

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Sirach 27:30—28:9 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16



The gospel today is the Mandate of Mercy. Note the problem that is presented. Peter asks how often he must forgive. The Lord's response is to forgive without limit. This answer provokes other questions, such as whether we must continue to take abuse without limit. In brief, we can only state that it is not possible for us to live in peace with everyone. Some simply cannot or will not stop destructive behaviors. Forgiveness does not mean we should abandon all caution. Rather, forgiveness means we let go of our need to change the past. That we allow the Lord to remove all anger and desire for revenge. The Lord can give us this gift, but how? Next, notice the Poverty that is Profound. There is a man who has a debt so large he could never repay it. After begging for mercy from the King, he receives it when the King incredibly cancels his entire debt. Do you realize this man is you and me? We had a debt we could never repay and the Lord canceled it by paying the price himself. Thus, the Lord has shown us Pity that is Personal. Developing gratitude for His unbelievable gift is essential for us to in turn show mercy and to forgive, for actually experiencing what the Lord has done for us will melt our stony hearts and empower us to be more merciful and forgiving. Finally, note the Pitilessness that is Perilous. The Lord goes on to warn us of how that man (hopefully not you) was not moved by the mercy he received and who treated others without mercy. In the end, this is a very bad idea because your treatment of others will be measured back to you. If you want to receive mercy, ask God to make you aware of what he has done for you. Then, filled with gratitude, you will be able to show mercy.

Music Schedule

Processional
He's Done So Much for Me LMGM #507

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Offertory
I Will Sing, Hallelujah

Communion
The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power LMGM #383

Post Communion
And He Blessed My Soul Anita Watkins Stephens

Recessional
He's Done So Much for Me LMGM #507

HCSC Choir — George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance
for Sept. 10, 2017**

4:30pm	49
8:00am	117
11:00am	256
7:00pm	138
Total:	560

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (9/10)	\$14,083
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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. It's easy, it's **FREE**, and your **End-of-Year Contribution Statement is mailed to you automatically**. 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). For more information, call Kim Peaks in the rectory (202-546-1885)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 17
10:00am James A. Hill †
7:00pm For the intentions of George Stewart

Monday, September 18
7:00am Theresa Wilson † (birthday)

Tuesday, September 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*
7:00am For the intentions of Sharon R. Johnson

Wednesday, September 20 *Sts Tae-gón, Priest, & Ha-sang, Martyrs*
7:00am Norma Jackson †

Thursday, September 21 *Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*
7:00am For the intentions of Tashawn Cannedy

Friday, September 22
7:00am For the intentions of Amani Rodgers

Saturday, September 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*
8:00am For the People
4:30pm Michelle Savoy †

If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	1 Timothy 2:1-8	Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Timothy 3:1-13	Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Timothy 3:14-16	Luke 7:31-35
Thursday:	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13	Matthew 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Timothy 6:2-12	Luke 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Luke 8:4-15

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/17) 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (9/20) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (9/18) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (9/22) 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers
Tuesday (9/19) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (9/23) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:00 am S.O.M.E. 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



CONGRATULATIONS to **Aiden Bridges** and **Hans Kullberg III**, who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **September 10th**. May God bless them in their journey of faith.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nate & Virginia Madden** who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on **August 12th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The first day of school for Pre-K through 12th grade is **Sun., Sept. 24th at 9:30am** at the school. Sunday school is for all youth, including youth who need to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church, in the rectory and on the website. Questions? Contact Shirley Austin 202-546-1885 or at mre@hscchurch.org.



100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima – A Solemn High Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Liturgy will be celebrated at HCSC on **Fri. Oct. 13th at 7:30pm**. The occasion is the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima and will feature splendid music composed by Palestrina and Byrd and sung by the renown group Chantry.

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on **Sun., Oct. 8th** as we celebrate the **25th anniversary of the ordination of Deacon Ralph Cyrus** at the 11am Mass, followed by a reception at the school. Deacon Cyrus came to HCSC 15 years ago and has not only been a catechist for our youth at Sunday School and other events but has also been faithfully committed to serving in the prison ministry. We hope you will join us in recognizing his service to God's people.

HCSC CHOIR'S 45th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 22nd, at 4pm. Theme: *"Just a Little Prayer & Faith"*
Tickets: \$20. NEW! Purchase your tickets online at **hsc45thanniversary.eventbrite.com**.



Tickets are also available from any choir member or the rectory office. This year we will feature past choir members and our youth ensemble. Visit www.hscchurch.org for information on placing a program ad or sponsorship.



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)—is an interfaith non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and shelters the homeless. Volunteers provide 3-meals a day, 7-days a week, 365 days a year. The HCSC Social Concerns Ministry prepares lunch every 4th Saturday for approx. 340 homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next scheduled lunch preparation is **Sat., Sept. 23rd**. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (recipe flyer in the rear of the church). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by close of business on Fri., Sept. 22nd. Volunteers are also needed to serve and clean-up, but the most urgent need is the donation of prepared chicken so that the meal is assured. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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COME JOIN ONE OF THE HCSC YOUTH MINISTRIES: Summer is over and it's time to get back to work! Consider joining one of our youth ministries: **Altar Servers; Liturgical Dance; Youth Choir; Youth Lectors; Youth Ushers.** If you'd like to join us, contact the Director of Youth Ministry.

LITRUGY OF THE WORD YOUTH CATECHISTS: There are two openings for youth ages 13-18 to assist adult catechists on Sundays at the 11am Mass. Contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education at mre@hscchurch.org.

28th ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER FALL REVIVAL, will begin with the **Youth Rally, Sat., Sept. 30th, 10am—3:30pm** at Church of the Incarnation, 880 Eastern Ave., NE. Theme: *"WHERE THERE IS LIGHT, THERE IS HOPE!"* Revivalist, Fr. Roy Lee. **All youth who plan to attend should contact the Director of Youth Ministry.**

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YAM@hscchurch.org



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays 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!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OLIVEWOOD SALE: KOC St. Cyprian Council #10008 will sell olivewood crosses for **\$10** to benefit Christians in the Middle East. The ISIS' genocide against Christians and other religious minorities began almost three years ago and the survival of Christians in that region has been increasingly uncertain. Help secure a future for Christianity in a land vital to its past. Crosses available in the Candlelight Store.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Wed., Oct., 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Msgr. Pope will bless animals out on the church plaza from **6 to 7:30pm**. Bring your pet and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith (RCIA) are held **Sunday's at 9:30am in the rectory.** Although these classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, they are also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. These classes are open to Catholics looking to enrich their faith. If interested, or know someone who is, registration forms are in the rear of the church. Questions? Call the rectory (202-546-1885) or email: rciahsc@gmail.com.

