



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:

Monsignor Pope is encouraging parishioners to make a commitment to **First Saturday Devotions** which were designated for five consecutive months from March thru July. At the heart of this devotion is the Request of Our Lady, Mary, in **celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions** 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 May, June, and July**. Your commitment also includes praying the rosary communally after that Mass and going to confession within the first week of each month. If you can't make all three months then come when you can. Flyers with more details on this devotion are available in the rear of the church.

CAG OPENS NEW FACILITY: Please join the HCSC COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (CAG) in celebrating the Grand Opening of their newly-built multi-purpose facility, named after one of the founders, Harold Gordon, located at 124—15th St., S.E. The event is **Fri., April 28th**, with a ribbon-cutting at 10am, followed by a tour of the building.

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. If you are celebrating an anniversary or know of a parish couple celebrating one of these milestones, please **contact the rectory (202-546-1885) by Mon., April 10th**.

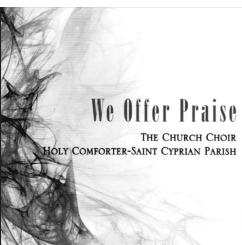
BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: If you have an infant or young child that needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the rectory office (202-546-1885). Parents will be required to attend a baptismal preparation class prior to the baptism.

I'M NOT TEXTING, I'M PRAYING! is the slogan for the



new MyParish App, that allows you to connect with your parish. Stay up-to-date with what is going on in our parish throughout the week. With the myParish app you can receive parish messages, read bulletins, and listen to homilies. Enjoy useful faith-building resources to complement your daily faith life, such as, daily Mass readings, submit prayer requests, reminders to silence your phone before Mass, schedule Confession, prayer time, a full list of traditional Catholic prayers, and much more. Pick up a flyer with details in the rear of the church or visit MyParishApp.com to download to your phone.

HCSC BULLETINS ONLINE: Did you know that we post our bulletins for up to a year on our website (www.hcscchurch.org)? So, if you are away from church, you can still know what is happening at the parish. Visit our website and find out what you've been missing!



HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY CD "We Offer Praise" is now available on popular download and streaming sites worldwide:

- ⇒ iTunes • <http://apple.co/2aOeJwY>
- ⇒ Amazon • <http://amzn.to/2axHd9x>
- ⇒ GooglePlay • <http://bit.ly/2aqflzz>
- ⇒ Spotify • <http://bit.ly/2aOmxiw>

CD's still available in the Candlelight Store **COST: \$10!**

BOOKS BY THE PASTOR—Msgr. Charles Pope!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS seeks to explore the deeper meaning of each of God's 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**



300 QUESTIONS addresses the out-pouring of inquiries presented by Catholics and non-Catholics alike regarding the Christian faith in God. Copies are available in the Candlelight Store. *Limited supply!* **COST: reduced to \$3**

PARISH TRAVEL PLANS

2017 ITALY PILGRIMAGE—SPACE STILL AVAILABLE: HCSC Parish is hosting an 11-day pilgrimage to Italy (to include Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, Rome and more) on **Nov. 6—16, 2017**. Msgr. Pope, Deacon Cyrus and other local clergy will be traveling with the group. Contact: Debbie Vanzego (202-408-4641 or dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com.)

HCSC SODALITY HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE—DEADLINE EXTENDED: 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. **NEW DEADLINE: April 23rd**. For more details and reservation information, see flyer in rear of the church or contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).

FRIENDLY SENIORS CRUISE LUNCHEON—is **Wed., June 21st** from 9:15am—5:30pm. Come join HCSC Friendly Seniors for a delicious seafood lunch and cruise on a paddleboat up the Choptank River. **COST: \$70 (includes transportation and luncheon cruise)**. For more information, call Doris Edelin (301-350-2697) or the Rectory Office (202-546-1885).

FRIENDLY SENIORS UPCOMING ANNUAL EVENT—AFTERNOON OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP: Join other Seniors on **Wed., April 26th** from **11:30am—2:30pm** in the Youth Room at the School (15th & East Capitol Streets). A variety of games and refreshments will be available. Call 202-546-1885 or pick up a flyer in the rear of the church and **RSVP by Mon., April 24th**.

THE WORD AMONG US: April/May issues are available in the Candlelight Store. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!* **COST: \$2.**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENT—ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: **Save the Date, Sun., June 18th, from 9—10am.** Come join the HCSC Holy Name Society for their Father's Day Breakfast at the City Center Public Charter School (15th & East Capitol Streets, S.E.). Remember to do something special for your father.



