

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16



The feast of the presentation of the Lord, commemorates the ancient Jewish practice that on the 40th day after giving birth, the Jewish woman would present herself and her child at the temple or synagogue. Having completed her convalescence after giving birth, she was received back into the community with joy and blessed. It is now February 2nd which is 40 days since Christmas. Mary along with Joseph brings Jesus to the temple presenting him and receiving her blessings. In the liturgy today we also commemorate the fact that Jesus is the light of the world. For when he acknowledged Jesus, Simeon called him "A light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of his people Israel." And thus today, we celebrate Christ as our light, by blessing candles and praising his power to purify us and cast out the darkness of sin.

FUNERAL—Joseph R. Young, Sr. (1/27)
Beatrice Warren (2/3)



Sunday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
8:00am Robert J. Person †
11:00am Joan Lancaster
7:00pm Deceased Josephites †

Monday, February 3 *St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St Ansgar, Bishop*

7:00am Deceased Members of Greene & Hill families

Tuesday, February 4

7:00am Henritta Green (birthday) †

Wednesday, February 5 *Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am Sharon Brown (birthday—2/4)

Thursday, February 6 *Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

7:00am Joseph R. Young, Sr. †

Friday, February 7

7:00am Beatrice Warren †

Saturday, February 8 *St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

8:00am Austina H. Jones (birthday) †
4:30pm For the People



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND—If a family member is sick, hospitalized or homebound, please call the rectory on 202-546-1885 or you can send an e-mail to: hccstaff@hccchurch.org so that your family member can be scheduled to receive a home visit and the sacrament.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-14, 24-25, 30—19:3 Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Mark 6:7-13
Friday: Sirach 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13 Mark 6:30-34

Music Schedule

Processional
"We Are Marching in the Light of God" LMGM #419
Responsorial Psalm
"Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LMGM #420
** Choral Praise
Communion
"What Child Is This" LMGM #277
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for January 26, 2014

4:30pm	62
8:00am	101
11:00am	263
7:00pm	<u>42</u>
Total:	468

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (1/26)	\$11,753
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2014 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

"Seek first the kingdom of God."
(Matthew 6:33)

Many parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl asking you to pledge to the 2014 Appeal. The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. As we seek first the kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us. We do this through our works of charity. Your contribution allows us and the Archdiocese to respond to the needs of others. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2014 Appeal.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (2/2) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (2/5) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Alpha Program
Tuesday (2/4) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (2/7) 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (2/8) 9:30am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 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.

PARISH LIFE

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Please feel free to invite a friend!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—We invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (**canned** meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items during offertory. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since the funds support this effort.



CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE & VALENTINE'S DAY—at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 1419 V St., NW, **Sat., Feb. 15th, 12-5:30pm**. All married and engaged couples are invited to a day of celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. The day will include food and fellowship, with facilitated discussions on The Good News about Marriage, Money within Marriage, The Art of Communication, and the Supreme Gift of Marriage: Parenthood. **HCSC would like to have 10 or more couples attend this event.** For more information contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org. See flyer for details on registering for this event.

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MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN (MCP)—Please know that the Congregation of Our Lady of Usambara greatly appreciates the generous contribution from HCSC parishioners gathered on the weekend of Nov. 16th & 17th.

The total amount collected was \$5,218. Know that your generous donation to MCP directly assists missionaries in their efforts to evangelize, form holy vocations, congregations, and propagate the faith around the world.

THE WORD AMONG US—February issue is available in the Candlelight Store for \$2. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

PLEASE NOTE—From time to time, it is good to remind ourselves of the courtesies to be shown when entering God's house. Please do not chew gum or eat in church. Adults are requested to remind children (and themselves) of this discipline before entering the church.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared only upon request beginning **Mon., Feb. 3, 2014**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request a statement. You can have your statement mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. Note that 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
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BOOK SIGNING BY HCSC YOUTH—**Jordan Campbell** (an HCSC Youth Usher) co-authored and published a book entitled "Trio + 1." Jordan is a part of Reach Inc. which partners teens with professional writers and illustrators to create original children's stories. It provides opportunities for young people to share their talents and creativity with a wider audience. Jordan will be in the rear of the Church this weekend signing copies of his book after 8 & 11am Mass.



YOUTH ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE—Join the HCSC Youth on **Sat., Feb. 8th** for a tour of the Blessed John Paul II Center and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (see flyer in rear of church). For information contact Shirley Austin at 202-546-1885.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING—The Office of Youth Ministry is presenting a workshop opportunity for adult volunteers titled "Planning a Dynamic Youth Ministry." Location: St. Catherine Laboure' 11801 Claridge Rd., in Wheaton on **Feb. 22nd at 6:30pm**. For more details contact Laura Irwin at 202-683-1722 or Nicki Gebrehiwot.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

SPECIAL THANKS—to all of the young adults who came out to the **DC Catholic Day of Service**. Your service has been a blessing to many!

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at   HCSCYoungAdults!

THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE—will sponsor their **6th Annual Chicken Dinner, Sat., Feb. 22nd, from 11am to 3pm** at the St. Frances Center, 501 E. Chase St. in Baltimore. Tickets: \$10. For information call Sr. Helene Therese at 410-536-5687 or Ralph Moore at 443-255-5600.

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!**

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>

