

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Isaiah 55:10-11    Romans 8:18-23    Matthew 13:1-23

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Wisdom 12:13-19    Romans 8:26-27    Matthew 13:24-43



The readings today remind us that our celebration of God's Word each Sunday, and in private devotion, is not meant to be mere information. But, rather, transformation! The first reading contains a **PROMISE** and uses the image of the snow and rain which come down from the heavens and do not return there until they have watered the earth, giving it life and fruit. God's Word has this same power. If we authentically and attentively listen to God's Word, it will refresh us and bring forth the fruit of transformation. No one can authentically attend to God's Word and go away unchanged. But, in the Gospel, the Lord Jesus alerts us to certain **PROBLEMS** that arise which keep us from attending to God's Word. Just because we have ears to hear, does not mean we are really listening. Perhaps it is worldly preoccupations, the lure of riches, or fear of persecution. Perhaps it is a lazy mind or a rebellious spirit. The Lord teaches us to be sober about these things, for they choke off the power of God's Word and keep it from growing in us. We ought to ask the Lord for increasingly fertile soil in our soul so that the promise and power of the Word will come forth. Finally, the Lord invites us to examine the **PROOF** of God's Word. For, those who are open to this Word will, and do, experience its power to change their lives. As our thinking is changed by the Word so also our priorities and decisions, indeed, our very behavior begin to change. Are you a Proof to the power of God's Word? I am.

**FUNERAL:** Eddie Tobias, Sr. (Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, July 16**  
 8:00am    Barbara V. Ketchum †  
 11:00am    Barbara Fenwick †  
 7:00pm    For the intentions of Tom Do

**Monday, July 17**  
 7:00am    For the intentions of Annie Do

**Tuesday, July 18** *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*  
 7:00am    Jackie Fenwick †

**Wednesday, July 19**  
 7:00am    Marcus Willis family

**Thursday, July 20** *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*  
 7:00am    Clarence Keith †

**Friday, July 21** *St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Church Doctor*  
 7:00am    Shirletta Butler (birthday)

**Saturday, July 22** *Saint Mary Magdalene*  
 8:00am    Helen B. Tyler †  
 4:30pm    For the People

*If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Exodus 1:8-14, 22    Matthew 10:34-11:1  
**Tuesday:** Exodus 2:1-15    Matthew 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12    Matthew 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Exodus 3:13-20    Matthew 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Exodus 11:10-12:14    Matthew 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Exodus 12:37-42    John 20:1-2, 11-18

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 \* O God, Our Help in Ages Past    LMGM #560  
 \*\* The Glory of the Lord    Stephen Hurd

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

**Offertory**  
 \* Praise Him!    LMGM #446  
 \*\* I've Got A Home In That Kingdom

**Communion**  
 \* Come to the Feast    LMGM #684  
 \*\* Here I am Lord    Samuel Cromwell

**Post Communion**  
 \*\* And He Blessed My Soul    Anita W. Stevens

**Recessional**  
 A Follower of Christ    LMGM #628

\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, *Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director*  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, *Music Director*

**Mass Attendance for July 9, 2017**

4:30pm	50
8:00am	110
11:00am	220
7:00pm	115
<b>Total:</b>	<b>495</b>

**Stewardship Report 2017—2018**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (7/9)	\$21,674
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$5,328

**FAITH DIRECT:** Are you booking your summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure that your gift will reach Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian even when you cannot. Enroll today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **DC59**. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at [pam@hcschurch.org](mailto:pam@hcschurch.org) or call 202-546-1885. This is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months. Thank you for your continued support.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (7/16)</b> 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (7/19)</b> 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (7/17)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Saturday (7/22)</b> 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



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Eloise Mairead Alexander** and **Brooklyn Danice Gourdin** who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Sun., July 2<sup>nd</sup>**. May God bless them in their journey of faith.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Joshua & Shaneena Holland** who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **Fri., July 7<sup>th</sup>**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.

**“Summer in the City” CANNED FOOD DRIVE:**

Our Social Concerns Ministry in support of the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation & Catholic Charities is hosting a food drive. Pick up a paper bag from the rear of the church **starting July 16<sup>th</sup>**, fill it with non-perishable food (no glass containers) and bring it back by **July 30<sup>th</sup>**. **Here is what we need:** canned tuna or chicken; hearty soups; canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas); canned fruit; minute meals (ex: mac ‘n cheese); canned ravioli; Spaghetti O’s, and non-sugary cereal (ex: Cheerios). Please buy the food that is listed. These donations will be distributed to food pantries throughout Washington. Thank you for your support!



**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., July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm on Fri., July 21<sup>st</sup>**. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School on Wednesday evenings **August 2, 9, 16 and 23** at the school. Our theme this year is ***Hallelujah is the Highest Praise: A Study of Soul-Saving Songs***. We will study the biblical roots and teachings of some of the well-known and lesser known hymns of the Church. We’ll cover topics, such as trust, suffering, victory, the end times, haven, Jesus, the Church, and so forth. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Sessions are being planned for every age group. Dinner will be served so you must register. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Contact Kim Peaks (202.546.1885 or pam@hcschurch.org). See flyer to RSVP.

**W FAITH DAY at NATIONALS PARK:** Come to the baseball game on **Sat., August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:05pm** and watch the **WASHINGTON NATIONALS** take on their division rivals, the **NEW YORK METS**. Stay after the game for a **FREE** postgame concert featuring local Gospel choirs. Tickets start at only \$17 (with each ticket purchased a \$5 donation will be made to **The House DC**, for information, go to: **thehousedc.org**). Purchase tickets online at: **nationals.com/Faith** and use discount code **FAITHDAY**. If you’d like to attend this event at a special group rate, contact Jimmie Walker in the rectory (202-546-1885). **DEADLINE to respond: August 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM:** During the summer months of June through August, youth ages 18 and younger can get a free meal at specific parks and recreation sites, schools, churches, community organizations, and more. To find a meal site near you call 1.866.348.6479 or text the word **FOOD** to 877-877. Children, ages 18 and younger, do not need to show registration, documentation, or ID to receive their meal. For more details, go to: [www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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**WORLD YOUTH DAY UNITE** is a national young adult (18 to 39) and young family festival, **Sat., July 22<sup>nd</sup>**, where thousands will gather at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., for amazing worship, inspiring talks, engaging break out groups, incredible music with Audrey Assad and Tony Melendez, and more. For more info and to register, visit [www.WYDUNITE.com/event-details](http://www.WYDUNITE.com/event-details).



**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!**

**SAVE THE DATES: 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EAST of the RIVER FALL REVIVAL**, sponsored by the Southeast Deanery of the Archdiocese of Washington and its partnering churches, will begin with the **Youth Rally, Sat., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am—3:30pm** at Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Ave., NE, Washington 20019. Theme: **“WHERE THERE IS LIGHT, THERE IS HOPE!”** Our revivalist is **Father Roy Lee**, an electrifying, thought provoking and distinguished minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ who currently ministers in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The remaining three events will be held at Holy Family Parish-Hillcrest, 2210 Callaway St., Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748, each **starting at 7pm: Family Night, Mon., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>; Reconciliation Night, Tues., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>; and Closing Mass at Wed., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**VACATION NOTE:** While on vacation don’t forget to attend Mass wherever you may be visiting. Go to: **www.DiscoverMass.org** for Mass times and locations around the country. **To access this information on our Parish APP, refresh your MyParish phone app by closing and then opening it again and look for the Discover Mass button.**

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

- ♦ Parish Website: [www.hcschurch.org](http://www.hcschurch.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)

