

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Sirach 15:15-20      1 Corinthians 2:6-10      Matthew 5:17-37



Jesus said you are the salt of the earth. But what if salt goes flat? It is good for nothing. Now these are strong words from Jesus. What he is saying is that if you're a Christian who does not live as a Christian you are good for nothing. As Christians we have made a commitment to be specialists. Imagine a doctor who is a carefully trained and skillful heart specialist. Now imagine he sets that aside to go and be a car mechanic. We might rightfully say to him, "We have plenty of car mechanics, but only a few highly skilled heart specialists. Come and do what you have been called to do!" And so Christ says to us, "I have plenty businessmen, technocrats, millionaires, etc. What I really need you to be is a Christian; a REAL Christian. The world needs salt and you are salt. And if you're not going to be salt you're nothing. Nothing! Any non-believer can do most of the things we Christians run after and aspire to be. But what the Lord really needs us to be is a Christian. Being a lawyer, or accountant, etc. is not our main focus, being a Christian is. And if we are not going to be salt, not going to be a true Christian, the Lord says we're good for nothing. So fine, you've made it. You're the best and highest paid lawyer in your field. The world applauds. But if you're not really living the Christian faith the Lord says you're nothing. Strong words but necessary for us who often value most what matters little to God and value little what matters most to God.

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, February 5**  
 8:00am      Henrietta Green †  
 11:00am      John Clem †  
 7:00pm      For intentions of Phillip & Marlene Whitlock  
**Monday, February 6** *Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*  
 7:00am      For the intentions Elaine Carter  
**Tuesday, February 7**  
 7:00am      For the intentions of Michael Johnson †  
**Wednesday, February 8** *Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*  
 7:00am      Shebra Simms †  
**Thursday, February 9**  
 7:00am      For the intentions of all Clergy  
**Friday, February 10** *Saint Scholastica, Virgin*  
 7:00am      For the People  
**Saturday, February 11** *Our Lady of Lourdes; BVM*  
 8:00am      For the intentions of Fr. Michael Bryant  
 4:30pm      Dorothy Taylor Walker †

**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.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:**      Genesis 1:1-19                      Mark 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:**    Genesis 1:20—2:4                  Mark 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17              Mark 7:14-23  
**Thursday:**    Genesis 2:1-5                         Mark 7:24-30  
**Friday:**        Genesis 3:1-8                         Mark 7:31-37  
**Saturday:**     Genesis 3:9-24                        Mark 8:1-10



**YOUTH RALLY/MASS and MARCH FOR LIFE:** Thousands of youth and adults attended the Youth Rally/Mass for Life at the Verizon Center and the March for Life

Rally on the National Mall on Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> including some of our own HCSC youth. The Youth Rally and Mass for Life occurs in conjunction with the annual National March for Life held on (or near) the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade court decision making abortion legal in this country. The Rally strives to encourage the youth in their witness as disciples of Christ and promoters of the Gospel of Life. It is the largest annual archdiocesan event, which in many ways has grown to become a national (even international) event with pilgrims traveling from as far away as the US Virgin Islands and Australia. What a wonderfully uplifting and positive experience for all who participated.

**Mass Attendance for January 29, 2017**

4:30pm	58
8:00am	114
11:00am	254
7:00pm	117
<b>Total:</b>	<b>543</b>

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (1/29)	\$11,788
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$4,558

**2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL BEGINS: "Seek First the Kingdom of God"** (Matthew 6:33). Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl in early January asking you to make a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. The Cardinal's Appeal not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish, for example our Social Concerns Ministry, and the Welcome Home Program. 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 through our works of charity, love, and compassion. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. **See brochures in the pews and in your bulletin for more information and stay tuned.**

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (2/5)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Tuesday (2/7)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir
<b>Monday (2/6)</b> 6:30pm Parish Council meeting 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Wednesday (2/8)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
	<b>Saturday (2/11)</b> 4:30pm Mass 7:30pm Latin Mass

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

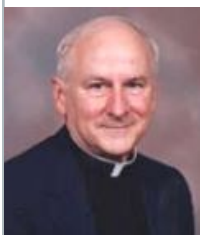
*Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

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

**PARISH LIFE**

**UPDATE ON FATHER MICHAEL BRYANT:** Fr. Bryant



wishes to thank all the HCSC parishioners who have offered prayers and well wishes on his behalf following his emergency heart surgery. He wants us to know he is feeling fine and currently resting with family for the next several weeks. He looks forward to returning to us in the near future.

**LATIN MASS FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** Monsignor Pope will celebrate Mass in the Latin Extraordinary Form **Sat., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** here at HCSC. The choral group Chantry will sing Renaissance polyphony for the Virgin Mary by the Spanish composer Tomás Luis de Victoria, who was a priest, and wrote some of his most beautiful and joyful music honoring the Virgin Mary. The acoustics of our church is perfect for this sort of music. All are invited.



**YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT 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 next week.



**CONGRATULATIONS!!! Dominique Elias graduated Cum Laude** on December 20<sup>th</sup> with a Liberal Arts & Sciences Degree in Mass Communication from Frostburg State University. Both her family and her HCSC Parish family are proud of one of our own youth who has grown into an accomplished young woman. To add to her blessings, Dominique became engaged on Christmas day to 2nd Lieutenant Jourdan Looney, U.S. Marine Corp.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM: "The Journey: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Sun., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at the school, following 11am Mass.** Join us for a light meal and a celebration of African American History. RSVP to the rectory office is required. **Parishioners are invited to wear their African attire to Mass.** See flyer.

**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT 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**) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items.

**THE WORD AMONG US:** February issues are available in the Candlelight Store for \$2 each. This publication is designed to encourage Catholics to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

**END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be prepared **ONLY UPON REQUEST** beginning **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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**  
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**ATTENTION!!! SAVE THE DATE!** The annual "Walk in the Light" Youth Retreat is **March 11-12, 2017**. **COST: \$125—**middle/high school (age 12+) **overnight; \$45—**elementary school (age 11 and under), March 11<sup>th</sup> (one day only). Registration fee includes transportation, meals, overnight accommodations at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, MD, and T-shirt. We are happy to report that Fr. Adam DeLeon will return as our retreat facilitator. Stay tuned for more details.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**YAM@hcschurch.org**

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

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at **HCSCYoungAdults!**

**ELECTRONIC TITHING—**Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church or sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information.

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREPARES FOR 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Holy Family Catholic School has been a pillar of Catholic Education in Hillcrest Heights, MD, for almost 60 years. If you are a former student, parishioner, or friend help HFCS prepare for this celebration by completing the school survey at: [www.holyfamilyparishmd.org/education/parish-school/alumni-and-advancement](http://www.holyfamilyparishmd.org/education/parish-school/alumni-and-advancement). The School plans to invite you back to celebrate your shared history and prepare in hope for the future!

**EWTN JOB OPPORTUNITY:** EWTN is a global Catholic broadcasting network that promotes an environment for employees to combine their faith and career! We are seeking qualified candidates in Washington, DC, for positions as **Producer** and **Segment Producer**. For info go to: [www.ewtn.com/general/employment/index.asp](http://www.ewtn.com/general/employment/index.asp). Email your cover letter, salary requirements & resume to: [humanresources@ewtn.com](mailto:humanresources@ewtn.com).

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*Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor*

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at [hscstaff@hcschurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hcschurch.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. Follow us on Social Media:  
Fr. Pope's Blog: [blog.adw.org](http://blog.adw.org)

