



*3rd Sunday
of Easter*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14-17 John 10:27-30



Today's Gospel focuses on Peter's journey of faith. However, if you are ready to accept it, *you are Peter*. Note first the **Regrettable Reversal**. Peter says he is going back to fishing. But Jesus had called him away from fishing and told him to **fish for people**. Sometimes when we struggle we go back to old habits. But next, notice the **Redeeming Reminder**. Jesus calls to Peter and the others and tells them to lower their nets for a catch. He does exactly what he had done before when he had called them to be Apostles. Next comes a **Re-orienting Repast**—Jesus prepares a meal. The charcoal fire reminds Peter of his denial of the Lord. But the Lord has an honest discussion with Peter about the nature of Peter's love. In a moment of honesty, Peter admits that although the Lord wants total love from him, he is only able to promise brotherly love. Jesus does not berate him for this but teaches him that there will come a day (when he is martyred) that he will finally be able to pledge complete love. We, too, struggle with half-hearted commitments to God and cannot always give God what he requests. But little by little, if we are faithful, God will get us to that place where we are ready to surrender all.



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—April 27, 2025

4:30pm	32
8:00am	61
9:30am	43
11:00am	158
7:00pm	63
Total:	357

For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them. Matthew 18:20

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, May 4 *Third Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00am Sharon Graham †
- 9:30am Deceased Members of the Holton Family †
- 11:00am Donald & Leola Greenfield †
- 7:00pm Intentions of Morgan

Monday, May 5

- 7:00am Lucy Jones (B'day) †

Tuesday, May 6

- 7:00am Dorothy Simpson †

Wednesday, May 7

- 7:00am Leo Addison †

Thursday, May 8

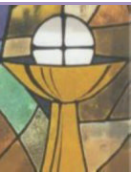
- 7:00am Intentions of the Pettit & Beyer Families

Friday, May 9

- 7:00am Eva Greene †

Saturday, May 10 *St. John of Avila, Priest & Dr. of the Church*

- 8:00am For the People
- 4:30pm Deceased of the Pettit & Beyer Families †



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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	ACTS 6:8-15	JOHN 6:22-29
TUESDAY:	ACTS 7:51-8:1	JOHN 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY:	ACTS 8:1-8	JOHN 6:35-40
THURSDAY:	ACTS 8:26-40	JOHN 6:44-51
FRIDAY:	ACTS 9:1-20	JOHN 6:52-59
SATURDAY:	ACTS 9:31-42	JOHN 6:60-69

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/5)

7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday (5/7)

6:00-7:15pm Confessions
7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday (May 9)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday (May 10)

9:00am Holy Name Society
Exec Bd. & Gen. Mtgs

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE

HCSC ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION: Sunday, May 4th following the 11AM Mass. We gather in the church and then process around Lincoln Park reciting the rosary and singing Marian hymns. Upon return to the Church, we have a brief ceremony for the May crowning. We invite **ALL** families and HCSC ministries. *Hail Mary, full of Grace!*



THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2025 celebrates First Holy Communion on Sun., May 4th:



Malaysia Ross and Avery Taylor

Bless the children who come forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.



Thank you to all who donated food/funds to our **Lenten Food Drive** to benefit 'Gifty' (who is now 17 years old) and her village in Ghana. We continue to partner with the Oblate Sisters of Providence to share our abundance with our brother and sisters. If you still want to donate, call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hcschurch.org.

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. The theme is *Pilgrims of Hope* and emphasizes the journey of faith and the importance of hope in overcoming life's challenges. See flyer in rear of 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.



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 focused 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 is 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!



Join the HCSC Friendly Seniors for a **SPRING CRUISE LUNCHEON** up the Choptank River on **Thurs., June 19th** from 9AM-6PM. **Cost:** \$120 includes roundtrip transportation to the riverboat and cruise with an all-you-can-eat seafood luncheon. Space is limited. Contact Elizabeth Colston at 301-248-1566 or the rectory office at 202-546-1885 for details and to reserve a space.

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.



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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Deacon James P. Flagg II (jpflaggII@gmail.com)

For information on membership, sacraments and funerals contact rectory staff at hcsstaff@hcschurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

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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ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

***IF NOT NOW...WHEN?
THE VIRTUE OF HOPE***



AUGUST 22-24, 2025



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HNS RETREAT REGISTRATION INFO

To reserve a room: Complete registration form at bottom of flyer and drop in collection basket at Mass or at rectory office. Or, email info to Lawrence Jones at lawrence.jones4963@yahoo.com or 301-848-8857.


How to Pay for Retreat

(**Cost:** \$400 per person (includes lodging and meals))

1. **CASH** - Contact Lawrence Jones (see info. above) to arrange drop-off **or** place cash in an envelope and bring to rectory office (during office hours) **or** put cash in an envelope in offertory basket at Mass.

Please indicate **HNS Retreat** and **your name** on envelope.

2. **CHECK** - Make check payable to HCSC. Put **HNS Retreat** in the memo of check. 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 at Mass. 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. Scan the QR code  or visit HCSC website (hscchurch.org) for details. Indicate **your name** and **HNS Retreat** in the note section. This is a FREE service.

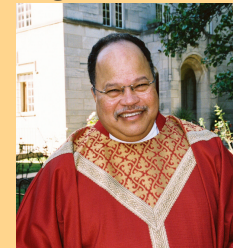


FINAL PAYMENT is due by Aug. 8th.



Transportation: Free parking is provided at retreat center for those who drive. If you need transportation, let us know so we can make carpool arrangements with other attendees.

Meet the Retreat Facilitator *Rev. Monsignor Eddie Tolentino*



Father Eddie Tolentino has been the Pastor at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Silver Spring, Maryland since the fall of 2003 - a diverse and active parish with over 2,000 parishioners.

Fr. Tolentino was born and received his formative Catholic education in Norfolk, Virginia. He holds degrees from Howard University and Howard University School of Law in Washington, DC and from the Angelicum and Saint Anselmo in Rome. He was ordained June 30, 1984, by Archbishop James Hickey. On March 31, 2005, he was named Chaplain To The Holy Father with the title of Monsignor by Pope John Paul II. In addition to his ministry as Pastor of Saint Michael the Archangel,, Monsignor Tolentino has served as an Associate Pastor of Saint Bernard in Riverdale, MD and Pastor of Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian parish in the District of Columbia. He has also been a faculty member and member of the Board of the Education for Parish Service Program (EPS) at Trinity College in Washington, DC and a member of the Board of Directors for Archbishop Carroll High School. In recent years, he has conducted workshops for the Spirituality Institute for the Archdiocese of Portland (Oregon); directed a retreat for the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Detroit; and has been a revivalist for catholic parishes along the east coast.

HNS RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM - Please Print

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARISH: _____

Check if you need transportation/carpool (*depart & return at HCSC church unless other arrangements are made*)

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