

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 38:4-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53



Today's Gospel among other things offers a Recipe for Readiness: First, **RE-ASSESS YOUR WEALTH**. Jesus says, Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. While it may not be appropriate for us to sell everything and go live on a park bench, the Lord is surely telling us to be less attached and passionate about money and things for they root us in this world. So simplify, be less rooted in this world and come to experience that your greatest treasure is God and the things waiting for you in heaven. Second, **READY TO WORK**. The Lord says, "Gird your loins" which is the ancient equivalent of "roll up your sleeves." The Lord has a work for us and wants us to get to it. Surely the Lord has more than a worldly career in mind. He has in mind things like raising kids in godly fear, pursuing justice, and growing in holiness. Third, **READ THE WORD**. The Lord says, "Light your lamps." God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto salvation. Being ready means reading scripture each day and basing our life on it. Finally, **REMAIN WATCHFUL**. The Lord says, "And be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open the door immediately when he comes and knocks." This type of watchfulness is like that when we have invited a guest to our home and prepared the house and all is in readiness. All that remains is for the guest to arrive.

FUNERAL: Florine Pringle (Aug. 5th)



Sunday, August 7

8:00am Sharon R. Johnson (birthday)
 11:00am Ollie Johnson (birthday)
 7:00pm Robert Defoe †

Monday, August 8 *Saint Dominic, Priest*

7:00am Evelyn L. Hawkins †

Tuesday, August 9 *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am William McPherson †

Wednesday, August 10 *Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

7:00am Anika Williams (birthday)

Thursday, August 11 *Saint Clare, Virgin*

7:00am Kenneth W. Waters †

Friday, August 12 *Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

7:00am Ann E. Wilson †

Saturday, August 13 *Sts Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Pauline Getek (99th birthday—Aug. 1st)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28 Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10-14
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 John 12:24-26
Thursday: Ezekiel 12:1-12 Matthew 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ezekiel 16:59-63 Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday: Ezekiel 18:1-13, 30-32 Matthew 19:13-15

Music Schedule

Processional

* Blessed Assurance LMGM #431
 ** I'm looking for a miracle arr. A. Johnson

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own

Offertory

* Glorious is the name LMGM #374
 ** The Greatest gift of all A. Johnson

Communion Hymn

* Let us break bread
 ** Taste and See arr. A. Johnson & R. Person

Recessional

* Improvisation A. Johnson
 ** "I'm looking for a miracle" (reprise) arr. A. Johnson

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor – Dr. Allyn Johnson, Accompanist
 ** 11:00am Music Ministry of Dr. Allyn Johnson & Robert Person

Mass Attendance for July 31, 2016

4:30pm	36
8:00am	89
11:00am	280
7:00pm	93
Total:	498

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (7/31)	\$12,133
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$4,213



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"It is obvious that today's world is in need of mercy and compassion... We are accustomed to bad news, cruel news and the worst atrocities that offend the name and the life of God. The world needs to discover that God is the Father, that there is mercy... This is the time for mercy. We are all sinners, all of us carry inner burdens. I felt that Jesus wanted to open the door to His heart, that the Father wants to show us his innate mercy, and for this reason he sends us the Spirit." (Pope Francis on why he called for a Year of Mercy). Celebrate on God's mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (8/7) 9:30am Picnic planning mtg 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (8/10) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Vacation Bible School
Monday (8/8) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Saturday (8/13) 10:30am Social Concerns mtg 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: (CMYK 1-18-34-0)
 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



for your generous donations to the Mission Appeal Weekend that was held last month. Your contributions totaled approximately \$4,800. The funds will be sent directly to support the mission work in Central Africa where the faith is flourishing but the population still suffers greatly from poverty and persecution.



FAREWELL to HCSC's summer seminarian **ANDREW CLYNE** who will leave us this week to visit his family in Oregon until the end of the summer. In the Fall, Andrew will return to Washington to continue his studies in Third Theology at the Theological College. If you see Andrew, take a moment to wish him continued success in his theological aspirations. May God bless and keep you, Andrew.



FOR THE FAMILY: Every **Wednesday** evening at **6:30pm** through **August 17th**, HCSC will host Family Vacation Bible School for **adults, and youth of all ages**, in the school cafeteria. The theme will focus on **'Mercy'**. A link to an audio of Msgr. Pope's presentation and copies of session handouts are available on the HCSC website (hcschurch.org). A light meal will be provided, so you must register. See flyer to RSVP and for more information.



THANK YOU to everyone who attended the HCSC Music Ministry's **"Journey"** concert last Sunday. We celebrated a joyful and spirited praise event. If you missed it, please note that the choir's CD "We Offer Praise" is now available on popular download and streaming sites worldwide:

- ⇒ iTunes • <http://apple.co/2aOeJwY>
- ⇒ Amazon • <http://amzn.to/2axHd9x>
- ⇒ GooglePlay • <http://bit.ly/2aqflzz>
- ⇒ Spotify • <http://bit.ly/2aOmxiw>



SAVE THE DATE Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is **Sat., September 17th** at **Watkins Park** in **Upper Marlboro, MD**. We need YOUR help to make this a successful event. Call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to discover how you can help make this year's picnic a huge success. **Planning Committee meetings are Aug. 7th & 21st at 9:30 AM in the rectory. Stop by to see how you can help!!**

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.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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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
YAM@hcschurch.org

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!**



EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND: Join our own Msgr. Pope and popular radio host Patrick Coffin on a 12-day pilgrimage to the land of our savior Jesus Christ, the Blessed Mother Mary, and the Apostles **March 19—30, 2017**. For info, brochures in the rectory. Contact: Select International Tours (800-842-4842) or susan@select-intl.com.

CRAB FEAST: Holy Family will host its annual "All You Can Eat" Crab Feast, **Sat., Aug. 13th**, in the Allen Drury Room from 5—9:00pm. Menu includes crabs, chicken, corn, potato salad and much more. **Cost: \$55** per person. For info, contact: Rectory@holysfamilyparishmd.org or call 301.894.2222. Also, see flyer in the vestibule. All proceeds will benefit the Holy Family Scholarship Fund.



FAITH DAY at NATIONALS PARK: Come to the baseball game on **Sat., August 27th at 1:05pm** and watch the Washington **Nationals** take on the Colorado **Rockies**. Stay after the game for a **FREE** postgame concert featuring area church choirs and a special presentation of Nationals players testimonials! Discount ticket packages range from \$15 to \$35. With each ticket a \$5 donation will be made to **The House DC** (for information go to: thehousedc.org). If you would like to attend this event at a special group rate, there is an **August 10th deadline**. For more details, call Jimmie Walker (202-546-1885) in the rectory office.

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

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

