

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:14, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10



The Gospel today speaks to us of how better to see Jesus, to have our eyes opened. Interestingly enough the answer is the Mass. For this gospel has the form of a Mass. There is a gathering of two disciples just as we gather for Mass. And sure enough, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt 18:20). As Jesus walks with them he engages them in a sort of Penitential Rite as he inquires as to what they are discussing and doing. So too for us, we are asked to reflect on what we are doing and saying at the beginning of Mass. Then comes the Liturgy of the Word where Jesus draws from Scripture and explains its meaning to them. So too for us in the Mass as the readings and the homily break open God's Word. Next, Jesus sits at table, breaks the Bread, says the blessing and gives it to them. This is for us done in the celebration of Holy Communion. With all this, their eyes are opened and they recognize him. How? In effect, by the celebration of the Mass. It is the same for us. One last thing—they run to tell others what they have experienced, which is exactly what you are asked to do when the Deacon says, "The Mass is ended, go in peace."

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 30

8:00am Helen B. Tyler †
11:00am Stanlie Marie Barton †
7:00pm Steven Scully †

Monday, May 1

7:00am Jabari H. Outtz † (birthday)

Tuesday, May 2

7:00am DeVeel Clark † (birthday)

Wednesday, May 3

7:00am For the People

Thursday, May 4

7:00am Lucy Jones † (birthday-May 5th)

Friday, May 5

7:00am Brenda R. Brown (birthday)

Saturday, May 6

8:00am James O. Neale † (50th anniversary)
4:30pm Joseph Bailey †

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 6:8-15 John 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1 John 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 John 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69



Hope After Abortion: Day of Prayer and Healing for Women: Have you experienced shame, sadness, regret, or guilt after abortion? You are not alone.

Any woman who has gone through the abortion experience is invited to attend an *Entering Canaan* Day of Prayer and Healing on **Saturday, May 13th**. You will find the Sacraments, a caring retreat team, a witness talk, and a non-judgmental atmosphere that will help you to heal from shame and other negative emotions that come after abortion. The exact location is confidential due to the personal nature of this experience. For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, at 301-982-2008 or hope@adw.org. Registration is required by May 5.

Mass Attendance for April 23, 2017

4:30pm 47
8:00am 108
11:00am 295
7:00pm 113
Total: 563

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/23)	\$18,148
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$1,802



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 demonstrates how many of you answer that call requiring not only gifts of time and talent, but also financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic tithing through **Faith Direct**. It's **FREE**, convenient, and you automatically receive your contribution statement at the end of the year! Sign up at www.faithdirect.net using our **church code DC59**, or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church, or in the rectory office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hccschurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/30) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (5/3) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (5/1) 6:30pm Parish Council meeting 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (5/5) 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
Tuesday (5/2) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (5/6) 8:00am First Saturday Mass 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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2017:

The following youth will celebrate their First Holy Communion this Sunday, **April 30th** at the **11am Mass: *Tristan J. Blackwell; Shantal Estrada; Micah A. French; Gabrielle S. Lewis; Tyreik L. Reese; Aaron X. Taylor; Jeremiah A. Taylor;*** and ***Omar Q. Wilkins, Jr.*** They received Reconciliation earlier this week. Please pray that these youth, with their parents' help, may make this first communion a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday. The Catechist are: Mrs. Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education; Mrs. Natleen Chance; and Sister Corredemptrix.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:

All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, May 5th, 6—7pm**. The **Holy Name Society** will serve as host. Come spend some quality time with Jesus in the church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:

In honor of the Virgin Mother Mary and the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, Msgr. Pope has asked us to host First Saturday Devotions to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world. **The next date is Saturday, May 6th**. You are invited to attend the **8am Mass**, pray the rosary communally after that Mass, and go to confession within the first week of the month. Please prayerfully consider making a commitment. Flyers with details are available in the rear of the church.

2017 ADW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

As their May Fellowship, the HCSC Women's Ministry will participate in **"Occasions of Grace - Encountering God's Grace in Day-to-Day Life"** sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington. Please join us at Catholic University Pryzbyla Center on **Sat., May 20th, 8:30am to 4pm** (includes Mass). Keynote speaker: ValLimar Jansen, an inspirational/catechetical speaker, singer, composer and recording artist. You must register online: adw.org/womensconference. **Registration fee: \$40** includes lunch and access to faith-based exhibitors. **Deadline: Wed., May 10th**. Questions? Contact Debbie McDonald (301-853-4466). See flyers in the rear of the Church.

INFANT BAPTISM CLASS:

If you have an infant or toddler in need of baptism, please contact June Johnson in the rectory (202-546-1885). You must register to attend the class, **Sat., May 13th at 1pm** in the rectory basement.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS (NBCC)

is a 4-day rejuvenating gathering of bishops, priests, and Catholic lay men and women, **July 6—9**. 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. This event **includes a vibrant track for youth!** For more information and to register, go to: www.nbccongress.org/congress-xii.html.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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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. **Application Deadline: May 28th**. For application information and to apply, go to: www.hscchurch.org or <https://sites.google.com/site/hscsingletonaryeducationfund>

TEA PARTY with the BLESSED MOTHER: For Girls Ages 3 thru 18. **"Dress to Impress", Sat., May 6th, St. Luke's Church Hall, 4925 E. Capital St., SE, 1pm—3pm.** Please bring a canned or boxed food item to enter this event.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hscchurch.org



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of the book *Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Heaven (but never dreamed of asking)* written by Dr. Peter Kreeft. The book

addresses such questions as: *What will we do in heaven? Will we wear clothes in heaven? Will we eat in heaven? Will we sleep in heaven?* Extra copies of the book are available in the Candlelight Store. *Limited supply.* 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!**

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Father's Day Breakfast, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, **Sun., June 18th, 9 to 11am** at Center City Public Charter School. **COST: \$10** per person. Tickets available at the Rectory or Holy Name Society member. No tickets sold at the door.

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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

