

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42



Second Sunday of



Today's Gospel teaches us some important things about facing the trials of life. First, note the PLACE of this gospel. Jesus, along with Peter, James and John go up a high mountain. This was no hill. It was a mountain. Have you ever climbed a mountain or do you appreciate the difficulty of it? Once up this mountain they will have a great experience of glory but the climb has to come first. And so too for us. Most of the best things in our life come at the high price of long hard work. Next, notice the PRESCRIPTION of this Gospel. Once upon the mountain they get a glimpse of glory. And Peter declares that it is good to be here! He is right. Jesus arranged for this glimpse of glory to prepare them for the difficult days ahead and he does not want them to forget this wonderful moment. We too ought to savor the good things in our life for they are the balance to the crosses and challenges of life. Next, notice the PRODUCT of this gospel. The Lord intends for this experience to remind them all that heaven is more than worth the cross. So too for us, the Lord intends us to meditate frequently on heaven in such a way that we are encouraged to accept the struggle in order to get there.

FUNERAL: Bertha Vanzego (Tues., March 14th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 12 *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00am For the intentions of Leonard Holley
11:00am Destineé Monét Brown (birthday)
7:00pm Barbara V. Ketchum †

Monday, March 13

7:00am Jessie Mae Cooper †

Tuesday, March 14

7:00am Janie B. Johnson † (birthday)

Wednesday, March 15

7:00am William Better †

Thursday, March 16

7:00am Elizabeth Harris †

Friday, March 17

7:00am For the People

Saturday, March 18

8:00am O'Sha J. Hamilton † (birthday)
4:30pm Herman Richards †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matthew 21:33-46
Saturday: Micah 7:14-15; 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



PROVERBS 24 "WITNESS-PRAY-SERVE" EVENT: In response to the opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our community, HCSC joined several other local parishes to form the Proverbs 24 Community and we have held a number of 'witness' events in front of the clinic. The next event is **Sat., March 18th from 10:30am-12:30pm at Holy Name Catholic Church.** Please prayerfully consider participating in one of three ways: *by praying with others in front of the facility; by praying in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament; or by helping to prepare a fellowship lunch to conclude the event.* Sign up at Proverbs24.eventbrite.com. Questions? Contact P24community@gmail.com or call Linda Simpson at 301-35-6432 or Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

Mass Attendance for March 5, 2017

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| 4:30pm | 58 |
| 8:00am | 136 |
| 11:00am | 245 |
| 7:00pm | 128 |
| Total: | 567 |

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

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| Weekly Budget Amount Needed | \$16,346 |
| Actual Tithes Collected (3/5) | \$17,891 |
| Actual Surplus (+) | + \$1,545 |

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. It's easy, it's FREE, and your End-of-Year Contribution Statement is mailed to you automatically. 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**). For more information, call Kim Peaks in the rectory office (202-546-1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (3/12) 9:30am Holy Name meeting 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA | Wednesday (3/15) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:00pm Lenten Confession 6:30pm Lenten Bible Study |
| Monday (3/13) 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal 8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Friday (3/17) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross |
| Tuesday (3/14) 7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (3/18) 8:30am Women's Ministry 10:00am Holy Name 10:30am Social Concerns Min 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

YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All our youth are invited to come sit together at Mass. Parents are welcome to sit with their child.

#MoreSway

FUNDRAISER FOR MS: Many people are challenged with living every day with Multiple Sclerosis including a number of our parishioners such as Monique C. Davis who is holding a T-shirt campaign to raise funds and awareness. The campaign is titled MIND STRONG... MORE SWAY→A FIGHT AGAINST MS. Go to www.booster.com/moresway to support the campaign and read Monique's story. *One breath. One step. One love.* Thank you for your support. Flyers in the rear of the church.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

God created us for relationship with Him and one another. We invite you to renew your relationship with the Lord through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this Lent. Starting Wed., March 8th every parish in the Archdiocese of Washington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. **HCSC will hear confessions from 6:00-7:15pm.** Visit: theLightisON.org to find the times for other Catholic parishes in your neighborhood..

SPECIAL INVITE: We have free invitation cards that you can give to someone to invite them to experience the life-changing power of confession. Cards are located in the rear of the Church.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE is every **Wednesday evening** during Lent in the rectory basement starting **March 8th at 7pm.** This year's theme, **"Great Change Since I Been Born"** will cover the life changing transformative relationship we are called to have with Christ. Monsignor Pope will be assisted by Deacon Richard Walker of St. Luke's parish. Light meal served at 6:30pm, instruction starts at 7:15pm. All are welcome.

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 **March 17th** the **Stations will be led by the Lectors Ministry.** Walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

DAILY MASS: It is a worthy practice to attend daily Mass during Lent. Consider attending Mass on a weekday in the Chapel (Monday—Friday at 7am, and 8am on Saturday) either one day a week or each weekday. Come and pray to start your day.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: The HCSC Social Concerns Ministry in conjunction with Catholic Charities will hold a food drive for local food pantries. Paper bags along with instructions will be distributed to parishioners the weekend of March 18-19 so that you may purchase the listed items on the bag and return them the weekend of March 25-26. Stay tuned for more details.

Youth Ministry News

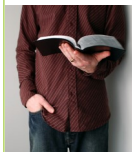
Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ✦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org



Our very own Rick Scott will be in the musical *"The Living Last Supper"* on **Sunday, March 19th at 3pm** at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (1029 Monroe Street, NE, WDC). This is a live drama of the Lord's last hours with his Disciples in the Upper Room. Performance is free and followed by a reception. See flyer in rear of church.

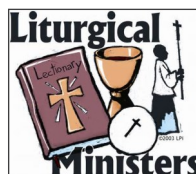
HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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 **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!**



SAVE THE DATE!! CALLING ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS!! Msgr. Pope is holding a Liturgical Minister Workshop on **Saturday, April 1st at 10am** in the church. He is asking all members of each liturgical ministry to attend this important meeting of spiritual development. Sessions will be held for both adults and youth and will end around 2pm. Lunch will be provided. This includes the *Altar Guild, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, M.C.s, Music Ministry and Ushers.* More information will be provided.

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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

