

The image features a vibrant, abstract composition of overlapping circles in various shades of red, orange, teal, and brown. A large, white, flame-like shape is centrally placed, overlapping several of the circles. The background has a textured, slightly grainy appearance. In the upper right, a large orange circle contains the text "COME, HOLY SPIRIT" in a large, white, sans-serif font, with "FILL THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL" in a smaller font below it. In the bottom right corner, there is a small copyright notice.

COME,  
HOLY SPIRIT  
FILL THE HEARTS OF  
THE FAITHFUL

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18



Today is the **Feast of Pentecost**. The word Pentecost is from the Greek and it means “fifty days.” So it is fifty days since the Lord has Risen from the dead. In the first reading from Acts we see that the Apostles and numerous other disciples along with Mary are gathered together to pray. Up until this time they have been a rather frightened little group. They dared not venture out and speak openly of Jesus for fear of repercussions. In many ways we can be like them. We fear to speak of Jesus and our faith to others. Perhaps they will laugh or perhaps they will rebuke us. It is so easy to stay behind the closed doors and just witness to each other where it’s safe. But notice that the Holy Spirit came upon this early gathering of disciples and He changed them. They open the doors and they, along with Peter, go forth. Peter preaches a powerful sermon out in the open and that day 3000 are added to their number. Many of us will be returning to Mass soon. I know some who are vulnerable will return later. But I ask all of you to help me rebuild the parish. I think we need to be aware that it’s going to take consistent effort to rebuild. Things we were used to such as vibrant music and ministries will take time to come back online. Patient, prudent and persistent rebuilding must be our goal at this point. Come Holy Spirit and help us!



**FUNERAL** — Bettye J. Mohamed Ali (5/19)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday**  
 8:00am Geraldine Mitchell †  
 9:30am Donald Greenfield, Sr. †  
 11:00am Sheila Butler †  
 7:00pm Charles Gorham, Sr. †  
**Monday, May 25 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**  
 7:00am Eugenie Suter Whalen †  
**Tuesday, May 26 Saint Philip Neri, Priest**  
 7:00am Herbert R. Meredith †  
**Wednesday, May 27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**  
 7:00am Nathan Campbell, Sr., †  
 7:00pm Valerie Williams †  
**Thursday, May 28**  
 7:00am Pamela Carter †  
**Friday, May 29 Saint Paul VI, Pope**  
 7:00am Irene Miller †  
**Saturday, May 30**  
 8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Intentions of Matthew Fichter

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** ACTS 1:12-14 JOHN 19:25-34  
**TUESDAY:** 1 PETER 1:10-16 MARK 10:28-31  
**WEDNESDAY:** 1 PETER 1:18-25 MARK 10:32-45  
**THURSDAY:** 1 PETER 2:2-5,9-12 MARK 10:46-52  
**FRIDAY:** 1 PETER 4: 7-13 MARK 11:11-26  
**SATURDAY:** JUDE 17:20B-25 MARK 11:27-33



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**MASS ATTENDANCE**

**May 17, 2026**

4:30pm 35  
 8:00am 48  
 9:30am 44  
 11:00am 117  
 7:00pm 88  
**Total: 332**

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

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Monday (5/25) Memorial Day</b> Rectory Office Closed 8:00am Mass	<b>Wednesday (5/27)</b> 7:00pm Evening Mass 7:30pm Adult Bible Study(Zoom)
<b>Tuesday (5/26)</b> 10:30am Senior Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	<b>Friday (5/29)</b> 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration



**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.

**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. 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.*

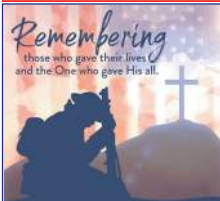
# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## PARISH LIFE

### MAY 25<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

Morning Mass at 8:00am

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



Memorial Day is always special at historic **Mount Olivet Cemetery** (located at 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE, WDC). We observe the true fullness of freedom – both sacred and secular – on this national holiday. Join us **Mon., May 25, at 10AM** with the Most Reverend Juan Esposito and Rev. Stephen Sohe at the outdoor altar under the big tent on the cemetery grounds to celebrate Mass. We do this as always in memory of the death and resurrection of Jesus who freed us from the bonds of sin, and to remember, honor and pray for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain the freedoms we enjoy as United States citizens. After Mass, Mount Olivet will provide a light lunch to thank our clergy and all who help to make the day so memorable. Mount Olivet is the largest Catholic cemetery in Washington DC.

**PENTECOST FAMILY DAY: Sun, May 24 at 1PM** with a bounce house for the kids, pony rides, food, music and fun for all! It's FREE! The Feast of Pentecost is also the feast day of the Holy Comforter parish. Come and celebrate with us!

