

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19



The reading today gives us **Five Facets of Faith**. The first is **WALK** – The apostles today, convicted at how small their faith is, ask for an increase of faith. They know they're crawling and they ask to walk. Faith is not just something we have or don't have, it is something in which we grow. We begin by crawling but we are asked to grow and mature. Eventually, we are called to walk and run the race set before us. The second facet is **WAIT** – the prophet Habakkuk cries out for deliverance and is told by God to wait, for the vision still has its time. But the vindication will come and it will not disappoint. And so it is for us that we must learn at times to wait on the Lord and not lose hope or courage. The next facet is to **WITHSTAND** – St. Paul tells Timothy to bear his share of the hardships of the Gospel with the strength that comes from God. There are hardships in this life but God gives us strength to withstand. Next, we must **WORK** – Jesus speaks rather bluntly that we are required to work and that we shouldn't do so simply for praise and reward, we should do it because it is expected of the disciple. The final facet is **WIN** – We are not just asked to work, withstand, wait and walk for no reason. We are doing these things so as to win. God is moving us somewhere and if we faithfully follow him, glory and victory will be our end.



**Sunday, October 2**

8:00am For the People  
11:00am Carole & Curtis Wise (57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)  
7:00pm For mothers and babies at risk of abortion

**Monday, October 3**

7:00am Danielle Brown (birthday)

**Tuesday, October 4** *Saint Francis of Assisi*

7:00am Rita Lowry (birthday)

**Wednesday, October 5**

7:00am For the intentions of Trena Hackney

**Thursday, October 6** *Saint Bruno, Priest*

7:00am Ellis Poole † (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)

**Friday, October 7** *Our Lady of the Rosary*

7:00am For the souls lost to violence and terrorism

**Saturday, October 8**

8:00am Alice N. Thornton † (anniversary)  
4:30pm Otha Hamer, III †

**Mass Attendance for September 25, 2016**

4:30pm	53
8:00am	116
11:00am	305
7:00pm	92
<b>Total:</b>	<b>566</b>

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Galatians 1:6-12 Luke 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Galatians 1:13-24 Luke 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 Luke 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Galatians 3:1-5 Luke 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Galatians 3:7-14 Luke 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Galatians 3:22-29 Luke 11:27-28

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**

\* Sing of Mary LMGM #271  
\* \* Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538

**Responsorial Psalm**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Offertory**

\* The Lord is My Light LMGM #572  
\* \* Hallelujah Is the Highest Praise

**Communion**

\* One Bread, One Body LMGM #760  
\* \* The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power LMGM # 383

**Post Communion**

\* \* Center of My Joy Richard Smallwood

**Recessional**

\* \* A Follower of Christ LMGM #628

\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
\* \* 11:00am Church Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

**Stewardship Report 2016—2017**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/25)	\$11,293
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$5,053



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

"The most important thing in the life of every man and every woman is not that they should never fall along the way. The important thing is to get back up, not to stay on the ground licking your wounds. The Lord of mercy always forgives me; he always offers me the possibility of starting over. He loves me for what I am, he wants to raise me up, and he extends his hand to me. This is one of the tasks of the Church: to help people perceive that there are no situations that they cannot get out of. For as long as we are alive it is always possible to start over, all we have to do is let Jesus embrace us and forgive us." (Pope Francis, The Name of God is Mercy) Celebrate God's mercy with us this year at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Sunday (10/2)**

9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am RCIA  
7:00pm Mass  
8:00pm AA

**Wednesday (10/5)**

11:00am Friendly Seniors  
3:00pm RCIA  
6:30pm Liturgical Dance  
7:00pm Bible Study

**Monday (10/3)**

7:00pm Adult Choir  
8:00pm YAM Bible Study

**Friday (10/7)**

6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour  
8:00pm NA

**Tuesday (10/4)**

6:30pm Youth Ensemble  
7:00pm Adult Choir

**Saturday (10/8)**

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.*

**PARISH LIFE**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the new officers and members of the **Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary** who are being installed this weekend. The Sodality provides its members with a greater devotion to Our Lord through veneration of His Blessed Mother, and provides a method to experience a deeper and more intimate relationship with God in their daily lives. They hold monthly meetings and Days of Reflection. The Sodality is open to both men and women.

**PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE URGENTLY NEEDED:** Today at Mass you will hear about the **Proverbs 24 Community**, a new pro-life initiative in response to the recent opening of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility not far from our parish. (*Rescue those being led away to death; intervene on behalf of those staggering toward slaughter.* --Proverbs 24:11) You are asked to consider participating in our pro-life witness in one of three ways: as one who witnesses by praying in front of the facility, as one who prays in a Holy Hour at Church while the sidewalk witness is going on, or as one who prepares a meal for a fellowship lunch upon our return. The initial commitment is only for four Saturdays over the next three months. Please consider signing up this weekend for an **Orientation Session on Sat., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Contact P24Community@gmail.com. For more information contact Monsignor Pope (202-546-1885).

**WELCOME**—to our two new deacons who will be with us until the end of the 2017 academic year (late April). **Deacon Casey Sanders** is from the Archdiocese of Louisville in Kentucky. He is studying Canon Law at CUA, and **Deacon Benjamin Barr** is from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Both live at the Theological College.



**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL!** “A New Dawn Is Coming, Lord Have Mercy” **Mon., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>—Thurs., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**, nightly at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD. **Revivalist: Fr. Anthony Bozeman.** Closing Mass on Thursday. Tuesday night is “Youth Night”. HCSC is one of several Southeast Deanery partnering churches. Flyer in the rear.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Tues., Oct., 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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!



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: All parishioners are invited** to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together in the church and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharistic Ministers will host the Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Fri., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6—7pm**.

**YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY:** Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass next week. You are welcome to bring a friend!

**Youth Ministry News**

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

**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EAST of the RIVER REVIVAL: Youth Night is Tues., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** starts at 7pm. All HCSC Youth and their families are invited. The revival will be held at Mount Calvary Catholic Church in Forestville, MD.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER:** The HCSC Youth Ministry is in need of an editor to publish their newsletter. Please contact the Youth Director for further information.

**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. **TRIP IS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS!!**

**JOIN US!!** Our Youth Ministry encourages our youth to join the many ministries available to youth: *Lectors, Choir, Altar Servers, Dance, and Youth Ministry.* Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot for information.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

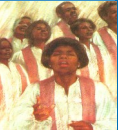
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**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

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 HCSYoungAdults!

**HCSC CHOIR'S 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4pm.** Theme: “Thankful for His Holiness” Tickets: \$20 each, available from choir members or the rectory office.



**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** The second weekend of each month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein canned foods (**meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit**) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items during offertory. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since these funds support this effort.

**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.** Facilitated by Deacon Timothy Tilghman. Open to all ages. Special rates for first-time attendees and men up to age 30. Cost covers room, meals, and facilitator. Contact Richard Bennett: 202-436-0425 or hcscholyname@gmail.com.

**PARISH CONNECTIONS:** Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦ Parish Website: [www.hcschurch.org](http://www.hcschurch.org)
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: [myParishapp](http://myParishapp)

