

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14



Today the first reading and the Gospel present a kind of "use it or lose it" proposition. The Lord uses the example of a vineyard, the vineyard owner and tenant farmers who are expected to grow produce on the leased land. Notice first the **SOWING** – When we consider the purpose of sowing seeds, or, in this case, planting a vineyard, what is the purpose of sowing? The answer, of course, is one does this in order to reap a harvest. Hence, God carefully planted the vineyard of Israel, and entrusted it to the care of the Israelites themselves. Next, notice the **SEEKING** – The harvest he sought from them and seeks from us is justice, love, peace, truth, life and faith. God, the vineyard owner, sought the proper fruits of the vineyard. But notice next the **SINNING** – Instead of grapes, he gets the sour grapes of bloodshed, injustice, idolatry, adultery, divorce, sexual confusion, loss of chastity, theft, neglect of the poor, and so on. A foul harvest indeed. Jesus goes on to add how not only did they do these things but they persecuted, hated and even murdered those who called this to their attention, and they are planning to murder Jesus, too. This leads to the **SENTENCING** – In effect the Lord teaches that if you do not want or refuse to use the kingdom blessings you don't have to have them and they will be taken from you and given to others. So, the bottom line is, if you want the Kingdom, it is yours and it will bring forth fruits of righteousness. If you don't want it, and don't care for the grapes of righteousness, you don't have to accept it. The judgment is ultimately in your hands.



Sunday, October 5

4:30pm (Sat) Rita Lowry (birthday)
8:00am Jabari H. Oultz †
11:00am Dorarita Omunyidde (birthday)
7:00pm Richard Cirbus †

Monday, October 6 *St Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

7:00am For the People

Tuesday, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

7:00am Stanlie M. Barton †

Wednesday, October 8

7:00am Alice N. Thornton (29th anniversary) †

Thursday, October 9 *St. Denis, Bishop, Martyr; St. John Leonardi, Priest*

7:00am Cyrus Artz †

Friday, October 10

7:00am Richard Cirbus †

Saturday, October 11

8:00am Thelma Harvey †
4:30pm Lloyd "Lucky" Bridge †

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
"The Solid Rock" LMGM #561
Responsorial Psalm
"The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "Lead Me, Guide Me" LMGM #538
** "Choral Praise"
Communion
"Jesus is Here Right Now" LMGM #751
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for September 28, 2014

4:30pm	65
8:00am	108
11:00am	262
7:00pm	51
Total:	487

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed (9/28)	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (9/28)	\$12,344
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$4,002

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 (10/5)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am RCIA/Inquirers
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA

Monday (10/6)
7:00pm Adult Choir
8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (10/7)
6:30pm Youth Ensemble
7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (10/8)
11:00am Friendly Seniors
6:30pm Liturgical Dance
7:00pm Bible Study

Thursday (10/9)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Friday (10/10)
8:00pm NA

Saturday (10/11)
10:00am Liturgical Dance
10:30am Social Concerns Min
4:30pm Mass

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.

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

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**



YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass. Please feel free to invite a friend!

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



PRICE CHANGE—Due to supplier pricing increase, the Candlelight Store will have to increase our seven-day votive candles to **\$3.50**.

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.

HCSC Women's Ministry—invites the parish to read the Book of Proverbs from Wisdom for the month of October. There are 31 Chapters in Proverbs and there are 31 days in October. So, that is one chapter per day. Let us fill our soul with wisdom from God's word.



42nd ANNIVERSARY CHOIR CONCERT—**Sun., Oct. 26th**, at **4pm**. The theme is **"Just for Me"**. Tickets available from choir members or the rectory office for \$20. **Tickets sell quickly so get yours today!** See flyer.



The **Knights of Columbus** will sponsor their Fall Barbecue on **Sun., October 26th**, at **Saint Benedict the Moor, 320—21st St., NE, 8am until 3pm**. Delicious ribs, chicken and sides will be available.

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 hscstaff@hscchurch.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@hscchurch.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 LTanya 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@hscchurch.org

"GRILL THE PRIEST" this Sunday 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.

YAM BIBLE STUDY will continue to meet on Mondays at 8pm.

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



ORDINATION CELEBRATION—Come celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of our pastor, Msgr. Charles Pope on **Sunday, November 9th**. Stay tuned for details.

25th ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL—entitled *Jesus, Show Us The Way*, Oct. 6 thru 9 each evening at 7pm. Schedule: **Mon., Oct. 6—Opening Ceremony, Church of the Incarnation, Fr. Raymond Moore; Tues., Oct. 7—Youth Night, St. Joseph Church** in Largo, MD; **Wed., Oct. 8—Reconciliation Night, Mount Calvary Church** in Forestville, MD, Francine Dove-Hawkins; **Thurs., Oct. 9—Closing Mass, St. Thomas More Church**, Msgr. Raymond East. For more information, contact Cynthia Washington 301-856-7087.

WHO WAS SAINT CYPRIAN? Many of you have expressed interest in obtaining a copy of the text read by the seminarians during our celebration of Saint Cyprian. Copies are available in the rear of the church.

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

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

