

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Amos 6:1, 4-7      1 Timothy 6:11-16      Luke 16:19-31



Today's Gospel presents the unfortunate fact that sinners are frequently clever and energetic about the sins they commit while disciples are often sleepy and poorly organized when it comes to being saintly. It is a strange Gospel wherein the Lord seems to praise sinners. But he does not praise their sin, only their enthusiasm and cleverness. Notice first the **DESCRIPTION** of the sinner. He is called a steward of a rich man. This is us. We are not owners of what we have so we do with it just as we please. God is the owner of all and we are but stewards who must manage what we have according to the will of the owner, God. Next, notice the **DISSIPATION** of the sinner. The text says he has squandered his master's things. This too we do, squandering our time, talent and treasure on things that matter little and do not increase, but rather deplete the Kingdom of God. Next, notice the **DEATH** of the sinner. He is called to judgment for what he has done and told, "You can no longer be my steward. Sin brings death and disinheritance. But notice the **DETERMINATION** of the sinner who carefully considers his plight and comes up with a plan to deal with it. And the Lord praises his craftiness and longs for disciples who were as ingenious in holiness as this man is ingenious in wickedness. Could the Lord praise your dedication to holiness, your craftiness in evading the devil?

**FUNERAL:** Robert Walker, Jr. (Fri, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>)



**Sunday, September 18**

8:00am James Oscar Chase † (birthday-Sept. 8)  
 11:00am Janis McPherson †  
 7:00pm Joseph Francis Chase, Sr. † (B'day-Sept. 19)

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

7:00am Jaroslaw & Natalia Bodnaruk †

**Tuesday, September 20** *Sts Andrew Tae-gón, & Paul Ha-sang, Martyrs*

7:00am Norma Jackson † (birthday)

**Wednesday, September 21** *St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

7:00am For the faithful who died for Christ

**Thursday, September 22**

7:00am Jean W. Randolph †

**Friday, September 23** *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

7:00am For the intentions of the Hamer family

**Saturday, September 24**

8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm For the intentions of Otha Hamer, III

**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:** Proverbs 3:27-34      Luke 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Proverbs 21:1-13      Luke 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Eph 4:1-7,11-13      Matthew 9:9-13  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11      Luke 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11      Luke 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8      Luke 9:43-45

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 Gonna Have A Good Time      Stephen Hurd  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor  
**Offertory**  
 \* This Is the Day      Dr. Patrick Bradley  
**Communion Hymn**  
 Taste and See      LMGM #750  
**Post Communion**  
 I Give You Praise      Richard Smallwood  
**Recessional**  
 I Love You, Jesus      Stephen Hurd  
 Church Choir - George Stewart- Director of Music  
 \* HCSC Dance Ministry - Gail Bell, Director

**Mass Attendance for Sept. 11, 2016**

4:30pm	51
8:00am	112
11:00am	273
7:00pm	93
<b>Total:</b>	<b>529</b>

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/11)	\$17,604
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$1,258



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

"Jesus sends his disciples out to all nations. To every people. We too were part of all those people of two thousand years ago. Jesus did not provide a short list of who is, or is not, worthy of receiving his message and his presence. Instead, he always embraced life as he saw it. In faces of pain, hunger, sickness and sin. In faces of wounds, of thirst, of weariness, doubt and pity. ... Jesus said: Go out and tell the good news to everyone. Go out and in my name embrace life as it is, and not as you think it should be. Go out to the highways and byways, go out to tell the good news fearlessly, without prejudice, without superiority, without condescension, to all those who have lost the joy of living. Go out to proclaim the merciful embrace of the Father." (Pope Francis during his Apostolic Visit) Continue your Walk with Francis and celebrate God's mercy with us this year at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (9/18)</b> 10:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (9/21)</b> 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (9/19)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (9/23)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (9/20)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (9/24)</b> 10:00am 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.*

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### PARISH LIFE

**REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Registration forms are available in the church, the rectory office, or at [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org). First day of school for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is **Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:mre@hcscchurch.org), or 202-546-1885.

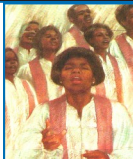
**COMMISSIONING OF CATECHISTS:** This Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass, we will commission our Catechists who will instruct our youth at Sunday School and Liturgy of the Word sessions. Let us continue to support and keep our catechists in prayer as they instruct our youth in the faith.

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Did you, a family member, or friend, miss receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Communion? Are you searching for a greater knowledge and appreciation of your faith? Enroll in the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Adult Catechetical Program! Class is held on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM. Registration forms with more information are available in the rear of the church and in the rectory office.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—begins on **Wed., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** at **7pm**. Our theme for this season is **“Defending the Faith In An Unbelieving World.”** Join us!

**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)**—is an interfaith non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and shelters the homeless. HCSC Parish prepares lunch every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 “O” St., NW. **Our next S.O.M.E. date is Sat., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.** **Donations of cooked chicken are urgently needed** (see flyer for recipe and instructions) and can be dropped off at the rectory on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> before 4:30pm. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The HCSC Choir's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Concert, **Sun., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4pm.** Title: **“Thankful for His Holiness”**  
**Tickets: \$20** each will be available from any choir member or the rectory office.



**I'M NOT TEXTING, I'M PRAYING!** is the slogan for the new app myParish, that allows you to connect with our parish like never before. With the myParish app you can read our bulletins and even listen to Msgr. Pope's homilies on your smartphone. Enjoy useful faith-building resources to complement your daily faith life, such as, daily Mass readings, a full list of traditional Catholic prayers, and much more. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the Church on how to download the free app!

**WHY WE MUST VOTE**—is sponsored by the Women's Ministry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on **Sun., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30—6:30pm**, OLPH Panorama Room, 1600 Morris Road, SE. The afternoon features panel discussions, voter registration, and candid information. Call Cynthia Salters-Stith (202-255-0947). See flyer in rear.

### Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hcscchurch.org](mailto: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. 26<sup>th</sup>** to see the biblical production of **Samson**. Transportation and meal included. Call Shirley Austin (202-368-7231) or Terri Scott (301-922-3763) for cost and details. **THIS TRIP IS FOR BOTH YOUTH AND ADULTS!!**

**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](mailto:YAM@hcscchurch.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!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

**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](mailto:hcscholyname@gmail.com) or 202-547-8174. Transportation available. Stay tuned for more details.

**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](http://www.faithdirect.net). (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's **FREE!**

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

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

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