

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-27 Matthew 20:1-16



The title of today's feast is The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To exalt something is to lift it up. Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up (on the cross). To look upon the bronze serpent healed the ancient Israelites. For us too, in a far better way, to look upon the Christ on the cross is to be healed. How are we healed? The answer is that there is something healing in facing what we have done. Look upon the cross and see what our sins have done. Every sin we commit increased Jesus' agony. Sin causes a very ugly reality. My selfishness is the spittle on his face. My cruelty is the lashes on his back. My abuse of others is the nails in his wrists, my sins of pride the crown of thorns. Look at sin and see its ugly reality. It masquerades as "Freedom" and doing what feels good but it is ugly and cruel. To see this and accept it is to experience a first step in our healing. Look again at the cross. Now see how much God loves you. God loves the world so much that he gave us his only Son. Allow this love to reach you and transform you. Allow this love to heal you. Look to the Cross, it heals you.



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

4:30pm (Sat) Melvin Lowry & Family †
10:00am Virginia H. Washington †
7:00pm For the People

Monday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00am Barbara Whitaker

Tuesday, September 16 *Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am James A. Warren, Jr. (21st anniversary) †

Wednesday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doc. of Church*

7:00am James A. Hill †

Thursday, September 18

7:00am Joan Savoy-Grant (birthday 9/19) †

Friday, September 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Maukia McPherson (birthday)

Saturday, September 20 *Sts Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Chong Ha-sang, Martyrs*

8:00am Thomas Norman (anniversary 9/19) †
4:30pm Stanlie M. Barton †

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: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33 John 19:25-27
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31 Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 7:36-50
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
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me" LMGM #410

Responsorial Psalm
"Do not forget the works of the Lord."

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"

Offertory
* "Down at the Cross" LMGM #282
** "He's So Freely Passing Out Blessings" D. Price/arr. by K. Louis

Communion
* "Praise Him!" LMGM #446
** "Taste and See" K. Louis

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for September 7, 2014

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| 4:30pm | 39 |
| 8:00am | 114 |
| 11:00am | 310 |
| 7:00pm | 51 |
| Total: | 514 |

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

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| Weekly Budget Amount Needed (8/31) | \$16,346 |
| Actual Tithes Collected (8/31) | \$13,715 |
| Weekly Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | -\$2,631 |

Cardinal's Appeal Update - Thanks to all who participated in the Annual Cardinal's Appeal. Thus far **210 donors** have pledged **\$53,841**. This is **102.8%** of our **\$52,368** goal. If you have not yet pledged to this year's appeal please do so soon. Ushers can provide pledge forms. Please help us reach our which is so near at hand!. Remember, all the money you give goes directly to help the needy and poor in our area.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (9/14) 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA | Wednesday (9/17) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Usher Board meeting 7:00pm Bible Study |
| Monday (9/15) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Friday (9/19) 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers 8:00pm NA |
| Tuesday (9/16) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (9/20) 10:00am Holy Name meeting 10:00 am Liturgical Dance 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, **Youth Sunday Mass has been moved to Sun., Sept. 21st** for September ONLY. We invite all our youth to come, bring a friend, and sit together next Sunday!

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—Every second Sunday of the month 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.



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—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 youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms available in the church, rectory, and at www.hcscchurch.org. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885, ext. 26, or at: mre@hcscchurch.org.

CORRECTION: Friendly Seniors will resume on Wed., Sept. 24th at 11am in the Youth Room at the school.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Classes begin **Sun., Sept. 21st** for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Classes are intended for non-Catholics interested in becoming Catholic. This includes adults seeking to complete their sacramental formation. Call Deacon Butler on 301-437-9434 or 301-352-7194.

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. Call June Holton-Johnson on 202-546-1885.



42nd ANNIVERSARY CHOIR CONCERT—**Sun., Oct. 26th, at 4pm**. The theme is **"Just for Me"**. Tickets available from any Choir member or in the rectory office for \$20. Tickets sell quickly so get yours today! **Deadline for program ads is Tues., Sept.**

SAVE THE DATE—Come celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the Ordination** of our pastor, **Msgr. Charles Pope** on **Sun., Nov. 9th**. Stay tuned for more details.

SAVE THE DATE—**HCSC MEN'S RETREAT Jan. 2—4, 2015**, sponsored by the Holy Name Society. It will be held at the Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Stay tuned for more details. Contact Richard L. Bennett on 202-547-8174.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR PARISH—To receive periodic HCSC email newsletters with information and updates on what is happening at HCSC, send your name and email address to hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org. You will receive an email inviting you to join the HCSC email group. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Youth Ministry News

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

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.

JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR—HCSC Youth Choir encourages youth in first grade or higher interested in joining the youth choir to come to rehearsals on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** in the Church. Come and make a "joyful noise" in the youth music ministry! Contact L'Tanya Holley at: ltanya.holley@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER—Now that summer is closing rapidly, the volunteers for the HCSC Youth Newsletter want 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).

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.



EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL (Oct. 6th thru 9th)—**Youth Night is Tues., Oct. 7th, from 7—9pm** at Saint Joseph, Catholic Church, 2020 Saint Joseph Drive, Largo, MD.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcscchurch.org

"GRILL THE PRIEST" will follow the 11am Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 5th**. Ask Msgr. Pope those burning questions you've always wanted to ask. Area parishes will also be invited to attend. Light lunch will be served. If the weather permits, it will be an outdoor event.

***Note:** Young Adult Bible Study will move to Mondays only for the month of September at 8pm in the rectory basement.

Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or email: yam@hcscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter at   [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS—If you have not received a copy of the **Sept. 6th thru Nov. 30th** schedule they are available for pick up in the sacristy.

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

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.

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