

#### HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This We	ekend:	
Acts 14:21-27	Rev. 21:1-5	John 13:31-35
<b>Readings Next We</b>	ekend:	
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	Rev 21:10-14, 22-23	John 14:23-29



The Gospel today contains a mandate that we should love one another. But there is danger in thinking that Jesus is saying that we, with our own unaided flesh power are supposed to do this. Of course, this seems impossible and leads to frustration. That's why it is important to get this Gospel right.

Notice three stages to this Gospel. First, there is a PRE-REQUISITE. Jesus indicates that the hour has come for him to be glorified. He is referring to his passion, death, and resurrection. In this saving act Jesus acquires for us the power to live a wholly new life. In order for him to command us to love one another he must first equip us to do so. He does this on the cross and in his rising to new life. Next, note the **POWER**. He gives us a new command and says, "Love one another as I have loved you." In other words, I have loved you and placed my love in you. Now you are able and must discover the power you have to love others. Jesus commands us only because he has first equipped us. Finally, notice the **PROOF**. Jesus concludes by saying that we will know, that is we will experience, that we are his disciples when we love each other. It is almost as if he is saying, "Try me in this and begin to experience that you DO have this power because you are my followers and someone who has my grace." Do you believe that the Lord has equipped, empowered and enabled you to love others?

#### **†** MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday,	May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00am	Cornell Tompkins (B'day) 🕇
9:30am	Sharon Graham <b>†</b>
11:00am	Donald & Leola Greenfield <b>†</b>
7:00pm	Lamar Butler, Sr. <b>†</b>
Monday,	May 19
	Mary Catherine Willoughby +
Tuesday,	May 20 Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest
7:00am	Dorothy Simpson <b>†</b>
Wednesc	lay, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes& Companions, Martyrs
7:00am	Plater Campbell <b>†</b>
Thursday	y, May 22 Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
7:00am	Nannie Williams <b>†</b>
Friday, N	lay 23
7:00am	Mary Queen Denney <b>†</b>
Saturday	r, May 24
8:00am	For the People
4:30pm	Deborah Phillip <b>†</b>

#### **DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Tuesday:	Астѕ 14 :5-18 Астѕ 14:19-28	Јонм14:21-26 Јонм 14:27-31
WEDNESDAY:	Астѕ 15:1-6	Јони 15:1-8
THURSDAY:	Астѕ 15:7-21	Јони 15:9-11
FRIDAY:	Астѕ 15:22-31	Јони 15:12-17
SATURDAY:	Астѕ 16:1-10	Јонм 15:18-21

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### FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through *Faith Direct*. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

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 <u>or</u> a onetime gift/donation. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks (202-546-1885 or kpeaks@hcscchurch.org).

#### **Stay Connected**

- Visit our website hcscchurch.org
- Subscribe to Flocknote to receive emails and updates: 1. Text **HCSC** to **84576** OR
  - 2. Visit https://hcscchurch.flocknote.com/
- Download the **MyParishApp** to your mobile phone and turn on notifications to receive parish updates.
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# Mass Attendance—May 11, 2025 4:30pm 41 8:00am 91 9:30am 33 11:00am 200 7:00pm <u>63</u> Total: **425**

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

#### THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (5/19) 7:15pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday (5/20) 10:30am Seniors Bible Study Friday (5/23) 6:00pm Holy Hour w/Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday (5/24) 10:00am Knights of Peter Claver

Wednesday (5/21) 6:00-7:15pm Confessions 7:30pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)



**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 hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

**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.

#### MAY 18, 2025

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### PARISH LIFE



The HCSC Ladies of Charity is grateful for your support of their World Finest Chocolate candy sale last Sunday. Please You know that your donations help fund their charitably work within this parish and the

community. If you would like more information on the Ladies of Charity and the work they do for others, contact Linda Jenkins at 202-768-6966.

SAVE THE DATE—HCSC PENTECOST JUBILEE FESTIVAL—June 8<sup>th</sup>- 1:00PM at the Center City Public Charter School (15<sup>th</sup> & E. Capitol Sts., SE parking lot). Join with the HCSC community in celebrating our feast day-PENTECOST -and the JUBILEE 2025-with food,



games, fun, music and fellowship. It's free for the entire family!. Please RSVP so we can prepare accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 The theme seeking Jubilee graces.



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 то CONTINUE EVERY WEDNESDAY from 6PM-7:15PM in our church as we celebrate the Jubilee Year. (Confessions are also held 25 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 STUDY DATE CHANGE:** The Friendly Seniors Bible Study has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30AM in the Chapel (instead of May 27<sup>th</sup> which is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday).





The Holy Name Society ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT is on Aug. 22-24, 2025 at Bon Secours Retreat Center (Marriottsville, MD). Theme: If Not Now...When? The Virtue of Hope.

Facilitator: Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino (Pastor, St. Michaels the Archangel Catholic Church, Silver Spring, MD). COST: \$400 (includes lodging and meals). Space is Limited! See flyer in rear of church or visit hcscchurch.org for more details and to register.

## 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:

- OUR FALL- I once was lost in Sin, i)
- ii) **OUR REDEPMTION** 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: hcscchurch.flocknote.com



and sign up for Bible Basics! FlockNote is a FREE service!

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held EVERY FRIDAY from 6-7PM in the sanctuary. Gather and reflect in guiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are heard at this time.

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.

#### **BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC**

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

KRIENDLY 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 hcscchurch.flocknote.com to receive Zoom link.

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

Mass Times:	Saturday Sunday	8AM & 4:30PM (vigil); 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 7PM;
	Weekdays	Mon—Fri: 7AM (8AM on holidays)
<b>RECTORY OFFIC</b>	E HOURS:	
		ednesday and Friday: 10AM—6PM & Sunday: Closed

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Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian

PENTECOST JUBILEE

#### Join with the parish community to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost during this Year of the Jubilee. **FREE** for the entire family! Food, music, games, bounce house for the youth, pony rides and much more!

**FESTIVAL** 

## SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 PM

Held at the Center City Public Charter School (on the parking lot) 15<sup>th</sup> & East Capitol Sts., SE, WDC







Please RSVP so that we can plan accordingly. Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or RSVP online at hcscchurch.org.

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If college, list degree rec'd If applicable, name of high school or college/university <u>attending</u> in the fall of 2025:	Jame of Guardians: Graduating from: (check one)	<ul><li>☐ Middle school</li><li>☐ College</li></ul>		

HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLY NAME SOCIETY

# ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

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

# AUGUST 22-24, 2025

BRING YOUR BIBLE!

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

REV. MONSIGNOR EDDIE TOLENTINO PASTOR, SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH SILVER SPRING, MD FACILITATOR

BON SECOURS RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER 1525 MARRIOTTSVILLE RD MARRIOTTSVILLE, MD

COST: \$400 FOR THE WEEKEND INCLUDES LODGING AND ALL MEALS.

### **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. <u>Or</u>, 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 dropoff **or** place cash in an envelope and bring to rectory office (during office hours) **or** put cash <u>in an envelope</u> 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 evelope 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 (hcscchurch.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.

**Transporation:** Free parking is provided at retreat center for those who drive. If you need transporation, 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, Marylands 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:		
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Check if you need trans	sportation/carpool (depart & return at HCSC church unless other arrang	gements are made)
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