

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.



Sunday, May 18 *Sunday of Easter*

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
8:00am Stanlie M. Barton †
11:00am Vandy L. Jamison †
7:00pm For the People

Monday, May 19

7:00am Reba L. Neale (birthday) †

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

7:00am Alice Berdaus †

Wednesday, May 21 *St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Martyr*

7:00am Jovon Taylor (birthday)

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

7:00am James C. Walker (32nd anniversary) †

Friday, May 23

7:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †

Saturday, May 24

8:00am Buena Walton (birthday) †
4:30pm Lawrence A. Tellier (May 25th) †

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 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
"This is the Day" LMGM #305
Responsorial Psalm
"Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "Because He Lives" LMGM #303
** "Hallelujah is the Highest Praise" A. Pattin
Communion
"Holy Is the Lamb of God" In the Pews
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for May 11, 2014

4:30pm	45
8:00am	157
11:00am	292
7:00pm	39
Total:	533

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (5/11)	\$13,647
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Cardinal's Appeal Update - Thanks to all who participated in the Annual Cardinal's Appeal. Thus far 158 donors have pledged \$47,566. This is 91% of our \$52,000 goal. If you have not yet pledged to this year's appeal please do so soon. Ushers can provide pledge forms. Please help us reach our which is so near at hand!. Remember, all the money you give goes directly to help the needy and poor in our area.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (5/18) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (5/22) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Monday (5/19) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg	Friday (5/23) 6:30pm Women's Ministry 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (5/20) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 8:00pm Young Adult Bible study	Saturday (5/24) 9:30am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass
Wednesday (5/21) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Usher Board meeting	

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



SCHEDULE—In observation of Memorial Day weekend, there will be **NO CLASS** next **Sunday, May 25th**. The last class for the school year will be Sun., June 1st.

SAVE THE DATE—Friendly Seniors Annual Cruise Luncheon on **Wed., July 16th** at Suicide Bridge Restaurant. **Cost: \$65** per person. Stay tuned for more details.

JUBILARIAN ISSUE OF THE CATHOLIC STANDARD—Be sure to take home the May 8th issue of the Catholic Standard for a congratulatory ad for our own **Msr. Pope's 25 years of service to his vocation**. Copies in your pew.

PALESTRINA'S PENTECOST MASS—Please consider attending the Mass at Holy Comforter Saint Cyprian for our patronal feast. It will be a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form, **Saturday, June 7th, 4:30pm**. Please help spread the word as well!

ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST—sponsored by the HCSC Holy Name Society will be **Sun., June 15th from 9-11am**. **COST: \$7**. Tickets are available from any Holy Name Society member or the rectory office.

POPE FRANCIS IN THE HOLY LAND—Complete live coverage **May 24th thru 26th** on EWTN. Witness this historic meeting between Pope Francis and Eastern Orthodox Patriarch, Bartholomew 1st as Pope Francis seeks to spread and promote love, cooperation and peace among all people.

Hospitality Volunteers for Catholic Charities Homeless Shelters—Each night hundreds of homeless men and women rely on Catholic Charities shelters for a safe place to sleep. Extra helping hands and warm smiles are a great asset to the program staff. Please consider becoming a hospitality volunteer – greeting clients, distributing toiletries, and sharing the light of Christ with some of our most vulnerable neighbors. Contact: Hilary Bragg at 202-772-4300, ext.402 or visit CatholicCharitiesDC.org/Hospitality.

MEMORIAL DAY AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES—This Memorial Day, come encounter the infinite love of Christ and his Church at the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington. The Mass is the greatest light of hope amidst the darkness of tragedy, war, and human suffering. Come pray in loving memory of family, friends and fellow citizens who have given their lives for our freedom and now experience their destiny in the love of Christ. Special outdoor Masses will be held on **Mon., May 26th at 10am** on the sacred ground of the Catholic cemeteries of the archdiocese. The closest Catholic cemetery to this parish is Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., 202-399-3000.

SOULFUL EVENING—sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, featuring The Intruders and Skip Mahoney and the Casuals. Show & Dinner, **Sun., June 1st, 4-8pm**. **Cost: \$50** at the OLPH Panorama Room. Contact: Tee at 202-641-4363.

Youth Ministry News

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HONORING HCSC GRADUATES—If you are a registered member of HCSC and graduating in June 2014 from middle/high school, college or graduate school you will be honored at an **11am Mass on June 15th**. You are asked to bring your cap and gown, if available.

NEWSLETTER—Copies of the Quarterly Youth Newsletter are still available in the rear of the church.

SUMMER CAMPS & SCHOOLS

CAMP ST. CHARLES will hold an **Open House May 18th from 11am—4pm** for the **Boys and Girls Catholic Overnight Summer Camp**. Come for lunch, a tour, a ride on the giant swing and meet the camp staff. Visit www.campstcharles.com or call 301-934-8799.

SAINT JOHN'S FOOTBALL CAMP—Five separate weeklong sessions **during the month of June** for boys in grades 2 thru 9. Camp tuition is \$195 each week. Group discounts available. Visit stjohnsfootballcamp.com or call 202-380-1711 for more information.

ABBEY ADVENTURES Summer programs for Boys and Girls at St. Anselm's Abbey School **June 16th—August 1st**. Go to: www.abbeyadventures.org to visit the 40-acre campus located at Michigan Park and Brookland and register for the summer program.

HOLY CROSS SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS—Girls basketball, soccer, softball, Pom & Cheer, lacrosse, field hockey & volleyball. Visit www.academyoftheholycross.org and click on **Summer at AHC** (on the right menu) or call 301-942-2100.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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YOUNG ADULT FORUM—Sun., May 18th after 11am Mass. If you can not attend we will "Live Tweet." Follow us on Twitter at HCSCYoungAdults! We want your input and ideas for growing and strengthening our ministry.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Come attend bible study just for you **every Tuesday at 8pm** in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at: sakeene@gmail.com.

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



PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: www.hcschurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