CHRISTIAN PRIDE: You've seen them worn proudly by some HCSC parish members. You can also demonstrate your Christian pride to the world with this beautiful crucifix available in the Candlelight store. **Cost: \$10.**

28TH ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL: The Youth Committee of the East of the River Revival will hold a “Meet-and-Greet” on Sat., April 29th, 10am—1pm at Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Ave., NE. This meeting is for youth ages 6 through high school interested in working with the planning committee for the youth segment of the revival. Breakfast will be provided and activities are planned. Parents/Guardians or Youth Ministers must accompany youth. No drop-offs. For more information, contact Shirley Austin (202-368-7231).

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS (NBCC) - is a 4-day rejuvenating gathering of bishops, priests, and Catholic lay men and women, **July 6—9, 2017**. This event offers dynamic speakers and presenters, explores strategies for deepening our faith, and renews our zeal for evangelization. Inspiring workshops, uplifting liturgies and opportunities to share your faith. Retreat opportunities for men, woman and priests. **Including a vibrant track for youth!** For more information and to register, go to: www.nbcongress.org/congress-xii.html.

HCSC MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS

Call the Rectory Office for Contact Information

Altar Guild: Devoted to the care and cleaning of the church and sanctuary. Cleans the sacred vessels and coordinates the liturgical supplies.

Altar Servers: Assist clergy and congregation in Liturgical celebrations.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Assists at Mass by distributing both species of Communion. Also, assist priests and deacons in serving the needs of the elderly, sick and homebound community by taking Holy Communion to them.

Faith Formation/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): Provides catechetical teachings for new parishioners who are becoming Catholic or need further education of the faith.

Finance Council: Assist the Pastor in financial development, management, forecasting, investing, capital development, and safeguarding of assets to assure financial stability and growth of the Parish.

Friendly Seniors: A weekly fellowship of seniors in the parish and community for evangelization, bible study and social activities.

Holy Name Society: A spiritual group of lay men dedicated to the praise and respect of the most Holy Name of God. Called to lead lives of devotion and reverence centered on the Eucharist, members are challenged to become models of hope, and make present in each individual their unique revelation of Christ as he continues his spiritual journey towards Christian manhood.

Knights of Columbus: Catholic men and their families – dedicated and caring; serving the church, our community, our country, and our fellowman – working together for a better tomorrow.

Ladies of Charity: This organization provides services to our parishioners and neighbors who are in need of food and clothing and other needs.

HCSC Ministry Descriptions (cont'd)

Lectors Ministry: Adults and youth who proclaim Scripture readings at Mass with relevance, understanding and clarity. You should have a clear speaking voice and feel comfortable and speak with confidence before people.

Liturgical Dance Ministry: Provides praise and worship through dance at Sunday Mass and other parish celebrations.

Masters of Ceremony (MCs): Train altar servers and provide direction to them during worship services. See Altar Servers.

Music Ministry: Participates in communal celebration of faith in the parish. This ministry adds a dimension of meaning and spirit and a communication of faith and ideals which contributes to and enhances the celebration of word and sacrament. Open to both youth and adult singers.

Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumni: Members support the Oblate Sisters of Providence through fundraising and other events.

Parish Pastoral Council: Organized to inspire, support, and encourage the growth of parish activities and evaluate the effectiveness of achieving our parish goals.

Religious Education (Sunday School): Providing catechetical teaching for our young parishioners and coordinate our weekly “Liturgy of the Word” for children during 11AM Mass on Sundays. Also prepares our young parishioners for sacraments.

Social Concerns: Provides spiritual, emotional and financial support to those in need. Coordinates the food pantry, prepare and serve lunch at S.O.M.E.; prepares Christmas food baskets and emergency financial assistance.

Sodality: Promotes a greater devotion to Our Lord through veneration of His Blessed Mother, and to provide a medium through which Sodalists may experience a deeper and more intimate relationship with God in their daily lives. The Society holds monthly meetings and Days of Reflection.

Sound & Recording Ministry: Set up and conduct sound mixing, recording and dubbing equipment prior to 11:00 Sunday Mass, and special services when requested. Also produces the weekly homily via CD.

Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality (Adult & Youth): Greets parishioners and guests and assists them when they enter the church. Ushers distribute the weekly church bulletins, provide assistance to the pastoral staff and take up the offering. They manage and maintain the Candlelight Store.

Women’s Ministry: Provides an opportunity for the women of HCSC parish and community to be ministered to spiritually, emotionally, physically and mentally through retreats, monthly fellowship and prayer partnership.

Young Adult Ministry: A relatively new ministry dedicated to parishioners between the ages of 18 and 40. A ministry to serve the spiritual needs of this growing and important part of our parish community.

Youth Ministry: Assist youth with enhancing their spiritual growth; achieve academic excellence; give back to the community; and attaining their personal goals by coordinating both spiritual and social activities.