

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18



The Gospel today draws us deeper into resurrection themes. It opens with some of the apostles gathered having heard news of the resurrection. The women have seen Jesus, the disciples returning from Emmaus have seen him, and Peter has just seen him. Forgetful, it would seem, of His promise to rise in three days, they who have not seen remain confused, troubled, and trying to process everything. But in the midst of all this, Jesus appears and, in effect, celebrates a Mass with them. It is this Liturgy that reorders their life and sets them on the right path. First there is a gathering rite. The apostles are gathered, though shaken, they are at least gathered. And where two or more are gathered, there is Jesus in the midst of them. He then celebrates a kind of penitential rite asking, "Why are you troubled...why do questions arise in your heart?...Look and see that I, the Lord, am with you." He also celebrates a kind of Liturgy of the Word, reminding them of everything written of him in the Law and prophesized by the prophets. He opens their minds to an understanding of the Scriptures. He also eats with them in a kind of Eucharistic meal. While the baked fish may not remind us moderns of the Eucharist, the symbol of the fish did in fact remind the early Christians of the Eucharistic food because the Ichthus (Greek for fish) was used as an acronym and meant: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. Finally, having reordered their lives and reassured them, he sends them forth in a kind of dismissal rite saying, "You are witnesses of these things, repentance for the forgiveness of sins is to be preached to all the nations...." How about you? How does the Lord use the Mass each Sunday to reorder your life?



Sunday, April 19

4:30pm (Sat) Cheryl M. Luster (birthday)
 8:00am For the Intentions of Richard Bennett
 11:00am Savannah Blu Holton (baptized)
 7:00pm For the Intentions of Alicia Trejo

Monday, April 20

7:00am Brenda Y. Young (birthday)

Tuesday, April 21 *St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Alice N. Thornton † (birthday April 22)

Wednesday, April 22

7:00am Virgie M. Hamilton † (birthday)

Thursday, April 23 *Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr*

7:00am For the repentance of sinners

Friday, April 24 *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*

7:00am Floyd Bennett †

Saturday, April 25 *Saint Mark, Evangelist*

8:00am For the People

4:30pm For the Intentions of Alicia Trejo

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 6:8-15 John 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1 John 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8 John 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20

Music Schedule

Processional
 * "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LMGM #309
 ** "Rejoice" LMGM #310
Responsorial Psalm
 "Lord, let your face shine on us."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "We Walk by Faith" LMGM #550
 ** "There Is No Greater Love" arr. by K. Louis
Communion Hymn
 "O How I Love Jesus" LMGM #365
 * 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for April 12, 2015

4:30pm	39
8:00am	129
11:00am	237
7:00pm	62
Total:	467

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/12)	\$14,512
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,834

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 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. It's FREE and convenient!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/19) 9:30am Ladies of Charity 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/22) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Usher Board 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (4/20) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (4/23) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (4/21) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (4/24) 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (4/25) 9:30am Women's Ministry 9:00am S.O.M.E. 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO: *Alexandra Dawn Ward—O'Connor and Maxwell Chidube Anekwe* who were Baptized last Sunday. May God bless both of them in their journey of faith. *Christopher Grier—Blount* will receive his First Holy Communion today. God Bless you Christopher and may His blessings continue to shine upon you.



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

WEDNESDAY PM BIBLE STUDY—The Wednesday night Bible Study resumes **Wed., April 22nd** at **7pm** in the rectory basement. Our topic for the next few weeks will be: *“Everything you ever wanted to know about heaven but never dreamed of asking.”* All are invited to join us.

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed—HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare and/or distribute meals at S.O.M.E. located at 71 “O” St., NW, on **Sat., April 25th**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer in rear of the church for recipe). Drop off your non-frozen chicken at the rectory before close of business on Fri., April 24th. Questions? Call Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763.



WOMEN’S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP—on **Sat., April, 25th** at the school. Doors will open at **9:30am**. **All women are invited.** Come and see what we are about! For more information contact June Johnson (301-529-7114), or Linda Simpson (301-735-6432).



MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION MEETING—the Parish Council and Chairpersons of all Parish Ministries & Organizations will meet on **Monday, April 27th** 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!!**

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY PLANT & HERB SALE—April 25, 9am-6pm and April 26, 8am-3pm. Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St., NE. Herbs & vegetables, flowers, shrubs, food & craft vendors.

2015 CARDINAL’S APPEAL - Thank you to all who have pledged in the 2015 Cardinal’s Appeal to assist the diocese in caring for the needy and the poor. Currently we are 63% of our goal. 109 donors have pledged \$34,455. We are a bit behind this year due to a snowy February when the Appeal is conducted. Please, take some time now to make a pledge if you have not done so. Envelopes are available in the back of church or from an usher.

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

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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LEADERS INSPIRED TO EVANGELIZE—Attention youth entering grades 10 through 12! The Archdiocese of Washington sponsors *Leaders Inspired To Evangelize (LITE)*, a five-day/four-night program (June 28—July 2, 2015) focusing on evangelization and leadership development of Catholic youth. For more information contact the Youth Ministry Director. **Spaces are limited.**

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

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 Ministry Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ 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 21: *Marriage Q&A with Cardinal Wuerl*. Submit a question at: adw.org/tot. Young adults (21 yrs. and over) are invited for Happy Hour from 6-7pm, with presentation and Q/A to follow 7—8pm.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday at 8pm in the rectory. Contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

CONTRA & SWING DANCE DINNER—Meet other young adults from the DC area! St. Veronica Catholic Church (Parish Hall), Chantilly, VA, **Sat., April 25th**. Dinner: 6—8pm; Dance: 8pm—Midnight. Cost: \$22 for Dinner/Dance (tickets must be bought online by 6pm, Thur., April 23rd) **OR** \$5 for Dance only. Sponsored by St. Veronica Young Adults. Contact stveronicaya@gmail.com. Young adults in their 20’s and 30’s welcome!

We’d like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out *HCSC Young Adults Ministry* on **Facebook** or follow us on Twitter for updates at *HCSCYoungAdults!*

ST. MARGARET’S ANNUAL BAZAAR & FLEA MARKET Come sell, shop, and eat on **Sat., May 2nd** from **9am—6pm** at St. Margaret’s, 410 Addison Road South, Capitol Heights, MD. Vendor registration begins this weekend and the table fee is \$20. Questions? Call 301-336-3115.

SUMMER CAMP!! OPEN HOUSE at CAMP ST. CHARLES—Meet the counselors, tour the waterfront property, meet other camp families, have lunch, and get an idea of the program. Register for the **May 17th** Open House and learn more at: campstcharles.org.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
Fr. Pope’s Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope’s Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

