

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12



Many Christians have memorized the 23rd Psalm and joyfully recite it. Most consider its words deeply consoling and reassuring. Certainly this is true. But the 23rd Psalm is also a Psalm of Confession. In effect we are saying that since the Lord is my shepherd I follow only him and not another shepherd. Jesus declares in the Gospel today that his sheep follow him and that they will not follow the voice of another shepherd. In fact they will run from a false shepherd who they do not recognize! Are we like this? Are we as smart as sheep? Too often we not only fail to flee false shepherds we run after them and cling to them. We expose ourselves to all sorts of morally dangerous influences and enjoy the diversions and deviations of the world. If the Lord really is our Shepherd we will listen only to him, judge all other voices against his and run quickly from any voice that is not his. Is the Lord truly your Shepherd or just one voice among many that you heed?

FUNERAL: Thomas Louis Hawkins (May 8th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, May 7** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
8:00am Margaret Gordon †
11:00am Leola Greenfield †
7:00pm For the intentions of Sharon Johnson
- Monday, May 8**
7:00am Johnny Hamilton (birthday)
- Tuesday, May 9**
7:00am Eva Green †
- Wednesday, May 10** *St. Damien de Veuster, Priest*
7:00am For the People
- Thursday, May 11**
7:00am Tom Riehle †
- Friday, May 12** *Sts. Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras, Martyrs*
7:00am Ray C. Simpson † (29th anniversary)
- Saturday, May 13** *Our Lady of Fatima*
8:00am Steven Scully †
4:30pm Martha Lee Corley Hughes †

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 10:11-18
- 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!" LMG# #309
- Responsorial Psalm**
"The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want"
- Gospel Acclamation**
"Alleluia"
- Offertory**
"His name is wonderful" * LMG# #372
"He Reigns" ** Shekinah Glory
- Communion**
"I am the Bread of Life" * LMG# #755
"His name is wonderful" ** LMG# #372
- Post Communion**
"Ave Maria" * J.S. Bach/Gounod
"Hail Mary" **
- Recessional**
"He is Lord" ** LMG# #304

* 8:00am—Kenneth Springfield, Cantor—George Stewart, Director of Music
** 11:00am—Church Choir—George Stewart—Director of Music

Mass Attendance for April 30, 2017

4:30pm	44
8:00am	109
11:00am	359
7:00pm	109
Total:	621

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/30)	\$11,568
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$4,778



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@hscchurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Sunday (5/7)**
9:30am May Procession
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA
- Monday (5/8)**
8:00pm YAM Bible Study
- Tuesday (5/9)**
6:30pm Youth Ensemble
7:00pm Adult Choir
- Wednesday (5/10)**
11:00am Friendly Seniors
6:30pm Liturgical Dance
7:00pm Bible Study
- Thursday (5/11)**
6:30pm Knights of Columbus
- Saturday (5/13)**
10:00am Holy Name Society
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



BAPTIZED: Congratulations to three youth—**Omasirichukwu Angel Okoye; Andre Darnes McAllister, III;** and **Marquell Elijah Ross** who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **April 23rd**. May God bless them in their journey of faith.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2017: The final two youth of the 2017 class will celebrate First Holy Communion this Sunday, **May 7th** at the **11am Mass: Xzayvillys** and **Xzayvion Sparkman**. Please pray that these youth, with their parents' help, may also make this the first communion of a life-long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.

MAY PROCESSION: Congratulations to our **May Queen, Cameron Stewart** and her Court—**Summer Campbell** and **Sydney Nolan**. Thank you also to our **Statue Bearers—Rashaad Blanchard, Francois Daniels, Tyree Gilliam, and Joe Rubens, III**. Our First Communicants were also present in the Court. Thank you to all for helping us honor our Blessed Mother Mary.



Join us next Sunday, May 14th, to give thanks and bid farewell to Mr. Joshua Graf who has served as our accompanist for our Youth Choir. Josh has been with our music ministry for 10 years and has been providing his musical talents not only on the piano but also in his transcription of the music for the liturgies. Josh will be sorely missed but we are grateful for his time spent with our youth and our parish. A light reception will be held on the plaza following the 11am Mass.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Invite a friend!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter**) to Mass. Please do not bring cereal or perishable foods.

NOTE: The Rectory office over the next few weeks will fluctuate in its normal office hours. We will be closing early on Friday's at 5pm. And, we may have some shortened hours throughout the week. Please be sure to contact the office at 202-546-1885 before you come to the office to make sure it is open. We apologize for the inconvenience.

ANNUAL SALUTE TO SENIORS—is **Sat., June 3rd** at **12:30pm** at the school. All seniors are invited to this dinner and celebration. You must **RSVP by Sun., May 28th** (see flyer). Also, we will celebrate an **Anointing Mass of the Sick** at 11am in the church on June 3rd.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE: Corsages and spiritual gifts dedicated to mothers and grandmothers will be available for purchase after the **8am and 11am** Masses this Sunday. Proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

Youth Ministry News

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CONGRATULATIONS—to our very own **JADA FIELDS** who will receive the Archdiocese of Washington/CYO **Saint Timothy Youth Award** at the **Pastoral Center, Sun., May 7th** at **11AM**. The award presentation will include Mass.

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: visit "Parish News" under www.hscchurch.org or go directly to the application at <https://sites.google.com/site/hscsingletonaryeducationfund>

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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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. The final Catholic Date Night will meet on **Saturday, May 13th** from 6—7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in downtown Bethesda, MD. 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!**

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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.

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Fr. Pope's Blog: blog.adw.org

