

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10



In the Gospel today Jesus describes the reality of hell and answers a question or two about it such as why it is permanent and what ultimately leads us there. Notice first the **Ruin** that is described. The rich man ends in hell due to his lack of concern for the poor. We do not have a catalogue of any other sins he may have committed but Jesus is clear to point out here that woeful neglect of the poor is a damnable sin. But notice next the **Rigidity** described. The rich man who looked down on Lazarus still fails to see his dignity and asks Abraham to dispatch Lazarus with water as though he were some sort of errand-boy. Notice too that the rich man does not ask to come to heaven but asks Lazarus to come to him in hell. This interesting detail says a lot. For whatever reason, the rich man, though he does not like hell still does not desire heaven or the Kingdom of God. We ought to accept what is taught here that, at some point, our rejection of God and the Kingdom becomes permanent. This is why hell is eternal. Finally, notice the **Reason** that is given for his demise beyond his lack of care for the poor. When the rich man asks that his brothers be warned about hell, Abraham replies that they have Moses and the Prophets, (i.e. the Scriptures). In the end, condemnation ultimately results from disobedience to the revealed will of God. This ultimately hardens our heart in sin and fixes forever our rejection of the Kingdom of God.

DECEASED: Barbara Van Ness Ketchum (Sept. 14th)



Sunday, September 25

8:00am Tashawn Cannedy (birthday 9/16)

11:00am Helen Price (birthday 9/24)

7:00pm Earl Rodgers †

Monday, September 26 *Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

7:00am Shawntee L. Rowe † (1st anniversary 9/18)

Tuesday, September 27 *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

7:00am Dwayne T. Holton (birthday)

Wednesday, September 28 *St Wenceslaus; St Lawrence Ruiz Martyrs*

7:00am For the People

Thursday, September 29 *Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

7:00am Delanté Rush, Jr. (birthday)

Friday, September 30 *St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am For the intentions of Trena Hackney

Saturday, October 1 *St Thérèse of Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of Church*

8:00am Jennifer & Anthony Lawrence (wedding day)

4:30pm For the intentions of the Rodgers family

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Job 1:6-22 Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Job 9:1-16 Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Rev 12:7-12 John 1:47-51

Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Job 42:1-6, 12-17 Luke 10:17-24

Music Schedule

Processional

* Praise to the Lord LMGM #466
 ** This is the day Dr. Patrick Bradley

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Offertory

* Count Your Blessings LMGM #478
 ** O Taste and See Chicago Mass Choir

Communion Hymn

* I Am the Bread of Life LMGM #755
 ** I Know It Was the Blood LMGM #382

Post Communion

** Hallelujah Salvation and Glory

Recessional

** I love you Jesus Stephen Hurd

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance for Sept. 18, 2016

4:30pm	48	
10:00am	335	Feast of St. Cyprian
7:00pm	113	
Total:	496	

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/18)	\$17,143
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$797



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

“Let us remember the Golden Rule: ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you’ (Mt 7:12). This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development.” (Pope Francis in Washington, D.C., during his Apostolic Visit) Continue your *Walk With Francis* and celebrate God’s mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/25) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (9/28) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (9/26) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (9/30) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (9/27) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (10/1) 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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

PRO-LIFE PRAYER REQUEST: As many of you know the largest Planned Parenthood clinic in the country will officially open this week right here in our neighborhood. Planned Parenthood is one of the largest providers of abortion in this country. Several opportunities to pray and witness against the opening of this building will be discussed at Mass today (Sept. 25th). There will be a prayer vigil Sunday night and also Monday at lunchtime. Please be prayerfully attentive for opportunities both this weekend and in the weeks to come wherein we can witness to the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. (Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope)



To Annette Brooks and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication in coordinating our annual parish picnic. Also, to the Women's Ministry for your help in providing refreshments for our Saint Cyprian Parish celebration. It is the generous offering of your time and talent that made these events such an absolute success.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Registration forms are available in the church, the rectory office, 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.



SAVE THE DATE: CALLING THE MEN OF HCSC!! You are invited to fellowship at our Annual Men's Retreat at **Loyola on the Potomac, Jan. 6—8, 2017**. Open to all ages. Special rates for first-time attendees and men up to age 30. Cost covers room, meals, and facilitator. Facilitated by local clergy. Contact Richard Bennett: 202-547-8174 or hcscholynname@gmail.com. See flyer for more details.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Tuesday, Oct., 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Msgr. Pope will bless animals out on the church plaza from **6pm to 8pm**. Bring your pet and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by!



WORD AMONG US: The October edition of the Word Among Us is on sale in the Candlelight Store for \$2. *Limited Supply.*

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The October—December 2016 schedule will be distributed next week via email or mailed to those who do not have internet access. The schedule will also be posted on our website. Additional hard copies will be available in the sacristy. Please remember that each minister is responsible for finding a replacement for any assigned dates they can not meet.

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

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) 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.

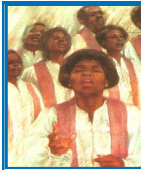
HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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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!**



HCSC Choir's 44th Annual Anniversary Concert, Sun., Oct. 23rd, at 4pm. Theme: **"Thankful for His Holiness"** Tickets: **\$20** each, will be available from any choir member or the rectory office.

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)** Catechetical Program held Sunday mornings at 9:45am. Registration forms available in rear of church and the rectory office.

NO DC SUICIDE: The D.C. Catholic Conference works actively with **No DC Suicide** to oppose legislation (B21-38) that will legalize physician-assisted suicide in the District of Columbia. To express our concern regarding this issue contact your DC Council member (information listed on the flyer in your bulletin). Help to spread the message that assisted suicide is **#Wrong4DC**. For information on this serious issue, contact Michael Scott at 202-683-1721 or msscott@dccathcon.org or visit: www.noDCsuicide.org.

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

