

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8



The Gospel today presents our Lord Jesus as the Good Shepherd with some of the following qualities. First, he is the **PASSIONATE Shepherd**. The text says that he lays down his life for his Sheep. He undergoes a passion for us. Now ask yourself of anyone else who desires your loyalty and affection, did they die for you? Jesus is the only one who died for you and thus he deserves your greatest loyalty. Next he is a **PARTICULAR Shepherd**. He is not like other shepherds who only look out for themselves. If there is no profit in being your shepherd they will run off and abandon the sheep. Jesus will be there and is willing to give his life for you because he cares for you more than for himself. He is a **PERSONAL Shepherd**. He says he knows his sheep. He knows everything about you. He knows you better than you know yourself. He knows what is good about you and what is bad and he still loves you. He is a **PERSISTENT Shepherd**. He knows the other sheep too and will not rest until they are all accounted for. He is a **POWERFUL Shepherd** who has the power to lay down his life and take it up again. He doesn't only die for you but he lives for you too. He alone has that power.



Sunday, April 26 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

4:30pm (Sat) For the intentions of Alicia Trejo
 8:00am Ernestine Phillips †
 11:00am Flossie Phillips †
 7:00pm For the intentions of Alicia Trejo

Monday, April 27

7:00am Eric Jackson, Sr. † (4th anniversary)

Tuesday, April 28 *Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr*

7:00am For the intentions of Ruby Rodgers

Wednesday, April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Dr. of Church*

7:00am Frank & Theresa James (18th wedding anniv.)

Thursday, April 30 *Saint Pius V, Pope*

7:00am Frank James (birthday)

Friday, May 1 *Saint Joseph, the Worker*

7:00am Jabari H. Outtz † (birthday)

Saturday, May 2 *St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm For the intentions of Alicia Trejo

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 11:1-18 John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5 John 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

Music Schedule

Processional
 * "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LMGM #309
 ** "Rejoice" LMGM #310
Responsorial Psalm
 "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "For God So Loved the World" L. Wolfe
 ** "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" LMGM #674
Communion
 "One Bread, One Body" LMGM #760
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for April 19, 2015

4:30pm 28
 8:00am 116
 11:00am 288
 7:00pm 065
Total: 497

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/19)	\$17,350
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$1,004

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: pam@hccscchurch.org. It's **FREE** and convenient!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/26)
 9:30am RCIA
 9:30am Sunday School
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA

Monday (4/27)
 6:30pm Min. & Organ. meeting
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (4/28)
 6:30pm Youth Ensemble
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (4/29)
 11:00am Friendly Seniors
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 7:00pm Bible Study

Friday (5/1)
 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
 8:00pm NA

Saturday (5/2)
 10:00am Liturgical Dance
 4:30pm Mass

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



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



BLESSINGS to *Savannah Blu Holton* who was Baptized into the family of Jesus Christ on April 19th. May God bless her in her journey of faith.



The following youth will celebrate **First Holy Communion** this Sunday at the 11am Mass: *Bronwyn Burns; DeOnna Copeland; Zuri Lancaster; Julian Perez; Nicolette Wilkins; and Nikaih Young*. They received Reconciliation earlier in the year. Please pray that these youth, with their parents' help, may make this the first communion of a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew John Taylor and Cristina Marie Ramos Pujols who received the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on April 17th here at HCSC. May God bless their union and keep them strong in their faith.

MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION MEETING—the Parish Council and Chairpersons of all Parish Ministries & Organizations will meet **Mon., April 27th at 6:30pm** in the rectory basement. Each chairperson should ensure their ministry or organization is represented. Refreshments will be served. **PLEASE RSVP to the rectory on 202-546-1885.**

NAME CORRECTION: We had an incorrect name for our new member **Janet Jones-Berry** who was Confirmed and received First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.



NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP OF WASHINGTON—Father Mario Dorsonville has been named by Pope Francis as Auxiliary Bishop to Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl. He will serve as vice president for mission for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington and as director of the Spanish Catholic Center.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY TRAINING—in the rectory basement **Saturday, May 9th from 10am to 12pm**. Flyer in vestibule. Questions? Call Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—resumes **Fri., May 1st, at 6pm** in the church and will be **hosted by the Sodality**. **All parishioners are invited to attend.** Details have been provided to each ministry leader inviting them to select a Friday to host. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend some quality time with Jesus!



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

CHRISTIANS IN SYRIA—Join Archbishop Jean-Clement Jeanbart, archbishop of Aleppo, Syria, to pray and show support for the persecuted and displaced Christians of Syria on **Fri., May 1st at 7pm** at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy Street, NE. For more information, visit: Aid to the Church in Need (www.acnusa.org) or the Franciscan Monastery (www.myfranciscan.org). The presentation will also be live streamed at www.myfranciscan.org/live.

Youth Ministry News

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CONGRATULATIONS!! Renard Blanchard, Jr., Natalie Goffney, Kayla Scott, and Tarrin Weston who receive the Saint Timothy Award from the Office of Youth Ministry/Catholic Youth Organization. Award details will appear in the HCSC Youth Newsletter May edition.

MANY THANKS—to all the youth and youth leaders who attended the annual “Walk in the Light Youth Retreat.” Check out our May Youth Newsletter for photos and reflections from our day at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!! The Youth Ministry will participate in the **May Procession on May 3rd**. We invite all our youth to come and march with us. See flyer for info.

LEADERS INSPIRED TO EVANGELIZE—Attention all youth entering grades 10 through 12! The Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring **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!

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 28: “What Qualities Should I Look for in a Spouse?”** 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.

HCSC YAM would like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD AND THE VIRGINS OF MARATA present a concert **In Honor of The Year of Consecrated Life: “A Song for the Bridegroom.”** This **FREE** concert will be in the church **Sun., May 3rd at 5pm** featuring Gregorian pieces written or arranged by female religious composers throughout the centuries.

BLESSED ART THOU—a *Women’s Conference Focused on Domestic Violence and Life Issues* presented at Josephite Pastoral Center, 1200 Varnum St., NE, **Sat., May 16th, 8am—4:30pm**. Speaker: Renesia Martin, author of *“Don’t Hit My Momma”*. **COST: \$35** includes registration, materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Register at www.josephitepastoralcenter.org or call Cheryl Holley on 202-526-9270.