

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Acts 12:1-11      2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18      Matthew 16:13-19

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Zec 9:9-10      Romans 8:9, 11-13      Matthew 11:25-30



One of the tendencies we might have is to think of the scriptures as a kind of spectator sport. We watch and listen as others walk on the field: "Look! There's Jesus there talking to the Apostles and asking them questions. I wonder how they will answer?" But this is really a wrong way to see the scriptures. The fact is that we are not merely reading about other people who lived a long time ago. We are reading about ourselves. We are in the story! Therefore, when Jesus asks a question we are supposed to answer it for ourselves, not just see what Peter or one of the others will say. We have to answer it. Jesus asks a question today of the Apostles, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Well, guess what. He is asking you, too. The apostles in today's gospel just answer by telling him what other people are saying. Don't we often do this too? Jesus therefore turns up the heat and gets more personal: "But who do you say that I am?" OK, Christian, he's asking you! So, what is your answer?

**FUNERAL**—Sanya Warren Ham (6/30)



- Sunday, June 29** *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*  
 4:30pm (Sat) Ruby Roberts  
 8:00am Sanya Warren Ham †  
 11:00am Stanlie M. Barton †  
 7:00pm Ray C. Simpson †
- Monday, June 30** *The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*  
 7:00am Alan L. Bailey (birthday) †
- Tuesday, July 1** *Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest*  
 7:00am Dwayne Holton
- Wednesday, July 2**  
 7:00am James (Nat) Greene †
- Thursday, July 3** *Saint Thomas, Apostle*  
 7:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †
- Friday, July 4** *Independence Day*  
 7:00am Stanlie M. Barton †  
 10:00am Margaret Gordon †
- Saturday, July 5** *St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal*  
 8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Bowling Family

**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:** Amos 2:6-10, 13-16      Matthew 8:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12      Matthew 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:** Amos 5:14-15, 21-24      Matthew 8:28-34  
**Thursday:** Ephesians 2:19-22      John 20:24-29  
**Friday:** Amos 8:4-6, 9-12      Matthew 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Amos 9:11-15      Matthew 9:14-17

**Music Schedule**

- Processional**  
 "I Will Trust in the Lord" LMGM #576
- Responsorial Psalm**  
 "The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him."
- Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"
- Offertory**  
 \* "I've Decided to Make Jesus My Choice" LMGM #626  
 \*\* "Order My Steps" G. Burleigh
- Communion**  
 "Blessed Assurance" LMGM #431
- \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for June 22, 2014**

4:30pm	42
8:00am	113
11:00am	245
7:00pm	37
<b>Total:</b>	<b>437</b>

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes (6/22)	\$9,140
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**TITHING WHILE ON VACATION**—Church attendance during summer months tends to drop as families go on vacation. But the services we provide within the parish community continue year round, as do their associated expenses. Your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieve our stewardship mission. The easiest way to be sure that your gift of treasure reaches us, even when you can't be here, is to enroll in our electronic offertory program: **Faith Direct**. Once enrolled, you can relax knowing that Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian will receive your gifts throughout the summer. Enrollment forms are available in the rectory office or to enroll online, go to: [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is DC59. Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you have questions.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

- Sunday (6/29)**  
 9:00am Women's Ministry mtg  
 1:00pm Catechist meeting  
 7:00pm Mass  
 8:00pm AA
- Monday (6/30)**  
 7:00pm WIN meeting
- Tuesday (7/1)**  
 7:00pm Adult Choir  
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study
- Wednesday (7/2)**  
 7:00pm Bible Study
- Friday (7/4)**  
**Independence Day**  
**RECTORY CLOSED**  
 8:00pm NA
- Saturday (7/5)**  
**RECTORY CLOSED**  
 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.*

PARISH LIFE



**RECTORY CLOSED**—on **Fri., July 4<sup>th</sup>**, and **Sat., July 5<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Independence Day. Enjoy your holiday weekend.

**BLOOD DRIVE**—sponsored by the HCSC Sodality & the American Red Cross—**Sun., July 13<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-2pm in the rectory basement. **You must sign up prior to the event to donate and we need a minimum of 50 people to participate before we can hold the blood drive. Sign-up after each Mass beginning Sat., June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

For information, contact Natleen Chance at 202-526-7st02 or nghcance@comcast.net. For info on the American Red Cross, visit [www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp](http://www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. Thank you.



**HCSC FRIENDLY SENIORS**—hosts their **Annual Luncheon Cruise** on **Wed., July 16<sup>th</sup>** to Suicide Bridge Restaurant. **Cost: \$65 per person.** See flyer in rear of church.

**LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes will begin **Sun., July 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am in the school for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. These classes are especially intended for non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This includes adult Catholics who have missed either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends whom you know might benefit. Call Msgr. Pope at 202-546-1885 for details.

**200 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH**—is a publication written by our own pastor, Msgr. Pope. It first appeared in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR and is now available in the Candle Light store. Donation: \$5.



**Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic** is **Sat., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. This change of date allows us to return this event to its original intent as a part of our celebration of the Feast of Saint Cyprian. We need help from many parishioners to make this a successful event. Many different types of talents are needed. Call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to find out how you can help plan and carry out this activity.

**VACATION TIME IS HERE**—Whether you stay at home or travel, visit relatives or friends, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. Of course, the time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. We should remember to always keep the Lord's day sacred. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting and recreating? Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass times and locations around the country.



Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**DC FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM**—During the summer months of June through August Kids & Teens ages 18 and younger can get a free meal at DC Parks and Recreation Sites, Schools, Churches, Community Organizations, and more. To find a site near you **call 211** or text the word **FOOD** to **202-656-5328**. Children, ages 18 and younger, do not need to show registration, documentation, or ID to receive their meals. For more information go to: [onecityyouth.dc.gov](http://onecityyouth.dc.gov).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ [YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hscchurch.org)

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! 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](mailto:yam@hscchurch.org). **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at   [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://www.facebook.com/HCSCYoungAdults/)



**2015 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN and FRANCE**—Msgr. Pope is planning a 10-day pilgrimage in **October of 2015**. If you are interested in participating in the experience contact Deborah Vanzego at 202-277-1823 or [DVanzego@cmht.com](mailto:DVanzego@cmht.com).

**HOLY LAND FESTIVAL**—at the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Sat., July 12<sup>th</sup>, 11am—5pm**. The festival highlights the culture and life of Christians in the Holy Land, with exhibits, vendors, Mediterranean food for sale, speakers, videos and tours of the Holy Land shrines and monastery gardens. **Free** admission and parking at 1400 Quincy Street, NE, DC. Closing at Mass 5pm, Bishop Barry Knestout, celebrant. For more information, visit: [myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival](http://myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival) or call 202-526-6800.

**PLEASE NOTE**—From time to time, it is good to remind ourselves of the courtesies to be shown when entering God's house. Please do not chew gum or eat in church. Adults are requested to remind children (and themselves) of this discipline before entering the church.

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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](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)  
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm  
**Office Hours:** Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm,  
Thursday, 9:00am—5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am—8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.  
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