

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Mark 1:40-45

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15



We are the leper in today's gospel, admit it! Notice first the **Portrait that is Presented**. Sin is like leprosy. It disfigures, deteriorates and distances us. It is ugly. But next, note the **Prayerfulness that is Portrayed**. When you've got sin you can either run from God or run to him. It is obvious what we should do. Follow the example of the leper, go to Jesus and kneel and pray. Notice the **Pity that is Powerful**. When the text says Jesus showed pity it is not like we use the term today. Pity is rooted in the word for family love. Jesus sees a brother who is wounded and reaches out to help him. Now see the **Presentation that is Prescribed**: "Go show yourself to the priest", says Jesus. Jesus wants to heal him, but through another. Do you see confession here? Jesus forgives your sins but he wants to do it through others as well, in this case the priest. Jesus could have healed him directly but he chose the priest. Pay attention here Church. Many ridicule confession to the priest, but here Jesus prescribes the priest. Finally, note the **Praise that is Proclaimed**. Don't forget to testify what the Lord has done for you!

FUNERALS: **Angelia Ferguson-Davis** (Wed., Feb. 7th)
Diane Offutt (Fri., Feb. 9th)
Debra Shelton (Tues., Feb. 13th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, February 11
 8:00am Sheila Ellis (birthday-Feb. 13th)
 11:00am Dorothy Taylor Walker † (birthday)
 7:00pm Martin Paczynski †
Monday, February 12
 7:00am James D. Rodgers † (birthday Feb. 4th)
Tuesday, February 13
 7:00am Elizabeth Johnson †
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday
 7:00am For the People
 10:00am For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus
 7:00 pm Diane Offutt †
Thursday, February 15
 7:00am Angelia Ferguson-Davis †
Friday, February 16
 7:00am Debra Shelton †
Saturday, February 17 Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 8:00am Helen B. Tyler †
 4:30pm Joseph E. Bailey †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: James 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday: James 1:12-118 Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25
Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday: Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Holy God, We Praise Thy Name LMGGM #465
 ** He Has Done Great Things for Me LMGGM #635
Responsorial Psalm
 I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Offertory
 * Bless That Wonderful Name of Jesus LMGGM #373
 ** Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round
Communion
 * He Touched Me LMGGM #779
 ** I Know It Was the Blood LMGGM #382
Post Communion
 ** I'm Still Here Williams Brothers
Recessional
 Tell the World About Jesus
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Youth Choir – Tammy Holley, Director
 Josh Graf, Accompanist
 Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

Mass Attendance for February 4, 2018

4:30pm	55
8:00am	128
11:00am	240
7:00pm	44
Total:	467

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (2/4)	\$15,913
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"SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (Matthew 6:33). Thank you to all who have made a pledge or donation over the last two weeks. **The Cardinal's Appeal** provides an opportunity to share our financial gifts in order to help provide education, ministry and services throughout the Archdiocese. Every parishioner is a part not only of his or her parish but also of the Universal Church. If you have not yet done so, please fill in a pledge card located in the rear of the Church and submit by dropping in the collection basket, giving it to an usher, or dropping it off at the rectory office. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (2/11) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Name mtg 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (2/14) 7:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 5:00pm NEW!! Rectory Closed 7:00pm Mass
Monday (2/12) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (2/16) 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers
Tuesday (2/13) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (2/17) 8:30am Women's Min Fellowship 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

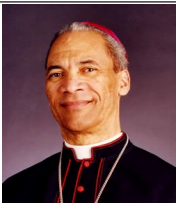
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

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

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.



WE WELCOME BISHOP JOHN RICARD, S.S.J., as celebrant for our **11AM Mass.** Bishop Ricard, a member of the Josephites, once served as pastor of HCSC. As we begin to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Saint Cyprian Parish, the Bishop has been asked to present a historical perspective of the parish. Following Mass, you are invited to come to the rectory to greet Bishop Ricard.



CONGRATULATIONS to Olivia Cristina McCarthy, Nasir Ezra Robinson, Jada Courtney Daniel, Morgan Adah Ronae Perkins, and Amari Nysir Jamal Cason who were recently Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ. May God bless them in their journey of faith.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: The second weekend of each month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein canned foods to Mass for our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items. If you were unable to bring canned food this weekend consider donating to the Poor Box on the wall near exits.



Because of your generous contributions to our 2017 Christmas Collection, **our parish will donate \$9340** to our designated recipient, **the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands**, who suffered tremendous damage during the 2017 hurricane season. Again, **Thank You** and may God's blessings continue to shower upon you and your families.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?



ASH WEDNESDAY is **February 14th** and begins the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed during **7am, 10am, and 7pm Masses only.** It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Come and begin your preparations for Lent.

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FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US: To encourage parishioners to read the Word of God daily during Lent, **free copies** of **THE WORD AMONG US** are available in the rear of the church. Limited supply.

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held **throughout Lent every Friday** in the church with **Holy Hour at 6pm** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm.** On **Feb. 16th** the **Stations will be led by the Ushers Ministry.** Come and join us as we walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE is every **Wednesday evening** during Lent in the rectory basement starting **February 21st at 7pm.** This year's theme is: **"Paths to Holiness"**, a bible study about how God calls each of us to become a saint and the support he gives along the way by providing abundant blessings. Light meal at 6:30pm, instruction at 7:15pm. All are welcome.

Youth Ministry News

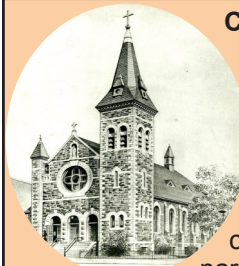
Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC "Walk in the Light" YOUTH RETREAT will be on **March 17-18,** at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. See flyer for details. Registration forms available in the rear of the church.

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the Lord's Passion at the Good Friday 7pm service on March 30th. If you are interested in participating please contact the Youth Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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.



CELEBRATING 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

Throughout the year, we will feature various activities, events and displays of photos and artifacts from the parish of Saint Cyprian Church. **For the month of February,** our bulletin covers will feature a different historical narrative on the establishment and life of that Catholic community. We'll also feature in the vestibule of the church a display of artifacts and photos from the years up to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966.

HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION: Come bring the family to **A Domestic Church Day, Sat., Feb. 17th, 1:30—6:30pm,** at **Saint John Paul II National Shrine,** 3900 Harewood Rd., NE. Event includes: Mass and Consecration to the Holy Family; a **keynote address by our own pastor, Monsignor Charles Pope;** Lenten Catechesis for teens and children; and dinner and entertainment for the whole family. The event is sponsored by the DC Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Archdiocese of Washington. See flyers in rear of church.

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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: hcsstaff@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

NEW!! Office Hours: Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Wednesday and 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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