

REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")



POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Requiem Prayer



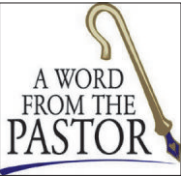
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Rev. 5:11-14 John 21:1-19



Thomas the apostle for many has been given the name "the doubter," certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet, if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of the other apostles, did not fully understand the words of Scripture that Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. We are also grateful for the consoling words that Thomas drew forth from Jesus: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Two thousand years after the resurrection, we have seen only with the eyes of faith the risen Lord, and we are invited to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."



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.
 3. Go online to faith.direct/DC59 and register.
- This service is **FREE**. You can have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month **or** a one-time gift/donation. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hcschurch.org).



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Mass Attendance for Holy Week 2025

Holy Thursday (April 17) 7:00pm 142
Good Friday (April 18) 7:00pm 108

Mass Attendance for Easter 2025

Easter Vigil (April 19) 8:00pm 130
Easter Sunday (April 20) 8:30am 152
11:00am 407
7:00pm 67
Total: 1006

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 27 *Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy*
8:00am Sharon Graham †
9:30am Deceased of the Cole, Greene & Hill Families †
11:00am Mildred Brown †
7:00pm Intentions of Suzanne Scheller

Monday, April 28 *St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr*
7:00am Dorothy Simpson †

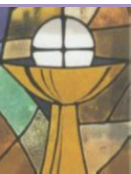
Tuesday, April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Dr. of the Church*
7:00am Zachary Carlson †

Wednesday, April 30 *Saint Pius V, Pope*
7:00am Vincent L. Young †

Thursday, May 1 *St. Joseph the Worker*
7:00am Norman Bowlding †

Friday, May 2 *St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
7:00am Tre'Von Norman †

Saturday, May 3 *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*
8:00am For the People
4:30pm Nathaniel Capps †



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. If you want to offer Mass for a friend or family member (deceased or living), contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hcsstaff@hcschurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (4/28) 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (May 2) 8:00am All-Day Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday (4/30) 6:00-7:15pm Confessions 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCSC! If you want to see what else is happening at the parish, check out our full **Parish Calendar** on our website at hcschurch.org. Click on the QR code to the right with your cellphone camera for instant access.



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.

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 READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	ACTS 4:23-31	JOHN 3:1-8
TUESDAY:	ACTS 4:32-37	JOHN 3:7-15
WEDNESDAY:	ACTS 5:17-26	JOHN 3:16-21
THURSDAY:	ACTS 5:27-33	JOHN 3:31-36
FRIDAY:	ACTS 5:34-42	JOHN 6:1-15
SATURDAY:	1 COR 15:1-8	JOHN 14:6-14

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS to Vesper Merritt Padma Rajasekar who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **April 6th**. May God bless Vesper and family as they begin this spiritual journey.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is **This Sunday—April 27th**. Please join us after the 11AM Mass to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a parish family in loving memory of our beloved Deacon Kevin Butler. Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter) was instituted by Saint John Paul II calling it “*the Sunday of Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery.*” The Divine Mercy devotion started in the 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who had a vision of Jesus in which He asked for devotions to His Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is chanted or sung using the rosary. We will supply words to the chaplet and rosaries (*limited supply*). Come and see!

YEAR OF THE JUBILEE 2025—The late Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year and our parish has the honor of being a Jubilee site. Special blessings are available to all who attend or visit here seeking Jubilee graces. See flyer in rear of the church and stay tuned for upcoming events.



RECONCILIATION TO CONTINUE EVERY WEDNESDAY from 6:PM-7:15PM in our church as we celebrate the Jubilee Year. (Confessions are also held 25 minutes prior to weekend Masses and during the Holy Hour on Fridays from 6PM—7PM.) Through the mediation of a priest, God absolves our sins and helps us draw nearer to Him. Sin distances us from God; the sacrament of reconciliation (Penance) bridges that gap and better unites us with God. Going to confession can be seen as a selfless act: When we experience God’s love and forgiveness, we’re better prepared to extend those gifts to those around us.

MEN'S RETREAT **SAVE THE DATE:** Holy Name Society **Annual Men’s Retreat** on **Aug. 22-24, 2025** at Bon Secours Retreat Center (Mariottsville, MD). **Theme:** *If Not Now...When? The Virtue of Hope.* **Facilitator:** Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino (St. Michaels the Archangel Catholic Church, Silver Spring, MD). **COST:** \$400 (includes lodging and meals). Stay tuned for more details and to register.

BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 7:15PM in the rectory w/Msgr. Charles Pope.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: held every Wednesday via Zoom at 7:15PM w/Msgr. Charles Pope. Sign up at hcschurch.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.*

A reflection by Msgr. Pope on the bible stories will be in the bulletin **every other week**. They are also on our website (scan the QR code) or have them emailed via **FlockNote** along with a video. **To sign-up** to receive emails/videos, or visit: hcschurch.flocknote.com and sign up for Bible Basics! FlockNote is a **FREE** service!



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

HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & PARIS:

Join with Msgr. Pope and other parishioners on a Marian pilgrimage on **Nov. 2—13, 2026** to the sites listed above. The cost includes non-stop roundtrip flight from Dulles along with hotels, most meals, tour bus and guides. See flyer in rear of church.



LENTEEN FOOD DRIVE: Our Lenten food drive **ends Sun., April 27th**. This year, in conjunction with the Oblate Sisters of Providence, all donations will benefit a beautiful teenager named **Gifty** and her village in Ghana, Africa. If you were unable to make a donation of food items, you can still make a monetary donation for shipping costs. Visit our website (hcschurch.org) or pick up a flyer in rear of church for details.



PRAYER LINE | SETON SHRINE: Are you in need of prayer? Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call at 1-866-202-4934, Monday—Friday, 10am—5 pm.

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MASS TIMES: **Saturday** 8AM & 4:30PM (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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Honoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament
Come and Join us!



FIRST FRIDAY ALL-DAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

**MORNING MASS IS AT 7AM FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST
AND THE CHURCH REMAINS OPEN FOR ADORATION UNTIL 7PM.**

Our parish hosts All-Day Adoration every first Friday of the month. Please share this information along with the sign-up information to others. We ask you to consider signing up for one hour (or more) and spend it with Our Lord.

TO SIGN UP:

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE AT 202-546-1885 OR
HCSCSTAFF@HCSCCHURCH.ORG. EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SIGN-UP, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
STOP BY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. BRING A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND!**



WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

This is a devotional tradition of spending an hour in **Eucharistic Adoration** in the presence of the **Blessed Sacrament**. A consecrated host is exposed to us in the *monstrance* which is placed on the altar.



Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of **Jesus Christ**, who we believe to be present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host. As a devotion, Eucharistic adoration and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but are believed to be a continuation of what was celebrated in the Eucharist.

The inspiration for the Holy Hour is Matthew 26:40. In the Gospel of Matthew, during the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying *“My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”* (Matthew 26:38) Returning to the disciples after prayer, he found them asleep and in Matthew 26:40 he asked Peter:

“So, could you men not keep watch with me for an hour?”

You are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord in prayer.
Please feel free to bring your bible or other devotional prayers if you like.



A priest is available between 6PM-7PM to hear your confessions.

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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.

Laila Blackwell will be crowned the May Queen

The May Queen Court

Attendants: Nijayah Ross and McKenzie Ward

Statue Bearers: Tristan Blackwell, Emmanuel Nuel-Ejiofor, Tyreik Reese, 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.*

Join the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Friendly Seniors for a Cruise Luncheon

Thursday, June 19, 2025
9:00 am—6:00 pm

Delicious lunch and cruise on a paddleboat up the Choptank River



Cost: \$120.00 per person

Includes roundtrip transportation, cruise with lunch

FINAL PAYMENT DUE —Friday, May 30, 2025

*Checks made payable to Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
and write Friendly Seniors in the memo*

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Bus departs promptly at 9:00 am from Center City Public Charter School (15th and East Capitol St., SE.)

Bus returns at 6:00 pm to Center City Public Charter School

Limited parking available on lot behind the school

For more information and to reserve your space contact

Elizabeth Colston (301) 248-1566 or Rectory office (202) 546-1885



All you can eat lunch menu

Maryland Crab Soup

Steamed Crabs

Fried Chicken

Corn-on-the-cob

Coleslaw

Assorted Desserts

Non-Alcoholic Beverages

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OUR DECEASED SODALISTS
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 Baby Sis, Beverly, Frankie, David,
 Neal, Kimberly, Cyprian Jr., Jovan
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 & Very Dear, The Family*

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**Hump,
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 Henny**

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Austina H. Jones
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