

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 and 4:1-13 Mark 16:15-20

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



The Solemnity of The Ascension is sometimes overlooked because it falls between two other major solemnities of the Church: the Resurrection and Pentecost. The fact that it was traditionally celebrated on a Thursday forty days after the Lord's resurrection also helped to obscure this great feast. The Ascension is important for at least two reasons. **First**, Christ's ascension into heaven completes his earthly mission. As he was "lifted up into the heavens," the humanity of Jesus enters into its divine glory and the gates of heaven are now opened for us. We have the hope that we too might go with him as he promised: "When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32). **Second**, the ascension of our Lord allows for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is this outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will give life to the Church and make it holy.



Sunday, May 17 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

4:30pm (Sat) Joseph Bailey †
 8:00am For the Intentions of Emma Wilson
 11:00am Deceased Holton Family Members
 7:00pm Lilia Jacob †

Monday, May 18 *Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*

7:00am For the Intentions of Our Confirmandees

Tuesday, May 19

7:00am Reba L. Neale † (birthday)

Wednesday, May 20 *Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

7:00am Ted Bailey †

Thursday, May 21 *St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs*

7:00am Joseph R. Washington †

Friday, May 22 *Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

7:00am James Clyde Walker † (33rd anniversary)

Saturday, May 23

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm For the Intentions of Agnes Chase

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 19:1-8 John 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21 John 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31 John 21:20-25
 Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 Exodus 19:3-8

Music Schedule

Processional
 "I Know that my Redeemer Lives" LMGM #309
 "Rejoice" LMGM #310
Responsorial Psalm
 "God mounts His throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Rejoice, the Lord is King" LMGM #349
 ** "Power in His Hands" L. Roberts
Communion
 "Taste and See" LMGM# 750
Marian Hymn
 "Immaculate Mary" LMGM #732
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for May 10, 2015

4:30pm	61
8:00am	138
11:00am	310
7:00pm	44
Total:	553

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (5/10)	\$14,893
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,453

CARDINAL'S APPEAL - We are significantly behind in pledges this year for the Cardinal's Appeal. As of last week we are at only 63% of our goal. 112 donors have pledged \$14,082. A snowy February really set us back. Please consider making a pledge today toward our goal of \$34,475. A pledge envelope can be obtained from an usher or at the tables in the back.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (5/17) 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (5/20) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Usher Board meeting 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (5/18) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (5/22) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (5/19) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (5/23) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cypryan 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



The **Last Class** for the school year is today, **May 17th**. The End-of-the-Year celebration will be Sunday, May 31st following the 11am Mass.



HCSC SINGLETARY EDUCATION FUND—the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund wants you to apply for the education fund. **Deadline Extension Mon., May 18th**. Please address questions to Jimmye Claire Walker in the rectory office (202-546-1885). Applications are still available online, in the rear of the church, and the rectory office.

PARISH CALENDARS ARE DUE!!!—Monday, May 18th. Ministry and organization leaders, please turn in your 2015-2016 calendars to the rectory office via email (hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or fax 202-544-1385. **Calendars are needed for the parish calendar meeting on Sat., May 30th, at 10am.**



SUMMER SEMINARIAN—Please welcome our seminarian, **Andrew Wakefield**, born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a graduate of Albion College, and earned a law and a master's degree from the University of Michigan. Andrew was active in the choir and served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Washington, DC. Be sure to let Andrew know how much we appreciate his vocation to God and His Church.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS—This Memorial Day come pray in loving memory of family, friends and fellow citizens who have given their lives for our freedom and begun their eternal destiny in Christ. Special outdoor Masses will be held on the sacred ground of the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington on **Mon., May 25th, at 10am**, at: All Souls Cemetery (Germantown, MD); Gate of Heaven Cemetery (Silver Spring, MD); Mt. Olivet Cemetery (NE, WDC); and Resurrection Cemetery (Clinton, MD). For information call 301-871-1300.

DELIVERENCE. FREEDOM. BELONGING—Do you repeatedly struggle with the same sin areas? Do you feel hopeless that you'll never be free? Do you want to tap into the healing power of the Gospel? Plan to attend the **UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Conference, June 12—13**, at Mother of God, 20501 Goshen Rd., Gaithersburg, MD. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington. Conference questions? Contact Deacon Kevin Butler: UnboundADW@aol.com. Registration questions? Call 301-990-2081. Register at: www.motherofgod.org.

SAVE THE DATE—Friendly Seniors Annual Luncheon Cruise, **Wed., June 17th** at Suicide Bridge Restaurant. **Cost: \$65** per person. RSVP to the rectory on 202-546-1885.

PAPAL VISIT—The Holy See Press Office has confirmed the Holy Father will celebrate an outdoor Mass on **September 23rd** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Plans for the Mass are still pending, but the congregation will assemble in the area surrounding the Basilica. We encourage you to visit the ADW webpage regularly (adw.org/papalvisit) for updates.

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 June 2015 from middle/high school, college or graduate school you will be honored at an **11am Mass on June 14th**. Sign up at the rectory office or the website.

LEADERS INSPIRED TO EVANGELIZE (LITE)—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.**

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—is concentrating on the **Book of Ruth**, Monday evenings in the rectory basement at **8pm**.

We'd 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** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

SAVE THE DATE—HCSC FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST hosted by the Holy Name Society, **June 21st, 9—11am**, at the school. **Tickets \$7**, available from any Holy Name member, or the rectory. See flyer in your bulletin.

DID YOU MISS THE “EXIT PLAN” WORKSHOP? You can get copies of the handouts by contacting the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

MISSION IN MOTION MEN—Patriarch's Bible Study, **June 6th, 10am — 12noon** at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Calloway St., Hillcrest Heights, MD. Questions? Contact: Deacon Timothy Tilghman on 240-460-6781 or tilghman13@gmail.com. All men are invited.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS SACRED SCRIPTURE—**Saturdays, 9am to 12:30pm, June 6, 13, 20 & 27** at St. Augustine Catholic School, 1421 V St., NW, WDC. Contact: Mrs. Bea Judon at 202-265-1470. **Cost: \$29.**

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 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 & funerals call the rectory office.

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