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

Join with the HCSC clergy and parishioners on the Feast of Corpus Christ on **June 7<sup>th</sup>** following the 11AM Mass as we unite in a Eucharistic procession through the neighborhood. **We need volunteers to help coordinate the day of the event!** If you are interested, contact the rectory office at [kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885. Come and join us as we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist!



**GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** Every year, our parish invites, recognizes and congratulates our HCSC parishioners who are graduating from middle school, high school and college. The recognition will be **June 28<sup>th</sup>** at the 11AM Mass. Let us know if you or your youth is **graduating in 2026!** See flyer or visit [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org) for fillable form to submit name(s). **Deadline to submit:** June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## BIBLE STUDIES AT HCSC

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

**FRIENDLY SENIORS BIBLE STUDY:** held the **third** and **fourth** 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](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com) to receive Zoom link.

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



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/HOLY HOUR

- ⇒ **EVERY FRIDAY** from **6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Clergy is available to hear confessions.
  - ⇒ **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY** of the month from **8AM until 7PM** in the sanctuary.
- Come and spend quiet time in prayer and adoring Jesus Christ who is present in the Eucharist.



## CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTER (CIC) 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION IN OUR NATION'S CAPITOL Sat. June 6<sup>th</sup>

This year, the CIC is partnering with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage's St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route, which honors the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country. Our procession will walk through downtown DC past historical landmarks and pray for our nation. View full details at [www.cicdc.org/procession](http://www.cicdc.org/procession). Following is the schedule:

- 8:30 AM: Doors open at CIC at 1501 K St. NW, Suite 175, WDC (*our bldg. garage will be open*)
- 9:00 AM: Daily Mass at the CIC
- 10:00 AM—12noon (approx.): Eucharistic Procession

**On Fri. June 5<sup>th</sup>**, the CIC will host a Holy Hour from 9:30 PM—10:30 PM. Music will be provided by Catholic singer-songwriter Marie Miller. All are invited to both events.

**ADW BLACK MINISTRY PASTORAL PLAN:** Join the ADW for a listening session on **Sat., May 30—8:30am-12noon** to discuss the ADW Black Ministry Plan in relation to the National Black Catholic Congress. Since June 2025, the planning committee has been diligently discerning the needs and interests of our Black Catholic community in order to develop a meaningful pastoral plan of action. Location: St. John the Evangelist Church-Lower Level (8908 Old Branch Ave., Clinton, MD).

For more info, call: 301-868-1070 or email: [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org). Everyone is asked to register by scanning the QR code.



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**MASS TIMES:**

<b>Saturday</b>	8AM & 4:30PM (vigil)
<b>Sunday</b>	8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM and 7PM
<b>Weekday</b>	Mon—Fri: 7AM (8AM on holidays)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Evening Mass at 7PM (confessions 6PM)

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

# Sequence Hymn for Pentecost

Tune: Lyra Davidica

(sung to the familiar tune of *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*)



## Verse 1: Clergy

Come, O Holy Spirit, come;  
And from your celestial home;  
Shed a ray of light divine;  
Come, You Father of the poor!  
Come, O Source of all our store;  
Come, within our hearts, make pure;  
You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest.

## Verse 2: Women

Sweet refreshment here below;  
Solace in the midst of woe;  
In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat!  
O most blessed Light divine;  
Shine within these hearts of Thine;  
And our inmost being fill;  
Without You, we have but ill.

## Verse 3: Men

Without You our deeds and thoughts;  
Are disordered and distraught;  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness send your dew!  
Wash the stains of guilt away;  
Guide the steps that go astray;  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill.

## Verse 4: All

On the faithful, who adore;  
And confess you, evermore;  
Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord!  
In your sevenfold gifts descen  
Give them joys that never end;  
Alleluia. A-men;  
Alleluia. A-men!

# CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

If you are a **registered parishioner** graduating in 2026 from Middle School, High School, College or Graduate School **ONLY** (please, no elementary or kindergarten), the parish of Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian would like to Acknowledge and Congratulate you on **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** at the 11:00 am Mass.

Please complete and return this form to rectory office no later than **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** **or** email to [hscstaff2@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff2@hscchurch.org) **or** complete online at [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org)



Graduate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18)  
(Please Print)

Name of Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18)

Graduating from:  Middle school  High school  
(check one)  College  Graduate school

Name of school graduating from:

\_\_\_\_\_

If college, list degree rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, name of high school or college/university attending in the fall of 2026:

\_\_\_\_\_

Best phone to contact graduate/family: \_\_\_\_\_

You and your family are invited to the 11:00 am Mass on **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** and sit in the reserved pews in the front of the Church. You are also highly encouraged to bring your cap & gown. **If you are unable to attend**, please let us know by contacting the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or [hscstaff2@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff2@hscchurch.org).

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