

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20



The readings today speak on the Christian tradition of "discernment." This term refers to seeking the will of God in particular circumstances. It involves making sense of the possible paths and options in our life and discovering what is really of God and what He wills most for me. The readings give us "Directions for Discernment." First, there is the CONTEXT of discernment. We find a young Samuel sleeping in the Lord's temple. The image is of a young man who has drawn close to God. We too will be aided in discernment by drawing close to God through Scripture, prayer, the Sacraments and the study of our faith. Next, note the COMPLEXITY of discernment. The first reading depicts Samuel as struggling with confusion as to what and who he is hearing. Eventually he figures it out. We too often need to listen for an extended time before God's will for us is more clear. Note too, the CORE of discernment. Samuel is advised by Eli to say, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." Too often, we rush to act, but to pause, listen, and reflect is utterly essential for discernment. Without this step there is no discernment. Next, the CONSTANCY of discernment is two-fold. Samuel sticks with it until God's intention becomes more clear. But note too how God remains constant and does not give up when we do not understand. God leads us gently and persistently to discover his will. Next, there is the CONNECTEDNESS of discernment. Samuel does not discern alone. He seeks counsel from a wiser man. We too should seek good, strong spiritual friends and clergy to help us discern. Finally, note the CONVERSION of discernment. We see in Samuel's life how he became gradually transformed into a great prophet of God who never compromised God's word. The clearest evidence that we are on the Path God intends for us is our on-going conversion.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 14
 8:00am Eliza Catherine Yates †
 11:00am Jessie Mae Cooper †
 7:00pm Juanita Chadwick (birthday-Jan. 6th)
Monday, January 15
 7:00am For the intentions of Helen Mariano
Tuesday, January 16
 7:00am Elizabeth G. Hill † (birthday)
Wednesday, January 17
 7:00am Tyrone Adams † (birthday-Jan. 7th)
Thursday, January 18
 7:00am For the intentions of Nancy Yanez
Friday, January 19
 7:00am For the People
Saturday, January 20
 8:00am Frances Brent Johnson †
 4:30pm Brandon Lewis (birthday)

If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mark 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Mark 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mark 3:20-21

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Holy God, We Praise Thy Name LMGM #465
 ** We Shall Overcome LMGM #652
Responsorial Psalm
 Here I am Lord; I come to do your will
Offertory
 * Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name LMGM #624
 ** The Body of Christ Jalonda Robertson
Communion
 * Here I Am, Lord LMGM #643
 ** Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name LMGM #624
Post Communion
 *** Here I Am Marvin Sapp
Recessional
 We Shall Overcome LMGM #652
 * 8:00am Ruby Robinson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Youth Ensemble—L'Tonya Holley, Director
 Kim Ross, Accompanist
 *** Liturgical Dance Ministry—Gail Bell, Director

**Mass Attendance
for January 7, 2018**

4:30pm	55
8:00am	98
11:00am	245
7:00pm	119
Total:	517

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected: Jan 7 th	\$16,117
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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION AND DISASTER RELIEF:
 This year, our Christmas collection is devoted to hurricane victims in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands is the sister diocese of our own Archdiocese of Washington. Bishop Brevard is well known to our parish and has celebrated several confirmations for our youth. They have indicated that there is still much damage and suffering due to the two hurricanes. We'd like to send a generous donation to our fellow citizens in the U.S. Virgin Islands so we are asking you to donate if you have not done so already to the Christmas collection. All funds will be given directly to the diocese of St. Thomas. Please write "Christmas Collection" in the memo of your check or use a special Christmas Collection envelope located in the rear of the church.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/14) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Tuesday (1/16) 7:00pm Adult Choir
Monday (1/15) Rectory Closed 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Wednesday (1/17) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
	Saturday (1/20) 8:30am Women's Ministry 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

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.

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PARISH LIFE

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are invited to sit with your child.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: The second weekend of each month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein canned foods (**meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit, and vegetables**) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items. If you were unable to bring canned food this weekend consider giving to the Poor Box on the wall by the exits.

RECTORY CLOSED

Monday, January 15th — Rectory office closed in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

FUNERAL SERVICE for BEULAH STEWART

(Mother of George Stewart, HCSC Director of Music)

Wed., Jan. 17th at Breath of Life SDA Church
11310 Fort Washington Rd., Fort Washington, MD 20744.

Viewing: **10am**

Service: **11am**

Interment: Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD 20735

Repat: Accokeek VFD Training & Activity Center

16111 Livingston Rd., Accokeek, MD 20607



The **Proverbs 24 Community** is a collaborative effort of several Catholic parishes (*including our own HCSC parish*) in Washington, DC, formed in response to the opening of a new Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our neighborhood. **We invite you to join us as a walker, cooker, or pray-er for our next witness day on Sat., Jan. 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** We will begin at Holy Name Church, at 920—11th St., NE, at 10:30 a.m. Please invite others to join you! Additionally, please mark your calendars: After January, the next scheduled witness day is Sat., Feb. 24th. Thank you for your witness to life!

VIRTUS TRAINING: If you are an adult and are interested in working with the youth at our parish, you must enroll and attend a workshop on child protection. This workshop is facilitated by the Archdiocese of Washington and HCSC will host a workshop on **Sat., Feb. 3rd at 9:30am** in the rectory basement. If interested in attending or if you have any questions, contact Shirley Austin at 202-368-7231 or mre@hscchurch.org.

Important

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available **ONLY UPON REQUEST** by **Mon., Feb. 5th**. 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.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: Fri., Jan. 19th, at the Capital One Arena. Join thousands of youth from all over the country as we gather for a rally and mass to promote life. The rally/mass will be followed by the **Annual March for Life** on the national mall. Contact the youth director if you are interested in attending with HCSC.

RESPECT LIFE RALLY FOR YOUTH AT HOLY NAME: for all ages on **Thurs., Jan. 18th from 6:30-9:30pm** (Holy Name Church, 1125 Neal St., NE, WDC). Join other youth for an evening of **Praise, Prayer & Pizza** featuring Mike Tenney (speaker, teacher, youth leader & musician). Contact Nicki if you would like to attend with HCSC youth.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hscchurch.org



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY FOR LIFE—Fri., Jan. 19: The rally will begin at 8:30am at St. Matthew's Cathedral (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW, WDC) and the Mass is at 9am. Celebrant: Most Reverend Mario E. Dorsonville Auxiliary Bishop of Washington; Homilist: Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Formation, John Paul II Seminary. Speakers: David Bereit, Pro-Life Advocate and founder of "40 Days for Life". Please be aware that due to heightened security, new security check points may be in place for the March itself, and groups headed directly to the March should be in place before 10:30am. Visit <http://marchforlife.org/march-life-2018/rally-march-info/> for updated information, including a list of prohibited items.

MOTHER MARY LANGE 136th ANNIVERSARY: All are invited to a celebration at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD, **Sat., Jan. 27th, at 2pm.** Mass celebrant is Rev. Pascal Morlino, OBS, pastor of St. Benedict Parish. Reception to follow.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at: hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202.546.1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 11am, and 7pm

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,
Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com

♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

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