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(A free will offering will be collected to help offset related costs)

The Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church Choir began under the pastoral care of the late Reverend Richard J. Swift, S.S.J., who recognized the need for African-American Catholics to express their musical gifts in Catholic worship. For more than 30 years of its existence, the choir was under the musical leadership of the incomparable Kenneth W. Louis. For the past 8 years, the choir has been under the directorship of George Stewart, who possesses more than 35 years of excellence.

The HCSC Church Choir’s repertoire includes diverse sacred music offerings (anthems, church hymnody, spirituals and traditional as well as gospel music). The members bring over 500 years collectively in singing experience to the ministry. The choir has sung in concert and worship services throughout the Washington, DC, Baltimore metropolitan areas, as well as, toured the south/east coasts and heartland regions of the United States. They have performed with many international artists, served as featured artists in hospitals, churches, government agencies and concert halls. The choir continues their charge to leave no soul untouched, or spirit unchanged, as they lift their hearts and minds in musical ministry.

This October will mark 52 years of ministry, and in keeping with our tradition, we are developing a Souvenir Programme booklet to commemorate the event. The booklet will be PLAYBILL size (5.5”x8.5”). We ask that you support this effort by submitting an advertisement of your choosing: for a business, an event, a congratulatory sentiment, or a memorial.

GUIDELINES

- **Hardcopy Submissions:** Camera-ready ads are encouraged, but not mandatory - pages should be clear black images on clean white paper. Ads can be given to any choir member or Rectory Office (*one form per ad*), and should include applicable payment(s).
- **Electronic Submissions:** They **must** be in one of the following document types (.DOC, .JPG, .BMP, .TIF, .PNG, .PDF), and **must** include all the information reflected below, and then emailed to Choir@HCSCChurch.org.

Checks: Make payable to “**Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church**”. Notate the document-type and size of the ad submitted in the memo section of the check.

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