

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

Readings Next Weekend:

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21



In the gospel today the Lord gives us some **Prescriptions for Prayer**. At First we notice the **PATTERN** for prayer that is implicit in the Lord's Prayer: Relate, rejoice, reflect, request and repent. The *Our Father* is thus not just words to say but a pattern to follow. God is our Father, we rejoice that his Name is holy, and reflect on what it means for his will to be done in our life as perfectly as it is done in heaven. We then request "our daily bread" which is a symbol for all our needs and repent by asking the Lord to forgive us as we forgive others. Jesus goes on to give us another prescription: that we **PERSIST** in prayer. He tells the parable of the persistent neighbor who finally gets what he wants merely due to his persistence. The Lord teaches we must do the same in our prayer. And this leads to the **POINT** which is that the Father wants to give good things to us. If even a grouchy neighbor will give what is needed due to persistence, then how much more will the loving Father give good things to those who ask with persistence. No answer? Keep knocking.

FUNERAL: Anthony Maxwell Smart (July 21st)



Sunday, July 24

8:00am Reginald Hawkins (birthday)
11:00am Helene Crutchfield †
7:00pm Christopher Eckl †

Monday, July 25 *Saint James, Apostle*

7:00am James Clyde Walker †

Tuesday, July 26 *Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Shirley Ann Jackson †

Wednesday, July 27

7:00am For the People

Thursday, July 28

7:00am Anthony M. Smart †

Friday, July 29 *Saint Martha*

7:00am Marguerite S. Parker †

Saturday, July 30 *St Peter Chysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:00am George W. Parker, Sr. †

4:30pm Earlene Capers (birthday 7/29)

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: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22 Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6 Matthew 13:47-53
Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9 John 11:19-27
Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24 Matthew 14:1-12

Music Schedule

Processional

* Lift High the Cross LMGM #726
** Jesus, You Brought Me All the Way LMGM #599

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* God leads us along G.A. Young
** O Taste and See

Communion

* Where He Leads Me LMGM #621
** I Know It Was the Blood LMGM #382

Recessional

** Go Ye Therefore LMGM #322

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

Mass Attendance for July 17, 2016

4:30pm	50
8:00am	114
11:00am	201
7:00pm	107
Total:	472

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (7/17)	\$12,316
Actual Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	-\$4,030



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father's infinite mercy. Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved" (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*). For ways to join with other disciples in showing mercy, visit: mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/24) 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (7/27) 6:30pm Vacation Bible School
Monday (7/25) 6:30pm Organ & Ministry mtg 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (7/29) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (7/26) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (7/30) 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

CONTRIBUTION TO MISSION SUNDAY: Last week, Fr. William Odeke from Kenya truly blessed us as the celebrant at Mass. He spoke on the missionary activity of the Catholic church in Central Africa. Although the Church in Africa is flourishing in terms of growth in numbers and vocations, many African nations are in need of financial and material resources. Poverty and persecution take their toll. If you did not have an opportunity to donate last week, please use an envelope in the pews or ask an usher. Make checks payable to HCSC and write "Mission Contribution" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

ATTENTION MINISTRY/ORGANIZATION CHAIRS: The annual Parish Calendar meeting is **Monday, July 25th** at **6:30 pm** in the rectory basement. Please plan on attending or sending a representative.



FOR THE FAMILY: Every Wednesday at **6:30pm** in the school **July 27—August 17**, HCSC will host Family Vacation Bible School for **adults, and youth of all ages**.

The theme will focus on 'Mercy'. A light meal will be provided. See flyer for more info and to RSVP.



"The Journey—A Summer Concert": HCSC **MUSIC MINISTRY CONCERT, Sunday, July 31st** at **4pm** in the church. **Free admission** but you must have a ticket. **Few tickets are remaining.** Check in the rectory office or with a choir member this weekend.

FRIENDLY SENIORS SUMMER SCHEDULE: The last two meetings of the Friendly Seniors summer sessions are **August 3rd** and **17th** at 11am in the youth room at the school. All are welcome to join them for bible study and fellowship.



WEBSITE UPDATED: Check out the newly re-designed HCSC website at www.hcscchurch.org! We've added new features, videos, links and so much more still to be added! So, check the website frequently and don't forget to download the new *MyParish* app to your smartphone or tablet for the latest updates at our parish. Let us know how you like these new resources that help you stay connected. Contact us at 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

OSP ANNUAL CELEBRATION: The Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP) are sponsoring a raffle at their Annual Homecoming on **Sun., Aug. 7th**. Cash prizes: **First—\$1000; Second—\$500; Third—\$200.** Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00. Contact: Bertha Colbert (301-567-9786 or 240-495-2666).

COUNSELING SERVICES: If you are living with depression, addiction, bipolar disorder, grief and loss, anger management, PTSD or just too much stress, Catholic Charities has a mental health clinic to help. Anchor Counseling Services offers 50-plus years of experience of professional counseling. Location: 1001 Lawrence St., NE, near Brookland/CUA Metro Station. Questions? Email: Counseling@CatholicCharitiesDC.org or call 202-635-5953.

Youth Ministry News

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins **July 27th** and we have prepared special sessions for our youth from grades Pre-K to 12th. The Youth component will focus on the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

SAMSON: The HCSC Youth Ministry is sponsoring a trip to Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA, **Sat., Nov. 26th** to see this biblical production. Transportation and meal included. For ticket information, contact Shirley Austin (202-368-7231) or Terri Scott (301-922-3763).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcscchurch.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION for YOUNG ADULTS: On **Sat., July 30th** at

Catholic University of America join thousands of young adults (18-39, married and single) from across the region at *Kraków in the Capital*, a day-long experience coinciding with the celebration of World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Kraków, Poland. Experience Kraków, and encounter Christ through: Polish food and music, bilingual talks from bishops and national speakers, a visit to the National Holy Door of Mercy, Adoration, Confession, Stations of the Cross, Vigil Mass with Cardinal Wuerl, a late-night concert, and more! Get information by texting 'wydDC' to 84576 or register at wydDC.org. #wyddc.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening 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})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

VACATION TIME IS HERE: No matter where you are, vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments. Visit **DiscoverMass.com** for Mass times and locations around the country. Make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass and keep the Lord's day sacred.

TITHING WHILE ON VACATION: Church attendance during summer drops as families go on vacation. But the services we provide within the parish continue, as do their associated expenses. Your financial support is vital to our stewardship mission. Be sure your gift of treasure reaches us by putting envelopes on a permanent "summer vacation." Enroll in our electronic offertory program: **Faith Direct**. Once enrolled, you know that Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian will receive your gifts throughout the summer. Enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish **code is DC59**. Questions? Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885.

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

- ♦ Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: myParishapp

