

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 1:12-14      1 Peter 4:13-16      John 17:1-11



In rising from the dead one of the gifts that Jesus gives us is the power to love. In today's gospel, we learn the lessons of love. Note first the **Power of God's love**. The text says if you love me you will keep my commandments. Notice how love is the power by which we keep the commandments. Love changes our hearts. The more God's love is in us the more we keep the commandments, not because we have to but because we want to. Next, note the **Person of God's love**. Jesus promises that he will send us the holy Spirit who will dwell within us. The Holy Spirit is the love of God, the power of God, and the life of God. The Holy Spirit not only transforms our hearts but also our minds, for the Lord describes him as the Spirit of truth. As we grow in God's grace our minds begin to think differently, and we grow to understand God's word more fully. Finally, note the **Proof of God's love**. The Lord says that we will come to realize that he is with and in us. The word "realize" means to experience something as real. Jesus adds "and you will live." What Jesus is saying is that as his love grows in us we will come to experience the power of new life. We will become more alive, more joyful, and more serene. Are you a witness as to how you come to experience new life by the power of God's love?

**FUNERAL:** Mary Thornton Chestnut (Wed., May 17<sup>th</sup>)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, May 21** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
 8:00am Mary E. Lindsey † (27<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
 11:00am Ray C. Simpson †  
 7:00pm For the intentions of Tom Do

**Monday, May 22**  
 7:00am James Clyde Walker † (36<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**Tuesday, May 23**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Annie Do

**Wednesday, May 24**  
 7:00am Debbie Smith †

**Thursday, May 25** *The Ascension of the Lord*  
 7:00am Barbara V. Ketchum †

**Friday, May 26** *Saint Philip Neri, Priest*  
 7:00am Sergio Chamblis †

**Saturday, May 27** *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*  
 8:00am Steven Scully †  
 4:30pm For the People

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15      John 15:26-16:4  
**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34      John 16:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1      John 16:12-15  
**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11      Eph 1:17-23      Mt 28:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18      John 16:20-23  
**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28      John 16:23-28

**MUSIC SCHEDULE**

**Processional**  
 Come Now, Almighty King\* LMGM #334  
 Rejoice\*\* LMGM #310

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

**Offertory**  
 Sweet, Sweet Spirit\* LMGM #327  
 Hallelujah! Salvation and Glory\*

**Communion Hymn**  
 I Surrender All\* LMGM #616  
 Sweet, Sweet Spirit\*\* LMGM #327

**Post Communion**  
 Ave Maria\* J.S. Bach

**Recessional**  
 He is Lord LMGM #304

\*Kathy Richburg, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
 \*\*Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (5/14)	\$19,999
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$3,653

**Mass Attendance for May 14, 2017**

4:30pm 56  
 8:00am 128  
 11:00am 290  
 7:00pm 98  
**Total: 572**

**FAITH DIRECT:** Do you have plans for Memorial Day? Are you booking your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure that your gift will reach Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian even when you cannot. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our **church code: DC59**. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [pam@hccscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hccscchurch.org) with questions. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Sunday (5/21)**  
 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg  
 9:30am RCIA  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies #64  
 7:00pm Mass  
 8:00pm AA

**Monday (5/22)**  
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study

**Tuesday (5/23)**  
 6:30pm Youth Ensemble  
 7:00pm Adult Choir

**Wednesday (5/24)**  
 11:00am Friendly Seniors  
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance  
 7:00pm Bible Study

**Thursday (5/25)**  
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus

**Saturday (5/27)**  
 10:00am S.O.M.E. (off-site)  
 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.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH LIFE



**CONGRATULATIONS** to six HCSC youth who were **Confirmed** into the family of Jesus Christ on **May 18<sup>th</sup>**. They are: **Aidan Burns; Kursa Johnson; Kaosi Nuel-Ejiofor; Abigail Pierce; Joe Rubens, III; and Skye Washington**. At the Easter Vigil, **Francois Daniels** was Baptized, received his First Communion, and was Confirmed receiving full communion into the Church. They will all be acknowledged at the HCSC 11am Mass on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pray that these youth remain committed throughout their lives in their love and service to our Lord.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & RCIA SUMMER BREAK:** The last class for the school year is **May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Have a safe summer and see you in the fall.



to all the parishioners who supported the **Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**. We look forward to your continued support of future events.

**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat):** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., May 27<sup>th</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4:00pm on Fri., May 26<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).



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



**Friendly Seniors Annual Luncheon Cruise, Wed., June 21<sup>st</sup>** at Suicide Bridge Restaurant. **Cost: \$70** per person. Reservation deadline: **June 6<sup>th</sup>**. See flyer in your bulletin.

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:** Over the next few weeks the Rectory office will fluctuate its operating hours. We will close at 5pm on Fridays and we may have shortened hours throughout the week. Before visiting the Rectory after 5:00pm, contact the office at 202.546.1885 to make sure it is open. We apologize for the inconvenience.



**MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT CATHOLIC CEMETARIES:** On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, come offer a spiritual work of mercy and 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. A special outdoor Mass will be held on the sacred ground of the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington. Mass will be celebrated at 10am by Bishop Mario Dorsonville at All Souls Cemetery, Germantown, MD; Bishop Barry Knestout at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD; **Msgr. Charles Pope at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington, DC**; Bishop Roy Campbell at Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD; Fr. David Beaubien at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville, MD.

### Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

**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 11<sup>th</sup>** at the **11am Mass**. See flyer for details.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>**. For application information and to apply, go to: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org), or <https://sites.google.com/site/hscsingletonaryeducationfund>

### HCSC Young Adult Ministry

[YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto: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 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:** Thank you to those who donated to the Trinity Dome last week. In the Trinity Dome that displays the crown jewel of the mosaics at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Blessed Mother Mary's place in the story of salvation is celebrated as we see her depicted with the Holy Trinity and a procession of saints. Mother Mary is celebrated as the spiritual mother of each person who, through Baptism, becomes a member of the body of her son, Jesus Christ. If you have not yet contributed to this beautiful mosaic, please take a moment to consider supporting this beautiful celebration of our faith. Special collection envelopes are still available in your pew. Learn more about the project at [www.trinitydome.org](http://www.trinitydome.org)

**SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT—FROM OUR PAST COMES OUR HOPE:** Juneteenth celebration of heritage and culture with fun, games and food **Sat., June 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am—3pm** at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 410 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD. Speaker: Chaplain Thelma Lucas. **Cost: Adults—\$5; Children 13 years and younger \$3**. See flyer in vestibule for more information.

**PARISH CONNECTIONS:** Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦ Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: [myParishapp](http://myParishapp)

