

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 49:14-15 1 Cor 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34



In today's Gospel the Lord is teaching us to break the cycle of retribution and hatred. When someone harms me I will likely experience anger. And in my anger I may well seek to get back at the offender. If I do that, then Satan has two victories and brought the anger and retribution to a new level. Most likely the one who originally harmed me will take exception to my retribution and inflict more harm on me. And so the cycle continues and escalates. Satan loves this. But the Lord has dispatched us on to the field to turn the game around and break the cycle of retribution and hatred. In effect the "play" he wants us to execute is the "it ends with me" play. To simply hate those who hate me and get back at those who harm me is to work for Satan, to play on his team. Why do that? To advance the ball for Jesus is to break the cycle of retribution and hatred by taking the hit and not returning it. By loving our enemy we break the cycle of hate. By refusing retribution we rob Satan of victory. Recall the words of Dr. King: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hatred cannot drive out hatred, only love can do that."

Mass Attendance for February 12, 2017

4:30pm	63
7:30pm (Latin Mass)	68
8:00am	106
11:00am	225
7:00pm	111
Total:	573

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, February 19
 8:00am Jovan Jenifer † (1st anniversary)
 11:00am Eleanor M. Holland †
 7:00pm †
Monday, February 20
 7:00am Deceased Hill, Cole, & Greene family members
Tuesday, February 21
 7:00am For mothers & babies at risk of abortion
Wednesday, February 22
 7:00am For the intentions of Deacon Carlos Hernandez
Thursday, February 23
 7:00am Robert Joseph Brooks †
Friday, February 24
 7:00am For the intentions of Deacon Kevin Butler
Saturday, February 25
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Ephraim Richards, Jr. †

To place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Sirach 1:1-10 Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11 Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19
Thursday: Sirach 5:1-8 Mark 9:41-50
Friday: Sirach 6:5-17 Mark 10:1-12
Saturday: Sirach 17:1-15 Mark 10:13-16



On Monday, March 13th, join pro-life Marylanders in Annapolis for the annual **MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE**—a powerful public witness to our state legislators of our commitment to building a culture of life. Special keynote speaker will be Dr. Alveda King, director of Civil Rights for the Unborn and niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth are invited to attend a Youth Rally at 4:30 p.m. Mass and a simultaneous non-denominational service will begin at 5:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Church and School (109 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis) and will be followed by the March through Annapolis, Rally at Lawyer's Mall, and a mixer (fellowship, exhibitors, and free Chick-fil-A) immediately after. Visit www.marylandmarchforlife.org for more information.

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (2/12)	\$19,394
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$3,048

"SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (Matthew 6:33). Thank you to all who participated in the in-pew campaign last week.

This 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 pews and submit it by dropping it 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 (2/19)
 9:30am RCIA
 9:30am Sunday School
 1:00pm AAHM event
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA

Monday (2/20)
RECTORY CLOSED
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (2/21)
 6:30pm Youth Ensemble
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (2/22)
 11:00am Friendly Seniors
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 7:00pm Bible Study

Thursday (2/23)
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus

Friday (2/24)
 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers

Saturday (2/25)
 10:00am Holy Name
 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.

PARISH LIFE

RECTORY CLOSED

Monday, Feb. 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Monsignor Pope is encouraging parishioners to commit to **First Saturday devotions from March thru July**. At the heart of this devotion is the Request of Our Lady, Mary, that we pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world.

Your commitment involves attending 8am Mass in the church on the **first Saturday of five consecutive months beginning Saturday, March 4th**. Your commitment also includes praying the rosary communally after that Mass and going to confession within the first week of each month. Please consider signing up on the list in the rear of the church and prayerfully assist in the conversion of souls! Monsignor will speak more on this commitment at Sunday Masses prior to March 4th. Flyers with more details on this devotion are available in the rear of the church.

HCSC SODALITY HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE: Join the HCSC Sodality **June 10-16** on a 7 days—6 nights bus trip to **The Holy Land Experience & 7 Fantastic Shows** in Orlando, FL. **COST: \$610 per person** includes bus transportation, lodging, meals and gratuities, and much more. For more details and reservation information, pick up a flyer in the rear of the church.

2017 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sun., June 25th, at 2pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine. Call the rectory at 202-546-1885. **Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the rectory office by Mon., April 11th.**

HCSC FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2015-16: Copies of the parish's financial report for fiscal year 2015-16 are available in the rear of the Church. The reports list information on our income and expenses along with details on each financial area. Additional copies available. If you have questions, contact the rectory office at 201-546-1885.

FREE TAX CLINIC: Capitol Hill Group Ministries (CHGM) is offering free tax preparation for low income DC residents. The clinic operates by appointment only at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201—4th St., SE., **on Thursday evenings starting March 2nd and every Thursday evening through April 13th, then final on Mon., April 17th.** Questions? Contact Abby Sypek at sypek@chgm.net, or 202-544-0631 ext. 200.

Important **END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be prepared **ONLY UPON REQUEST**. 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. **The Archdiocese has recently transitioned our data into a new software package creating a delay in processing the statements. We appreciate your patience.**

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

YOUTH RETREAT: 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 11th (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. See flyer for details.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hscchurch.org

CATHOLIC DATE NIGHT: the ADW Office of Family Life and Office of Young Adult Ministry are co-hosting "Catholic Date Night" for engaged and newly married couples. Catholic Date Night will meet monthly on Saturday nights from 6—7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in downtown Bethesda, MD, on **Feb. 25th, March 25th, April 22nd, and May 13th.** These events are **FREE!** The night will begin with fellowship, free wine and cheese, prayer, and an inspiring talk on growing together in faith and love and focus on your relationship with one another with Christ in the center. **RSVP to: www.dccatholic.eventbrite.com.**



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.

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!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (AACCW) - invites you to join them on **Sat., March 11th**, for a pilgrimage to America's First Cathedral in Baltimore, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Carpools will leave from the Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville, MD, at 9:30am. Guided tour at 11am, rosary or Mass at 12 noon, followed by a trip to Baltimore's inner harbor for lunch and sightseeing. Questions? Contact Sonia D. Bobis on 240-264-1821 or at: sondbobis119@gmail.com. See flyer for more details.

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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.

Follow us on Social Media:

Fr. Pope's Blog: blog.adw.org

