

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43



In the gospel today is described a man who has two sons. The man, of course, is God. The sons differ in that one is religiously observant while the other is not. The observant son says "yes" when his father tells him to work in the vineyard, but later blows off the request and does his own thing. Let's pay special attention to the second son who, when his father calls him to the vineyard, says "no", but later repents and goes in. As we work to evangelize, we need to remember not to write anyone off, not to give up on them. Here was a son who disobeyed his father to his face, but later went to work. We never know, until the end, if someone might repent, might change. The gospel gives us hope as we look at the rebellious members in our own families or among our friends and realize that they could possibly change their "no" to a "yes." Again, continue to pray and ask the Lord to show you whom he might wish you to work with in order to lead them back to his vineyard. It could be a spouse, a child, or a grandchild. Stay open to God, and keep asking for guidance. Listen for his answer and whether it be a spouse, family member or friend, understand, that people do change. Scripture says, The oppressed often rise to a throne, and some that none would consider wear a crown. The exalted often fall into utter disgrace; ... Call no man happy before his death, for by how he ends, a man is known. (Sirach 11:5-6a, 28)



Sunday, September 28

4:30pm (Sat) Dwayne Holton (birthday)
 8:00am Charles B. Frazier †
 11:00am Steven & Frances McPherson †
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, September 29 *Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels*

7:00am Antoine Wilson (anniversary) †

Tuesday, September 30 *St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of Church*

7:00am Florence Davis (birthday) †

Wednesday, October 1 *St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of Church*

7:00am Georgiana Barnes (birthday—9/30) †

Thursday, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*

7:00am Marlene Whitlock (birthday)

Friday, October 3

7:00am For the Intentions of Rita A. Lowry

Saturday, October 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*

8:00am Melvin H. Lowry, Sr. †
 4:30pm Rita A. Lowry, (birthday)

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: Revelation 12:7-12 John 1:47-51
Tuesday: Job 3:1-3, 11-23 Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Job 19:21-27 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
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
 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" LMGM #410
Responsorial Psalm
 "Remember your mercies, O Lord."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "The Church's One Foundation" LMGM #606
 ** "A Follower of Christ" arr. K. Louis
Communion
 "Oh, What He's Done For Me" LMGM # 510
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for September 21, 2014

4:30pm	62
8:00am	134
11:00am	225
7:00pm	66
Total:	486

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed (9/21)	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/21)	\$13,824
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$2,522

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. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/28) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies #64 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (10/1) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (9/29) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (10/3) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (9/30) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (10/4) 10:00am Blessing of Animals 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—for pre-K—high school youth is at the school on **Sundays at 9:30am**. Enrollment includes youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are still available in the church, the rectory, and at www.hcscchurch.org. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885, ext. 26, or at: mre@hcscchurch.org.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS—is a new book by Msgr. Charles Pope that seeks to explore the deeper meaning of each of the Commandments. Msgr. Pope draws extensively from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and seeks to answer questions many people have about the Commandments. Such as, is the 7th Commandment just about not taking what is not mine, or does it include wider issues about justice, such as employers paying adequate wages? Msgr. Pope explores many of the lesser considered aspects of the Commandments but does so concisely in under 100 pages. Copies available in the Candle Light store. **Cost: \$6**



BLESSING OF ANIMALS—The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is **Sat., Oct., 4th**. Msgr. Pope will bless animals out on the church plaza from **10am—12:00noon**. Bring your pet and also encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by!



THE SODALITY will officially begin the 2014-2015 year on **Sun., Oct. 5th** with the **Rosary at 7:30am** in the church. Following 8am Mass there will be installation of new officers and new Sodalists. All are encouraged to stay after Mass for the installation. Then we will meet at the school for our monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend.



PRAYER BREAKFAST—hosted by HCSC Women's Ministry **Sat., Oct. 18th** from **9am—12noon** 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. 30th**. See flyers in rear of the church for info on ads.

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.

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. We have already sent out some invites via email so check to see if you got one!

Youth Ministry News

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

WE NEED YOUTH ACTORS!!—Rehearsals for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant begin in November. Come be a part of our Family Christmas Mass, Wed., Dec. 24th. We also need adults to help with costumes, set design, and tech logistics. For more information contact the Youth Director.

JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR—Youth in first grade or higher are invited. Rehearsals **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** in the church. Come make a "joyful noise" in the youth music ministry! Contact L'Tanya Holley at: LTanya.holley@gmail.com.

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL (Oct. 6th thru 9th)—**Youth Night, Tues., Oct. 7th**, from **7—9pm** at St. Joseph, Catholic Church (2020 Saint Joseph Drive, Largo, MD). Contact Nicki if you want to attend.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT—at **St. Margaret's of Scotland Catholic Church, Oct. 26th, 3—6pm**. Join teens across the Archdiocese for a **FREE** night of food, fun, worship and fellowship. Contact the HCSC Youth Ministry Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hcscchurch.org

"GRILL THE PRIEST" on **Sun., Oct. 5th** following the **11am Mass**. Ask Msgr. Pope those burning questions you've always wanted to ask. Area parishes will be invited. Light lunch served. Outdoor event weather permitting. See flyer.

***NOTE: Young Adult Bible Study** is meeting on **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory basement only for the month of **September**.

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



PLEASE DO NOT PARK BEHIND THE CHURCH IN THE ALLEY—Parking in the alley is illegal and may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense. This includes the grassy area, the ramp to the garage and the reserved parking area for clergy & working office staff. You are welcome to park on the lot at the school. Thanks.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Veneration of Relics of African Saints
Friday, November 7th at 7pm

Saint Joseph Church (2020 St. Joseph Dr., Largo, MD)

The Black Catholic History Month Concert
Saturday, November 15th at 3pm

Holy Comforter—Saint Cyprian Church
featuring Archdiocese of Washington Mass Gospel Choir
under the direction of our own Kenneth Louis
Contact Deacon Al Turner at ATurner@adw.org or 301-853-5371.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

