

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 42:1-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13-20 John 1:35-42



In today's Liturgy we celebrate the fact of Jesus' Baptism. In the Gospel we note first the **PATTERN** of Baptism. Jesus comes to be baptized and John protests. We tend to think of Baptism only in terms of washing away sin. It does do that for us, though Jesus was not in need of this. Why then does he insist on baptism? Because there is more to baptism than washing: there is also dying and rising. This is the pattern. In baptism by immersion this is especially seen when, for a moment the person goes under the water and passes from sight. This is a symbol of death. But then they arise out of the water in a resurrection to new life. Jesus establishes this pattern for us in baptism and chooses to exhibit it himself to show us the way. St. Paul refers to this pattern of our life when he describes us as: Always carrying around in our body the dying of Jesus, so that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body (2 Cor 4:10). This is the whole pattern of our life: the paschal mystery. Next notice the **PURCHASE** of Baptism. Jesus goes into the water and gets four things for us: **ACCESS** – for the text says that the heavens are opened; **ANOINTING** – for the text says that the Spirit descended on Jesus; **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – for the Father says to Jesus and through Jesus to us, "This is my beloved Son"; and finally, **APPROVAL** – for the Father says of him and through him to us, "I am well pleased." Today rejoice in the pattern and purchase of your baptism. The Lord died to give this to us. Let us rejoice.

FUNERAL—Lawrence Skinner (Jan. 16)



Sunday, January 11 *The Baptism of the Lord*

4:30pm (Sat) Bishop Leonard Olivier †
 8:00am Josephine Aloï †
 11:00am For the Intentions of Cyrus Artz
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, January 12

7:00am Virgie M. Hamilton †

Tuesday, January 13 *St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am For the Intentions of Barbara Riehle

Wednesday, January 14

7:00am For the Intentions of Anna Riehle

Thursday, January 15

7:00am Lawrence Skinner †

Friday, January 16

7:00am Elizabeth G. Hill (birthday) †

Saturday, January 17 *Saint Anthony, Abbot*

8:00am Peter Riehle †
 4:30pm Thomas Riehle †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6 Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45
Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Jesus, the Light of the World" LMGM #274
Responsorial Psalm
 "The Lord will bless his people with peace"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "On Jordan's Bank" LMGM #240
 ** "I Will Sing Hallelujah" LMGM #471
Communion Hymn
 "O Come All Ye Faithful" LMGM #262
 *8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Youth Ensemble

Mass Attendance for January 4, 2015

4:30pm	45
8:00am	114
11:00am	252
7:00pm	57
Total:	468

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (1/4)	\$17,131
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$785

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION—Our school roof needs to be replaced and we will incur some debt to make the repair to our building. Your generosity to the Christmas collection will allow us to replenish our Maintenance/Repair Account used for building upkeep. Please use your Christmas collection envelope to support this effort. Envelopes are also available in the rear of the church. Thank you.

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/11) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (1/14) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (1/12) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (1/16) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (1/13) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (1/17) 11:00am Knights of John Ladies 3:00pm MLK Music Program 4:30pm MLK Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprrian 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:

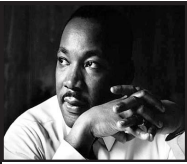
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION—will resume in February to replenish our pantry following the generous contributions donated by HCSC parishioners for our Christmas basket distributions. **NOTE:** Canned Good Collections is held the second Sunday of every month.

POINSETTIA GIVE-AWAY—After each Mass this weekend parishioners are welcome to take home a poinsettia that were on display during Christmas. **Please wait until you are given instructions by the Clergy or ushers.**



2015 MASS CELEBRATING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.—The annual concert and liturgy celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is **Sat., Jan. 17th, at 3pm** here at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church. Concert features the Archdiocese of Washington Mass Gospel Choir directed by our own Kenneth Louis. Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, is the celebrant and homilist for 4:30pm Mass.



BLOOD DRIVE—Parishioners and friends can begin to register for the Blood Drive coordinated by the American Red Cross in conjunction with HCSC Sodality. The Blood Drive is **Sun., Jan. 18th** from 9am to 2pm in the rectory basement.

To donate you must sign up prior to the event and we need a minimum of 50 people to participate before we can hold the blood drive. Sign-up after each Mass. For information, contact Natleen Chance at 202-526-7202 or ngchance@comcast.net. For American Red Cross info visit www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Please consider donating blood, the gift of life.

FREE CALENDARS FOR 2015—A supply of free calendars will be available after Mass in the rear of the church. *Limited supply!*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DAY of REFLECTION & WORKSHOP—will be held on **Sat., Jan 24th from 9:30am-1pm**. Deacon Keith Hathaway will be the facilitator. All liturgical ministers are being asked to attend this spiritual fellowship which is also open to all parishioners. Please RSVP to the rectory office (202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org) if you plan to attend. Special session for altar servers. Continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided.

READ THE CATHOLIC STANDARD—Stay up-to-date with the Catholic community. Take home the Catholic Standard in your pew and read the latest news from the Vatican, the Archdiocese of Washington, other parishes, and local schools. Consider subscribing to home delivery.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT—is for men in their 20s—40s who are considering a call to the priesthood. The retreat will be Feb. 6-8, at Saint John Paul II Seminary and led by priests of the ADW. Register at www.dcpriest.org. For more info contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020, or go to: vocations@adw.org.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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ESSAY/DRAWING CONTEST—The Sodality Union of the Archdiocese of Washington invites all youth between 8-18 to respond to the question: **“What can I do to preserve the earth?”** **Entries must be received by January 20th.** Please contact the HCSC Youth Director or Mrs. Brown at 301-899-8995 for more details.

ANNUAL YOUTH RALLY & MASS for LIFE—at the Verizon Center is **January 22nd**. There are a limited number of tickets for youth for the event. Please contact the Youth Director for further information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—resumes **Mon., Jan. 12th at 8pm** in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook**. Follow us on Twitter **#HCSCYoungAdults!**

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Mon., Feb. 2nd**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory by phone or email to request your statement. You can have your statement mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Loose cash (not in an envelope) given at collection cannot be reflected on your statement.

2015 ADULT and FAMILY RALLY and MASS for LIFE—The Archdiocese of Washington and the Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities sponsors the Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life on **Thurs., Jan. 22nd**. Event is held at The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW. Rally kicks off at 9am and features Sr. Maris Stella, S.V. (Sister of Life). Fr. Avelino Gonzalez will celebrate Mass at 10am. Attendees depart 11:30am for the National March for Life. Registration required: adw2015familyrally4life.eventbrite.com. For more info, visit: www.adw.org/Adult-Mass-For-Life.

PICTURING MARY: WOMAN, MOTHER, IDEA—Until April 12th, the National Museum of Women in the Arts presents a landmark exhibition that explores images of the Virgin Mary by renowned Renaissance and Baroque artists, many works on view for the first time. Museum is at 1250 New York Ave., NW, and open Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm and Sun, 12noon-5pm. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for students & visitors 65+, and free for NMWA members and youths 18 & under. For info, call 202-783-5000 or visit www.nmwa.org.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:
Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

