

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13



Today's Gospel contains one of the most memorable parables of all, the Prodigal Son. Since it is so familiar we can sometimes tune out as it is read. But notice how it begins: "A man had two sons...." In other words, God has many children of a different sort. Some of us are outwardly rebellious like the younger son. Some of us are outwardly obedient but inwardly distant from the Father and can have many secret resentments. And there are any number or other combinations. But the fact is that we all have our "issues." Notice how the father loves them both. One of the most shocking aspects of this parable is the way the father lowers himself to care for his sons. Both these sons treat their father with contempt and speak to him in a way that no ancient father need ever tolerate. But the father runs to embrace his rebellious son. Ancient noblemen never ran since it was a sign of being on an errand for someone or of being in flight. Further, to run meant a man had to bare his legs. This was considered a disgraceful thing for a nobleman. But this father throws aside all "dignity" and runs to his returning son. To the older son who denounces him, the father pleads with him to come into the banquet and greet his brother. No ancient father would ever plead with a son, he simply commanded. But the father (Jesus' Father) lowers himself and pleads with his son. An amazing detail of the Father's patience and love. The story is left unfinished. We do not know if the older son entered the feast or not. You and I are that son, and we have to finish the story for ourselves. Will we enter the feast of heaven on its own terms, or will we stand outside, resentful that the Father doesn't think like we do? You decide.

FUNERALS: Morris Matthew Taylor (Sept. 7th)
Philomena Smith (Sept. 9th)



Sunday, September 11

8:00am For the Souls lost thru violence & terrorism †
11:00am Reba L. Neale † (anniversary)
7:00pm Barbara Nettles † (anniversary)

Monday, September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

7:00am For the mothers and infants victim of abortion

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

7:00am John Bradley †

Wednesday, September 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:00am †

Thursday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00am Catherine Graham † (birthday)

Friday, September 16 *Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr*

7:00am For the People

Saturday, September 17 *St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of Church*

8:00am James A. Hill †

4:30pm For the intentions of Trena Hackney

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33 Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31 Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4-9 Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 19:25-27

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 Luke 8:4-15

Music Schedule

Processional

I Just Came to Praise the Lord LMGM #675

Responsorial Psalm

I will rise and go to my father

Offertory

* Glorious is the Name of Jesus LMGM #374
** Awesome Charles Jenkins

Communion Hymn

* Give Me a Clean Heart LMGM #625
** Let Us Break Bread

Post Communion

*** No Weapon Formed Against Me Fred Hammond

Recessional

** This Little Light of Mine LMGM #637

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director

** 11:00am Youth Choir, L'Tonya Holley—Josh Graf, Accompanist

*** HCSC Dance Ministry, Gail Bell Director

Mass Attendance for Sept. 4, 2016

4:30pm	46
8:00am	89
11:00am	252
7:00pm	81
Total:	468

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/4)	\$14,392
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,954



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"Jesus not only wanted to show solidarity with every person. He not only wanted everyone to experience his companionship, his help, his love. He identified with all those who suffer, who weep, who suffer any kind of injustice. He says this clearly: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). Faith makes us know that God is at our side, that God is in our midst and his presence spurs us to charity. Charity is born of the call of a God who continues to knock on our door, the door of all people, to invite us to love, to compassion, to service of one another." Continue your Walk With Francis and celebrate God's mercy at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/11) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Holy Name Society 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (9/14) 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (9/12) 6:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (9/16) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (9/13) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (9/17) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 12 noon Parish Picnic 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

THIS IS YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are invited to join your child/children.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: On the second Sunday we invite you to bring nutritious, 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 these funds support this effort.

HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC—is Sat., Sept. 17th in **Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD.** We need volunteers to help with set-up, games and serving!! Call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699). See flyer for details and to donate food items. Free for all!



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.



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.



EVENING BIBLE STUDY—resumes **Wed., Sept. 14th, at 7pm.** Our theme is **“Defending the Faith in an Unbelieving World.”**

ST. FRANCES ACADEMY ALUMNI and THE OBLATE SISTERS are hosting a **CRAB FEAST**, **Sat., Sept. 17th, 3—7pm,** 501 East Chase St., Baltimore, MD 21202. **Cost: \$60.** Questions? Call 410-539-5794.



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.

MEN’S DISCERNMENT MASS & DINNER—on **Sun., Oct. 16th** hosted by the Office of Priest Vocations at **St. Peter’s on Capitol Hill, 313—2nd St., SE.** Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate **Mass at 4pm,** followed by dinner and a discussion of the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the DC area. To attend, men must RSVP to Traci O’Neill (202-636-9020) or oneillt@adw.org.

Youth Ministry News

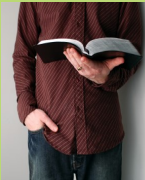
Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hcscchurch.org

TRIP to 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. Call Shirley Austin (202-368-7231) or Terri Scott (301-922-3763).

JOIN US!! Our Youth Ministry encourages our youth to join the many opportunities at HCSC for youth: *Lectors, Choir, Altar Servers, Dance and Youth Ministry.* Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot for information.

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.

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!**

WHY WE MUST VOTE—presented by the Women’s Ministry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, **Sun., Sept. 25th, 4:30—6:30pm,** OLPH Panorama Room 1600 Morris Road, SE. Afternoon features panel discussions, voter registration, and candid information. For more information, call Cynthia Salters-Stiith (202-255-0947).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Saint Paul reminds us that Christ will strengthen us and that there is abundant grace, faith and love available to us through Christ Jesus. All of this is available to us in our everyday lives and in our marriages. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **Nov. 11-13, 2016, April 21-23, 2017 or October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD.** For more information and apply online visit welovematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email: applications@welovematrimony.org.

OUR LADY of SORROWS at CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: On **Sept. 15th,** the Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows is said in Catholic churches world-wide. “We find in her a true Mother,” says Pope Francis. Join the universal Church and entrust your sorrows and difficulties to Our Lady at a special **9am Mass and Rosary** at Catholic cemeteries: Gate of Heaven, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD; Mt. Olivet, 1300 Bladensburg Rd. NE; and Resurrection, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD; and **5pm** at All Souls, 11401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD; and St. Mary’s Queen of Peace, 38888 Dr. Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville, MD. For more info, visit www.ccaw.org, or call 301-871-1300.

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

