

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Readings Next Weekend:

Numbers 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17



The Gospel today issues the call to compassionate Christian correction. Note first the PRESCRIPTION. Jesus says, if your brother sins against you, tell him about it. Note, tell HIM, not 15 other people. Start with him. Scripture tells us in many places that we are obliged to correct the sinner (e.g. James 5:19; Col 3:16; 1 Thess 5:14; Gal 6:1; Lev 19:17; Ez 3:17). Next, note the PURPOSE of correction. The text speaks of him as listening and being won over. We do not correct to win an argument. We correct to win a brother over from sin to grace. Next, notice the PROCESS. The text says that we should speak privately to him. Secondly, if he persists in serious sin, take one or two along with you and strive to prevail on him. If he still persists in serious sin, tell it to the Church. If he still will not repent then the Church may need to excommunicate him. Here too note that Scripture often mandates this last resort of excommunication as a strong medicine to bring about conversion (e.g. 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Thess 3:6; 2 Thess 3:14; 1 Cor 5:1ff). Finally, note the POWER of correction. Scripture speaks of excommunication and other measures used by the Church as being recognized in heaven. Further, we are told that if we agree on earth and pray for conversion that our prayer will be recognized by the Father. Hence, in the presence of sin we are called to do more



Sunday, September 7

4:30pm (Sat) Rita Lowry & Family
 8:00am James & Dorothy Young (52nd wedding anniv.)
 11:00am Sarah R. Brooks †
 7:00pm DeVon "Tony" Turner †

Monday, September 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am James O. Chase (birthday) †

Tuesday, September 9 *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

7:00am Joseph F. Chase †

Wednesday, September 10

7:00am Michael Omunyidde Bwire (1st anniversary) †

Thursday, September 11

7:00am Reba L. Neale (15th anniversary) †

Friday, September 12

7:00am Barbara Nettles (1st anniversary) †

Saturday, September 13 *St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of Church*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Melvin Lowry & 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: Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-23
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13 Luke 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27 Luke 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Luke 6:43-49

Music Schedule

Processional
 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" LMGM #410
Responsorial Psalm
 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Rejoice the Lord is King" LMGM #349
 ** "Come Now Almighty King" arr. K. Louis
Communion
 "Glorious is the Name of Jesus" LMGM #357
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for August 31, 2014

4:30pm	43
8:00am	99
11:00am	223
7:00pm	41
Total:	406

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed (8/31)	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (8/31)	\$17,995
Weekly Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	+\$1,649

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/7) 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (9/10) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (9/8) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (9/12) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (9/9) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble	Saturday (9/13) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Social Concerns Min 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

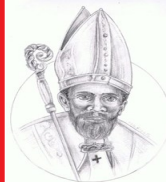


SEPTEMBER YOUTH SUNDAY—Due to our celebration of the Feast of Saint Cyprian on Sept. 14th, **Youth Sunday Mass will resume on Sun., Sept. 21st**. We invite all our youth to come, bring a friend, and sit together on that Sunday!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—We invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, stews, tuna, fruit, vegetables and peanut butter**) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits. These funds support this effort.

THE FRIENDLY SENIORS—weekly fellowship will resume on **Wed., Sept. 10th at 11am** in the Youth Room at the school. Join us for fellowship, Bible study, and to play games. For information call Doris Edelin at 301-350-2697.

Our **ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC** is **Sat., Sept. 13th** at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. Please see flier for details. Contact Annette Brooks at 202-361-4699 for more info.



HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION—There will be **ONLY ONE MASS** next **Sun., Sept. 14th at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a family member or friend to celebrate Mass with us. We will still have the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday and the Sunday 7pm Mass.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—to help prepare for our Annual Saint Cyprian Feast Day, **Sun., Sept. 14th**. We need help to serve and host. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

HCSC ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY FAIR—**Sun., Sept. 14th** following the 10am Mass on the plaza. We invite our parishioners to come and learn about the various ministries and organizations at our parish. This is a great opportunity for you to discern how you will use your time, talent and treasure at our parish.



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Registration forms available in the church, rectory, or at www.hscchurch.org. The first day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sun., Sept. 21st at 9:30am at the school**. This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or mre@hscchurch.org for information.

SAVE THE DATE—PRAYER BREAKFAST hosted by HCSC Women's Ministry on **Sat., Oct. 18th from 9am—12 noon** at St. Benedict the Moor Church Imperial Room, 320—21st Street, NE. Keynote Speaker Andrea Roane, co-anchor at WUSA 9 News, will speak on breast cancer awareness. Tickets: \$25. Contact June Holton-Johnson at the rectory (202-546-1885).

Youth Ministry News

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

JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR—HCSC Youth Choir encourages youth in first grade or higher interested in joining the youth choir to come to rehearsal **Tues., Sept. 9th at 6:30pm** in the Church. Come and make a "joyful noise" in the youth music ministry! Contact LaTonya Holley at: ltanya.holley@gmail.com.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT—As we resume **Youth Sunday on Sept., 21st**, the Youth Ministry is sponsoring a monthly service project requesting our youth to bring a canned food item every Youth Sunday.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS—If you had or will have a birthday during the months of August, September, October, or November and want it to appear in the September Youth Newsletter please submit your name along with the month and day (**do not include the year**) to the Youth Director.

NEWSLETTER—Now that summer is closing rapidly, the HCSC Youth Newsletter wants to hear from all youth who participated in any faith-filled inspiring events this summer. Please contact Nicki Gebrehiwot by email as soon as possible (contact information above).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

CHRIST IN THE CITY—Young Adult Mass every 2nd Thursday of each month at Immaculate Conception (8th & N Streets, NW)! Adoration and Confession at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Contact: DCCatholic@adw.org or visit www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events.

To help us plan future events, tell us what activities interest you. **Please complete the brief survey** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KHJML7Q>. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on Facebook or email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?**   Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS—If you have not received a copy of the most current schedule please pick one up in the sacristy. Thank you for your patience.

SAVE THE DATE—Annual HCSC Church Choir Concert on **Sunday, October 26th at 4pm**. Stay tuned for details.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, **Sat., Sept. 20th, from 9am-4pm**. FREE registration online at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer packet. The main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Timothy Broglio, head of the Archdiocese of Military Services, USA. For information visit: www.iwopf.org, or call 1-888-478-PRAY (7729) or 703-707-0799. Also watch our video about IWOPF at <http://vimeo.com/97551806>.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:
Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

