

EASTER SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood, who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "The one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev (1:5-8). Today we acknowledge Jesus' triumph over death. Just when all seemed a total loss, the disciples experienced his resurrected glory. To those of us who remain faithful, Jesus' story is our story too. Whatever our crosses, disappointments, trials or set-backs, the truth is that troubles don't last always. The Book of Psalms reminds us, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come with the morning light." (Ps 30:5). The Easter message is one of victory for us. Whatever situation you may be going through just say, I'll rise! Tell Satan, "Victory is mine!" Address every fear with the words of an old song: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow! This is the feast of Jesus' victory and ours too. Rejoice today that you're on the winning team!



Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

8:00am Brandon McMickens (birthday-April 19th)

11:00am Helen B. Tyler †

7:00pm Joseph Bailey †

Monday, April 17

7:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †

Tuesday, April 18

7:00am John N. Graham † (birthday)

Wednesday, April 19

7:00am Barbara Battle †

Thursday, April 20

7:00am Jasmine Johnson (birthday)

Friday, April 21

7:00am For the People

Saturday, April 22

8:00am Virgie M. Hamilton † (birthday)

4:30pm Alice N. Thornton † (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 2:14, 22-33

Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41

John 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10

Luke 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26

Luke 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12

John 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21

Mark 16:9-15



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. 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. **Our next witness event is Sat., April 29th at 10:30am.** Questions? Contact P24community@gmail.com or Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hcschurch.org.

Mass Attendance for April 9, 2017

4:30pm	47
8:00am	154
11:00am	401
7:00pm	139
Total:	741

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/20)	\$25,421
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$9,075



THE LORD IS RISEN! As disciples of

Christ, 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 and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic tithing through **Faith Direct**. It's **FREE** and convenient! You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church **code DC59** or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hcschurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/16)

7:00pm Mass

8:00pm AA

Monday (4/17)

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday (4/18)

5:00pm Rectory Closes Early

6:30pm Finance Council

Wednesday (4/19)

5:00pm Rectory Closes Early

Thursday (4/20)

5:00pm Rectory Closes Early

Friday (4/21)

5:00pm Rectory Closes Early

Saturday (4/22)

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.

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PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS TO—Francois Daniels, Maurice Gordon, Sr., Joan Patterson and Carl White who were Baptized at the Easter Vigil. Also during the Vigil, **Marcellus Shepard** was Confirmed. May God bless each of them in their journey of faith. May the power of Christ in his Sacraments be a transformative reality for each of you.

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 16th, and **will resume on Sunday, April 23rd** at 9:30am.

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will be closed **Easter Monday, April 17th**, and will reopen **Tuesday, April 18th**.

NOTE: The rectory office will close at 5pm on April 18, 19, 20 and 21. We will resume normal office hours the following week (April 24-28).

FRIENDLY SENIORS will not meet Wednesday, April 19th and **will resume Wednesday, April 26th**.



To everyone who gave of their time to help decorate the church and the liturgical ministers who helped make our Easter a joyous and beautiful celebration. Also, to all who donated to the **Lenten Share in Hope Food Drive** this year. One thousand bags of non-perishable food items were collected and shared with local area food banks and our own food pantry.



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) - is an interfaith non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and shelters the homeless. S.O.M.E. provide 3-meals a day, 7-days a week, 365 days a year. The HCSC Ministries prepare lunch every 4th Saturday for approx. 340 homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer in rear of church for recipe or visit our website) for Sat., April 22nd. Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by close of business on Thurs., April 20th or Fri., April 21th. Volunteers are also needed to serve and clean-up, but the most urgent need is the donation of prepared chicken so that the meal is assured. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Classes are held **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** in the rectory for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for those non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This also includes adult Catholics who have missed receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit from these instructions and formation. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? If you are visiting our church and are interested in joining, stop by our rectory office located next to the church or call at 202-546-1885 for registration information.

Youth Ministry News

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

HCSC-SINGLETERARY EDUCATION AWARDS: Are you a registered member of HCSC? Are you a 2017 graduating high school senior? Are you active in church activities and involved in community service? Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or better? Are you going to apply to a college, technical or trade school in 2017-2018? Then you might be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC-Singletonary Education Fund. The first award is \$4,000; the second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. This one-time award will be issued to the institution you enroll at next fall. Go to the parish website (www.hscchurch.org) for application information. **Application Deadline: May 28th.**

Our Youth Ministry has much to offer!! Liturgical Dancers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Youth Choir, Youth Ushers, Youth Retreats and much more. Contact Nicki for information on becoming active in the parish. We are also looking for adult volunteers who want to work with the youth ministry.

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 **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)

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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

