

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20



Today is the Feast of Pentecost. The word Pentecost is from the Greek and it means "50" days. It is fifty days since the Lord has Risen from the dead. In the first reading from Acts we see that the Apostles and numerous other disciples along with Mary are gathered together to pray. Up until this time they have really been a rather frightened little group. They dared not venture out and speak openly of Jesus for fear of repercussions. In many ways we can be like them. We fear to speak of Jesus and our faith to others. Perhaps they will laugh or perhaps they will rebuke us. It is so easy to stay behind the closed doors of our Church and just witness to each other where it's safe. But notice that the holy Spirit came upon this early gathering of disciples and He changed them. They open the doors and they, along with Peter, go forth. Peter preaches a powerful sermon out in the open and that day 3000 are added to their number. How will you assist in the evangelization that Jesus commands of us?



- Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday**
 4:30pm (Sat) For the Intentions of Agnes Chase
 8:00am Otha J. Hamer † (27th anniversary)
 11:00am For the Intentions of Ashby Smart
 7:00pm Lilia Jacob †
- Monday, May 25 Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin**
 7:00am For the Intentions of Ashby Smart
- Tuesday, May 26 Saint Philip Neri, Priest**
 7:00am For the Intentions of Ashby Smart
- Wednesday, May 27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**
 7:00am For the Intentions of Ashby Smart
- Thursday, May 28**
 7:00am For the Intentions of Ashby Smart
- Friday, May 29**
 7:00am For the Intentions of Ashby Smart
- Saturday, May 30**
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm For the Intentions of Ashby Smart

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:** Sirach 17:20-24 Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12 Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17 Mark 10:32-45
Thursday: Sirach 42:15-25 Mark 10:46-52
Friday: Sirach 44:1, 9-13 Mark 11:11-26
Saturday: Sirach 51:12-20 Mark 11:27-33

Music Schedule

- Processional**
 "Come Holy Ghost" LMGM #324
 "Come Holy Spirit" K. Louis
- Responsorial Psalm**
 "Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth"
- Pentecost Sequence** setting arr. by K. Louis
- Gospel Acclamation**
 "Alleluia!"
- Offertory**
 * "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit" LMGM #327
 ** "Holy Spirit" R. Smallwood
- Communion**
 "Blessed Assurance" LMGM #431
- Marian Hymn**
 "Ave Maria" Bach/Gounod
 "Mary's Canticle" L. Roberts
- * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for May 17, 2015

4:30pm	48
8:00am	129
11:00am	245
7:00pm	63
Total:	485

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (5/17)	\$18,495
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$2,149

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

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| Sunday (5/24)
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA | Thursday (5/28)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus |
| Monday (5/25)
RECTORY CLOSED
8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Friday (5/29)
8:00pm NA |
| Tuesday (5/26)
6:30pm Youth Ensemble
7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (5/30)
10:00am Min & Organization mtg
10:00am Liturgical Dance
4:30pm Mass |
| Wednesday (5/27)
11:00am Friendly Seniors
6:30pm Liturgical Dance
7:00pm Bible Study | |



CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR on our website at www.hcscchurch.org. Events and activities for the year are posted here daily.

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

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL—closed until the Fall.
MONDAY MORNING MASS—at **8am** in the Chapel.
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED—Monday, May 25th.

CONFIRMATION—**Amber Maria Stokes**, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 23rd at Saint Phillip the Apostle Church (Camp Springs, MD). If we have other youth who celebrated a sacrament this Spring at another Church, call the rectory office and let us know so we can recognize and pray for them.



ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASS—Special outdoor Masses will be held on the sacred ground of Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington on **Mon., May 25th, 10am** at: All Souls Cemetery, Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Resurrection Cemetery, and **Mt. Olivet Cemetery, where our pastor Msgr. Pope will celebrate Mass.** Come remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and pray for the souls of family & friends. For more information call 301-871-1300.

THE WORD AMONG US—June issues available in Candlelight Store (\$2 each). This publication helps Catholics find renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY CALENDAR MEETING—**May 30th at 10am**, Rectory basement. All organizations & ministries should have a representative at this important calendar meeting. **Please RSVP to the office.** Thank you.

HCSC FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST hosted by the Holy Name Society, **Sun., June 21st, 9—11am**, at the school. **Tickets: \$7** and are available from any Holy Name member or the rectory office.

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. Register at: www.motherofgod.org. Registration questions? Call 301-990-2081. Conference questions? **Contact HCSC Deacon Kevin Butler:** UnboundADW@aol.com.

MISSION IN MOTION MEN—**Patriarch's Bible Study, Sat., 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.

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
 202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

END-OF-THE-YEAR CELEBRATION for all our youth is **May 31st** after the 11am Mass down at the school. We invite our youth to fellowship with food and friends.

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**. See flyer in rear of church or on the HCSC 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**) focusing on evangelization and leadership development of Catholic youth. **Spaces are limited.** Questions? Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. Currently, the young adults are studying the **Book of Ruth**. Come and see!

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you so email us your thoughts and ideas. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook**. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

2015 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN and FRANCE—HCSC is hosting a 10-day pilgrimage in October 2015. Interested? **Pick up a brochure** in the rectory, or the rear of the church. Questions? Contact Deborah Vanzego on 202-277-1823 or at DVanzego@cmht.com.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP REUNION—The OLPH school and affiliates celebrate **95 Years** with a reunion on weekend of **June 5-7**. Activities include Happy Hour, Day Party, and Sunday Brunch. For tickets and information contact Kathy Yeldell (202-374-2454), Kip Coleman (301-346-1369) or OLPH rectory (202-678-4999).

SAINT JOHN'S FOOTBALL CAMP—Five weeklong sessions **during June** for boys in grades 2 thru 9. **Tuition: \$225 each week.** Group discounts. Questions? Visit stjohnsfootballcamp.com or call 202-380-1711.

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 Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

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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