

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Acts 4:32-35                      1 John 5:1-6                      John 20:19-31

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 3:13-19                      1 John 2:1-5                      Luke 24:35-48



Thomas the apostle, for many, has been given the name "the doubter." Certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of the other apostles, did not fully understand the words of Scripture, that Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. Thomas overcame his doubts with the Lord's help and went on to give his life proclaiming Jesus as Lord. It is said that he went as far to the east as India! Perhaps his name should not be "doubting" Thomas, but "Getting it Done" Thomas. Or "Thomas the Tireless Traveler." Well, you get the point. There was more to Thomas than his doubt. We are also grateful for the consoling words that Thomas drew forth from Jesus: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Two thousand years after the resurrection, we have seen only with the eyes of faith the risen Lord, and we are invited to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."



**Sunday, April 12** *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

4:30pm (Sat) For the Intentions of Alicia Trejo  
 8:00am Joseph R. Washington † (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)  
 11:00am Helen B. Tyler †  
 7:00pm For the Intentions of Alicia Trejo

**Monday, April 13** *Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

7:00am Marcellina Marie Brooks †

**Tuesday, April 14**

7:00am Cheryl W. Ross † (12<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**Wednesday, April 15**

7:00am For the Intentions of David Elle Jones

**Thursday, April 16**

7:00am James David Rodgers † (46<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**Friday, April 17**

7:00am For the People

**Saturday, April 18**

8:00am Br. Marx Tyree, S.S.J. †  
 4:30pm Cheryl M. Luster (birthday)

**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:** Acts 4:23-31                      John 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37                      John 3:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26                      John 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33                      John 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42                      John 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7                      John 6:16-21

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 \* "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" LMGM # 315  
 \* \* "Rejoice!" LMGM #310

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting"

**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"

**Offertory**  
 \* "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LMGM #315  
 \* \* "Jesus Is the Resurrection" LMGM #680

**Communion**  
 \* "Jesus Is Here Right Now" LMGM #751  
 \* \* "Jesus in the Morning" LMGM #391

\* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
 \* \* 11:00am *Youth Choir – L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator*  
*Joshua Graf, Music Associate*  
*Liturgical Dancers – Gail Bell, Choreographer & Coordinator*

**Mass Attendance for April 8, 2012**

*I will praise you Lord with all my heart  
 In the assembly of the faithful  
 Psalm 111:1*

Holy Thursday—April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00pm	170
Good Friday—April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	184
Easter Vigil—April 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	203
Easter Sunday—April 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	191
	11:00am	672
	7:00pm	36
<b>Total:</b>		<b>2,148</b>

**Stewardship Report 2014—2015**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/5)	\$30,131
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$13,785

**THE LORD IS RISEN!** As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code **DC59** or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or at: [pam@hccscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hccscchurch.org). It's FREE and convenient!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (4/12)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Name Society mtg 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (4/15)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (4/13)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (4/17)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (4/14)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (4/18)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 11:00am Knights of St John's Ladies 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 THIS WEEKEND**—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**—The second Sunday we invite you to bring nutritious and **non-perishable** high protein canned foods (tuna, meats, fruit, stews, and peanut butter) to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items. 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.

**ATTENTION** **SUNDAY CONFESSIONS**—In addition to hearing confessions prior to Mass, Msgr. Pope will also hear confessions after each Mass.

**MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION MEETING**—the Parish Council and Chairpersons of all Parish Ministries & Organizations will meet on **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the rectory basement. Each chairperson should ensure their ministry or organization is represented. Refreshments will be served. **PLEASE call the rectory to RSVP!!**

 **CATHOLIC PRIDE**—Would you like to demonstrate your pride of being Christian? This beautiful crucifix is available in the Candlelight store. **Cost: \$10.**

**2015 ANNUAL MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES**—Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the annual Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sun., June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.** Married couples preparing to celebrate one of these specific anniversaries and want to attend the Mass at the Basilica **must submit your names to the rectory by Mon., April 13<sup>th</sup>.** Questions? Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**—The latest book by Msgr. Charles Pope, **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**, seeks to explore the deeper meaning of each of the Ten Commandments. Msgr. Pope draws extensively from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and seeks to address questions many people have about the Commandments. Copies available in the Candlelight store. **Cost: \$6.**



**OUR VERY OWN ROBERT PERSON'S NEW CD, LOVE DIVINE**, is available in the Candlelight Store for \$10 (and online at iTunes and CDBaby). For more information, to hear his music, and view his videos, visit [www.roberteperson.com](http://www.roberteperson.com).

**CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER CELEBRATION**—The University of Maryland invites current and former Catholic Terps, friends, and family to the Catholic Student Center's **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Sat., April 25<sup>th</sup>.** This event begins with Mass at 5pm, followed by dinner, a raffle and more! For tickets visit: [CatholicTerps.org](http://CatholicTerps.org). For more info, contact Laura Williams at: [laura.williams622@gmail.com](mailto:laura.williams622@gmail.com).

**Youth Ministry News**

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**THANK YOU** to all the youth and adults who helped make the Easter Youth Pageant a seasonal event to remember.

**YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO "JOSEPH"** at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, on **Sat., June 20<sup>th</sup>.** **COST:** \$125 (13 & above); \$65 (3-12). **Deposit of \$25 due.** Contact Shirley Austin at 202-368-7231. Adults are welcome also!

**HCSC YOUTH RETREAT**—April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, Baltimore, MD. **We need your registration as soon as possible. COST: \$55 age 12 and above; \$25 age 11 and under.** See flyer in rear of Church for details!

**YOUTH BIRTHDAYS—ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!** If you have a birthday in the months of March, April or May and you would like it listed in the next HCSC Youth Ministry Newsletter please submit your name, the day, and month of your birthday to the Youth Director.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ [YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hscchurch.org)

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**—DCCATHOLIC Series on Marriage, April 7—May 12 at **Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle, Tuesdays 6—8pm.** Topic for April 14: ***"The Things Nobody Tells You About Sex, Intimacy & Marriage."*** All young adults (21 yrs. and over) are invited for Happy Hour from 6-7pm, with presentation and Q/A to follow from 7—8pm.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at [sakeene@gmail.com](mailto:sakeene@gmail.com).

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! 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](mailto:yam@hscchurch.org). **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

**Thanks** The HCSC Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in our Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser. We thank you for your continued support.

**DEFEND LIFE**—If you are a single person desiring a great marriage, or someone desiring a great marriage for your children, relatives, or friends, come hear Fr. Thomas G. Morrow, STD, Author, EWTN Guest, & Radio Host, on the topic: ***Christian Courtship in an Oversexed World.*** Fr. Morrow will speak here at HCSC on **Thurs., April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.** For more info, visit [www.DefendLife.Org](http://www.DefendLife.Org).

**PARISH CONNECTIONS**—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:  
Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

