

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21



Today's second reading gives us a way to go from being tombstones to living stones, in three stages. The first stage is the Call. The text says come to Jesus, a living stone, rejected by man but chosen by God and let yourself, like living stones, be built into a spiritual house. Notice the image of a stone. A stone has weight, substance, is no push over. But note the image of a living stone. And so, we who are alive are called to have the qualities of the stone, but are alive in Christ. Next, notice the Choice. The text says whoever believes shall not be put to shame.

Hence, we become living stones through faith. We have a choice to make, either we will chose Christ and grow into living stones, or we will just remain a tombstone. Finally, notice the Characteristics of we who become living stones.

Note that we have a pedigree for the text says we are a chosen race. We also have a priesthood for the text says we are a royal priesthood. We also have a place, for the text calls us a Holy Nation. The word holy means, called out to be different. So, we are in the world but not of the world. Lastly, we have a proclamation for the text says that we are to announce the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light.

FUNERAL: Mr. Norval Lacey (Friday, May 12th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, May 14 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00am Helen B. Tyler †
 11:00am Deceased Holton Family Members
 7:00pm Margaret Gordon †
Monday, May 15 *Saint Isidore*
 7:00am Peter Riehle †
Tuesday, May 16
 7:00am William R. Campbell †
Wednesday, May 17
 7:00am For the People
Thursday, May 18 *Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*
 7:00am Patricia Hines-Stafford † (birthday)
Friday, May 19
 7:00am Reba L. Neale † (birthday)
Saturday, May 20 *Saint Bernadine of Sierra, Priest*
 8:00am Joseph Campbell, Jr. †
 4:30pm Joseph Bailey †

If you want to place a mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21

MUSIC SCHEDULE

Processional
 I Know That My Redeemer Lives! * LMGM #309
 Rejoice! ** LMGM #310
Responsorial Psalm
 "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."
Offertory
 Plenty Good Room * LMGM #714
 Praise the Lord **
Communion Hymn
 God Will Take Care of You * LMGM #409
 The Body of Christ ** J. Robertson
Post Communion
 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman *
 Victory *** Yolanda Adams
 Ave Maria **
Recessional
 Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above ** LMGM #724

*Mary Johnson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 **Youth Choir – L'Tanya Holley, Director - Josh Graf, Accompanist
 ***Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

Mass Attendance for May 7, 2017

4:30pm 56
 8:00am 129
 11:00am 243
 7:00pm 109
Total: 537

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (5/7)	\$15,657
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$689



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 annual contribution statement! 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 (5/14) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (5/17) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (5/15) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (5/18) 7:00pm Confirmation
Tuesday (5/16) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (5/20) 8:30am Women's Min Fellowship 10:30am Social Concerns Min 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



CONFIRMATION: Seven of our youth will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thurs., May 18th** at 7pm at HCSC. They are: **Aidan Burns; Kursa Johnson; Kaosi Nuel-Ejiofor; Abigail Pierce; Joe Rubens, III; and Skye Washington.** Youth from St. Theresa of Avila, and Holy Family of Hillcrest Heights, MD, will also be confirmed.

The Mass will be officiated by **Bishop Bevard of the U.S. Virgin Islands.** All are welcome to attend and support our young people as they receive a special grace by which their faith is deepened and strengthened.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: We invite our youth and their parents to sit in the first few pews in front of the clergy at the 11am Mass.



Thank You to **Mr. Joshua Graf.** On **Sunday, May 14th** at the **11am Mass** we give thanks to Josh who has served as our accompanist for our Youth Choir and our music ministry for **10 years.** Josh has been providing his musical talents not only on the piano but also in his transcription of the music for the liturgies. We are grateful for his time spent with our youth and our parish. Please take a moment to thank Josh for his wonderful ministry to our youth.

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.

MAY PROCESSION: *Thank You* to the Sodality, the May Queen and her Court, the families, volunteers and all ministries who made our annual tribute to honor our Mother-in-Faith a beautiful celebration. May is the **"Month of Mary"** and is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world give to the Queen of Heaven." During May, please find time both at home and at church to pray the rosary and offer up to Mary from our hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

HCSC FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST hosted by the Holy Name Society, **June 18th, 9—10am,** at the school. **Tickets: \$10,** available from any Holy Name member, or the Rectory office.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: We need your donations to keep our canned food pantry stocked with **non-perishable** food for the needy. If you were unable to bring any canned food this weekend please consider making a donation to the "Poor Box" located at each entrance. Those funds are also used for this effort.

NOTE: Over the next few weeks the Rectory office will fluctuate its open hours. We will be closing early on Fridays at 5pm. And, we may have some shortened hours throughout the week. Before visiting the Rectory, please be sure to contact the office at 202-546-1885 to make sure it is open. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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HONORING HCSC GRADUATES: If you are a registered member of HCSC and graduating in 2017 from middle/high school, college or graduate school you will be recognized on **June 11th** at the **11am Mass.** See flyer for details.

HCSC-SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARDS: Are you a registered member of HCSC and active in church activities, as well as community service? Are you a 2017 graduating high school senior with a grade point average of 2.5 or better and plan 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-Singletary Education Fund. The first award is \$4,000; the second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. **Application Deadline: May 28th.** For application information and to apply: visit "Parish News" under www.hscchurch.org, or go directly to <https://sites.google.com/site/hscsingletaryeducationfund>

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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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!**

TRINITY DOME COLLECTION: Today, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we also remember Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. In the new Trinity Dome that displays the crown jewel of the mosaics at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Mary's place in the story of salvation is celebrated as we see her depicted with the Holy Trinity and a procession of saints. Today with our own mothers, we celebrate Mary as the spiritual mother of each person who, through Baptism, becomes a member of the body of her son, Jesus Christ. Please support this beautiful celebration of our faith by using the special collection envelopes in your pew to donate. Learn more about the project at TrinityDome.org.

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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 Thurs 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

