

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Wisdom 9:13-18 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 32:7-11-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32



Today's Gospel defines the demands of discipleship. Notice first the **CONTEXT** of discipleship. The text says large crowds were following Jesus, so he turned to address them. Now just about any time you find a mention of a large crowd fasten your seatbelts and prepare for a hard teaching. Jesus didn't trust the big crowds who were often out for the goodies. Surely, Jesus does give some hard sayings. Next, notice the **CENTRALITY** of discipleship. Jesus indicates that we can prefer or love no one more than him if we are going to be his disciples. This extends even to our family relationships. Next, notice the **CROSS** of discipleship. Jesus says if we want to be a disciple we must be willing to carry the cross. Now the cross comes in many forms, but in the end to be a disciple does not mean we are in any way exempt from the troubles and trials of this world or of being his disciples. Finally, note the **COST** of discipleship. Jesus asks us to count the cost of what he is teaching here. To be his disciple means ultimately to forsake everything that hinders us from following him. Nothing is more precious than what he offers. Have you counted the cost of this? So today, Jesus is looking at a big crowd and teaches in a way that is meant to distinguish true disciples from "lip service" disciples. We are asked to ponder in which category we most truthfully belong.

FUNERAL: Loretta Humber-Greene (Aug. 31st)



- Sunday, September 4**
 8:00am Sarah R. Brooks †
 11:00am Savannah Blu Holton (birthday)
 7:00pm Canonization of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
- Monday, September 5**
 7:00am Steve McPherson †
- Tuesday, September 6**
 7:00am Sister Paula Merrill † (of Mississippi)
- Wednesday, September 7**
 7:00am Sister Margaret Held † (of Mississippi)
- Thursday, September 8** *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 7:00am Donna Rodgers
- Friday, September 9** *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*
 7:00am Janis McPherson †
- Saturday, September 10**
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Amani Rodgers

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11 Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31 Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: Micah 5:1-4 Matthew 1:18-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27 Luke 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22 Luke 6:43-49

Music Schedule

- Processional**
 * Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine LMGM #431
 ** In the Beauty of Holiness LMGM #456
- Responsorial Psalm**
 In every age, O Lord, you have been my refuge.
- Offertory**
 * Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538
 ** Great is Thy Faithfulness arr, Kenneth Louis
- Communion**
 * Here I am Lord LMGM #643
 ** Worthy is the Lamb Hillsong
- Post Communion**
 * Order My Steps LMGM #527
- Recessional**
 A Follower of Christ LMGM #628
 * 8:00am Ruby Robinson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 * 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance for Aug. 28, 2016

4:30pm	49
8:00am	101
11:00am	201
7:00pm	90
Total:	441

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/28)	\$13,157
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$3,189

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"We need to let the Lord's words echo constantly in our hearts: 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, who am meek and humble of heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls' (Mt 11:28-30). Jesus' yoke is a yoke of love and thus a pledge of refreshment. ... We need to learn from Jesus, or better to learn Jesus, meek and humble; to enter into his meekness and his humility by contemplating his way of acting; ... And to remember that Jesus' Church is kept whole not by 'consuming fire from heaven' (Lk 9:54), but by the secret warmth of the Spirit, who heals what is wounded, bends what is rigid, straightens what is crooked'." (Pope Francis during his Apostolic Visit to D.C.) Continue to Walk With Francis and celebrate God's mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Sunday (9/4)**
 9:30am RCIA
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA
- Monday (9/5)**
RECTORY CLOSED
- Tuesday (9/6)**
 6:30pm Parish Council mtg
 6:30pm Youth Ensemble
 7:00pm Adult Choir
- Wednesday (9/7)**
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
- Friday (9/9)**
 8:00pm NA
- Saturday (9/10)**
 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—in observance of **Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 5th**. The office will re-open on Tues., Sept. 6th.

YOUTH SUNDAY RESUMES SUN., SEPT. 11: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass next week. You are welcome to bring a friend!

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Registration forms available in the church, the rectory, or at www.hcscchurch.org. First day of school for Pre-K through 12th grade is **Sept. 25th at 9:30am** in the school. Sunday school is for all youth including youth who need to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Contact Shirley Austin: mre@hcscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885.

HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC—is **Sat., Sept. 17th in Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD.** Help from parishioners will make this a successful event. If you would like to help with set-up, serving or clean-up, call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699).

HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION: There will be only **ONE** Mass on **Sun., Sept. 18th at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. This is a perfect opportunity to invite family members or friends to celebrate Mass with us. We will still celebrate the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: We invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (canned meats, stews, tuna, fruit, peanut butter) to Mass to restock our food pantry. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please consider donating to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since the funds support this effort.

SAVE THE DATE: CALLING THE MEN OF HCSC!! You are invited to gather and fellowship at our Annual Men's Retreat at **Loyola on the Potomac, January 6-8, 2017.** Cost covers room, meals, and facilitator. Open to all ages, special rates for first-time attendees and men up to age 30. Program focus facilitated by local clergy. Contact Richard Bennett: hcscholyname@gmail.com or 202-547-8174. Transportation available. Stay tuned for more details.

HEALING MASS: All are invited to **Experience the Power and Presence of God** at Assumption Catholic Church, 3411 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SE, **Sat., Sept. 10th at 4:30pm.**

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Classes meet Sundays at **9:45am** in the rectory basement 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 also includes adult Catholics who have missed either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends you know who might benefit. Questions? Contact Deacon and Elizabeth Butler (301-379-5266) or at: ebutler717@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hcscchurch.org

SAMSON: The HCSC Youth Ministry is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, **Sat., Nov. 26th** to see the biblical production of **Samson.** Transportation and meal included. Ticket information? Contact Shirley Austin (202-368-7231) or Terri Scott (301-922-3763).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hcscchurch.org



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY will begin **Mon., Sept. 12th 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.

DIGITAL MEDIA TOOLS & TRICKS: Sarah Yaklic, Director of Digital Media for the Archdiocese, will give a **FREE** presentation and training, **Thurs., Sept. 8th** starting **6:30pm** in the O'Sullivan Room in the basement of St. Peter's Parish (2nd & C Streets, SE).

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!**

MASS & EXPO FOR THE DISABLED: Holy Name Catholic Church hosting its **5th Annual Hope Mass & Expo** for persons with disabilities, **Sat., Sept. 10th, 11am** at 1125 Neal St., NE. The Mass celebrant is the Most Rev. Mario Dorsonville, Aux. Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington. This bi-lingual Mass will have an ASL interpreter and the building is wheelchair accessible. Questions? Contact Holy Name Parish (202-397-225).

ST. MARGARET'S SPIRITUAL STEPPERS ZUMBA-THON! Zumba is a great cardio workout and dance party. **Sat., Sept. 10th, 10am–1:30pm** (with 15-minute breaks). St. Margaret of Scotland's **Omega Room, 410 Addison Rd, Seat Pleasant, MD.** **Tickets: \$10 per person, per hour.** Includes door prizes and refreshments. For tickets and info, call Lynne Harris (301-806-8336) or Cynthia Thomas (301-728-4829).

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

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