

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 Cobb (5/23)



Sunday, May 25 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

4:30pm (Sat) Lawrence A. Tellier (May 25th) †
 8:00am Otha Hamer, Jr. (26th anniversary) †
 11:00am Deborah Addison-Jones (1st anniversary) †
 7:00pm John A. Warren, Jr. (birthday) †

Monday, May 26 *Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

7:00am Sergio Chambliss (birthday) †

Tuesday, May 27 *Saint Augustine of Canterbury*

7:00am Alice Berdaus †

Wednesday, May 28

7:00am Emilio Orrego †

Thursday, May 29 *Ascension of the Lord*

7:00am For the People

Friday, May 30

7:00am J.D. MacDonald †

Saturday, May 31 *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am Jane Doherty †
 4:30pm Linda W. Simpson (birthday)

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 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: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12; Lk 1:39-56

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Jesus is the Resurrection" LMGM #680
Responsorial Psalm
 "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 "Glorious is the Name of Jesus" LMGM #374
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 18, 2014

4:30pm	37
8:00am	112
11:00am	360
7:00pm	41
Total:	550

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (5/18)	\$10,456
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ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (5/25) No Sunday School 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (5/28) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (5/26) Rectory Closed	Friday (5/30) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (5/27) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 8:00pm Young Adult Bible study	Saturday (5/31) 9:30am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

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

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



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

RECTORY CLOSED—Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.



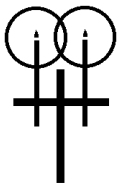
The last class for the school year will be next **Sunday, June 1st**.

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 26th, at 10am**, at: All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Rd., Germantown; Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE, WDC; and Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton. For information call 301-871-1300.



—for your donations and participation in the **Catholic Relief Services Annual Rice Bowl** collection during the Lenten season. We collected \$967.48 in donations which will be used to help those in most need in underdeveloped countries.

“LATIN” MASS FOR PENTCOST—on **Saturday, June 7th at 4:30pm**, Msgr. Pope will celebrate a Latin Mass at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian. All are welcome to join us at this traditional high mass.



CONGRATULATIONS—to Robert & Beatrice Youngblood (58 yrs.); Charles & Quinzle Isom (50 yrs.); Willie & Angela Scott (50 yrs.), Seyoum & Betty Gebrehiwot (40 yrs.) who will receive recognition from Cardinal Donald Wuerl on **Sun., June 15th** at the archdiocesan-wide Jubilarian Mass Celebration for Married Couples at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mass begins at **2pm**.

In memory of **Mary “Winnie” Freeman**, please join **WINNIE’S WALKER’S** in the fight against pancreatic cancer at the **Purple Stride 5K Run and Walk** in Washington, DC, on **Sat., June 14th**. For information go to: http://purplestride.kintera.org/dc/winnies_walkers or call Missy Freeman Booze 240-416-1204. Flyer in rear of church.

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

SAVE THE DATE—Knights of Columbus Awards Banquet on June 21st from 6-9pm. \$5. Stay tuned for details.

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

WIN (Washington Inter-faith Network)—is circulating an email petition supporting budget and legislation proposals on homelessness issues up for vote on **May 28th**. This effort is in solidarity with families at DC General and youth at Sasha Bruce. Every DC resident signature generates an email to DC council members. The more signees the better! **Go to:** change.org/petitions/dc-city-council-support-the-win-agenda-on-housing-and-homelessness.

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 2014 from middle/high school, college or graduate school you will be honored at the **11am Mass on June 15th**. Please complete and submit a registration form found in the rear of the Church and in the rectory office.

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

YEAR END YOUTH TRIP—The youth ministry is planning a year-end trip for our youth ministry. Stay tuned for more information.

SUMMER CAMPS & SCHOOLS

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

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

THANKS—to all who attended the Young Adult Forum and provided valuable input. Future events are being planned, such as “Grill the Priest”, a BBQ, and community service projects. If you have suggestions or would like to be added to our mailing list, please email us at yam@hscchurch.org.

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 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)

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 202-641-4363 or Neicey 202-302-0409.