

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

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



Today's **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.



**FUNERAL:** Theresa Victoria Wilson (May 24<sup>th</sup>)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

- Sunday, May 28** *Ascension of the Lord*  
8:00am Nathaniel & Nannie Williams †  
11:00am Otha Hamer, Jr. † (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)  
7:00pm Ray C. Simpson †
- Monday, May 29** *Memorial Day*  
8:00am Wilmer Fenwick † (birthday-May 30)
- Tuesday, May 30**  
7:00am Clarence L. Campbell †
- Wednesday, May 31** *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
7:00am Margaret Gordon †
- Thursday, June 1** *Saint Justin, Martyr*  
7:00am Mary Ann Fenwick †
- Friday, June 2** *Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*  
7:00am Glendora Thomas & Family †
- Saturday, June 3** *Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs*  
8:00am For the People  
4:30pm Deceased Gordon Family Members †

**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:** Rom 12:9-16      Luke 1:39-56
- 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

**Music Schedule**

- Processional**  
\* Alleluia! Sing to Jesus      LMGM #752  
\*\* Come Let Us Worship the Lord      LMGM #456
- Responsorial Psalm**  
"God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord."
- Offertory**  
\* He Is Exulted  
\*\* He has the Power
- Communion**  
\* Let Us Break Bread Together  
\*\* Taste and See      LMGM #512
- Post Communion**  
\* Ave Maria      Gounod  
\*\* Hail Mary
- Recessional**  
Go Ye Therefore      LMGM #322  
\* 8:00am Kathy Richburg, Cantor – Vince Evans, Accompanist  
\* 11:00am Church Choir – Allyn Johnson, Accompanist

**Mass Attendance for May 21, 2017**

4:30pm	52
8:00am	102
11:00am	246
7:00pm	102
<b>Total:</b>	<b>502</b>

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (5/21)	\$12,336
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$4,016

**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 tithing will reach Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian even when you cannot. It's free and secure! 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 (5/28)**  
7:00pm Mass  
8:00pm AA
- Monday (5/29)**  
8:00am Mass  
**RECTORY CLOSED**  
8:00pm YAM Bible Study
- Tuesday (5/30)**  
6:30pm Youth Ensemble  
7:00pm Adult Choir
- Wednesday (5/31)**  
11:00am Friendly Seniors  
6:30pm Liturgical Dance  
7:00pm Bible Study
- Thursday (6/1)**  
6:00pm ADW Catechesis mtg
- Friday (6/2)**  
6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
- Saturday (6/3)**  
8:00am First Saturday Mass  
10:00am Liturgical Dance  
11:00am Anointing Mass  
12:30pm Salute to Seniors  
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.*

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### PARISH LIFE



#### MAY 29<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

MASS in the Chapel at 8am  
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



**CONGRATULATIONS TO: *Maria Izabella Bash, Payton Alexandria Ross, and Jaide Aubrey Taylor*** who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. May God bless each of them in their journey of faith.



**MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:** 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.



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:** All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6—7pm**. The **Ladies of Charity** will serve as host.

Come spend some quality time with Jesus in the church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour.



**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:** In honor of the Virgin Mother Mary and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima, Msgr. Pope has asked us to host First Saturday Devotions to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world. **The next date is Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. You are invited to attend the

**8am Mass**, pray the rosary communally after that Mass, and go to confession within the first week of the month. Please prayerfully consider making a commitment. Flyers with details are available in the rear of the church.



To our Minister of Religious Education, Shirley Austin, and the Catechists for Sunday School and the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

**Thank You** for your commitment to bring the Word of God to our youth. Sunday School is now on summer break. Watch for an announcement in August for the start of next year's enrollment.

**THE WORD AMONG US:** The June issue is available in the Candlelight Store for \$2 each. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine 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!*

### 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 2017 from middle/high school, college or graduate school, our parish wants to recognize your achievement on **June 11<sup>th</sup>** at the **11am Mass**. See flyer in rear of church to submit your information.

### HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hscchurch.org



**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory with Fr. Pope for scripture discussion. This is an 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!**



**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.

**FATHER'S DAY GIFT SALE:** Spiritual Gifts dedicated to fathers and grandfathers will be available for purchase after the 8am and 11am Masses on **June 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

**ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETINGS FOR RESPECT LIFE:** If you are interested in serving your parish in the area of pro-life issues, you are encouraged to attend an annual regional meeting for Respect Life Coordinators hosted by the archdiocesan Department of Life Issues. Meetings are scheduled for June 5, 7, and 8 throughout the archdiocese. These meetings will give volunteers the opportunity to learn about various resources, to brainstorm, and to network with each other, as well as meet the Director of the Department of Life Issues, Mary Forr. Respect Life Coordinators should visit [ADWprolife2017.eventbrite.com](http://ADWprolife2017.eventbrite.com) for times, locations, and registration. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1884 or [pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org) if you are interested in attending a meeting or serve the HCSC community in this capacity.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or call 202-546-1885.

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

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