

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 17:8-13 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2 Luke 18:1-8



Today's Gospel answers the question of how we can properly thank God for what he has done for us. The ten lepers are healed but only one renders proper thanks. In effect, it is in the Mass that we render proper thanks to God the Father because the Mass is Jesus' thanksgiving to the Father in which we participate. Jesus renders perfect praise and perfect thanks to the Father. The very structure of this Gospel has the form of a Mass. Notice first that there is a **gathering**. Ten lepers (us) have gathered and Jesus comes near. We do this in every Mass, we gather and the Lord draws near. Next, they **cry out for mercy** just like we do at every Mass. Next, Jesus quotes **scripture** and gives them an instruction just like He does for us at every Mass. Next, one of them, only one, falls to his knees and gives thanks. This is what we do during the **Eucharistic prayer**, we kneel and, with Jesus, give thanks to the Father. The word "Eucharist" comes from Greek and means to give thanks. Finally, Jesus **sends** him on his way, indicating that it is his faith that has saved him. We too are sent forth by Jesus at the end of every Mass, having once again given proper thanks to God. Psalm 116:12 says, *What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?* The cup of salvation I will take up and call on the name of the Lord. You know what the cup of salvation is. It is the holy Eucharist, the chalice of Christ's blood. In so doing we render proper thanks to God.

FUNERAL: Otha Hamer, III (October 7th)



Sunday, October 9

8:00am Darryl & Karen Graham (29th wedding anniv.)
 11:00am Deceased Holland Family members
 7:00pm Monique Jordan †

Monday, October 10

7:00am For the intentions of Leslie Jackson-Hughes

Tuesday, October 11

7:00am For the mothers and babies at risk of abortion

Wednesday, October 12

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

Thursday, October 13

7:00am Candis M. Stretcher (birthday)

Friday, October 14

7:00am Doris Edelin (birthday)

Saturday, October 15

8:00am For the intentions of Nicki Gebrehiwot
 4:30pm For the People

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Romans 1:1-7 Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25 Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11 Luke 11:42-46
Thursday: Romans 3:21-30 Luke 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17 Luke 10:1-9
Saturday: Romans 4:13, 16-18 Luke 12:8-12

URGENTLY NEEDED PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE: Sign-ups are ongoing for 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 attending an orientation session on **Sat., Oct 22nd**. Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org) or P24Community@gmail.com for questions and sign up.

Stewardship Report 2016—2017	
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/2)	\$18,288
Actual Surplus (+)	+\$1,942

Mass Attendance for October 2, 2016	
4:30pm	62
8:00am	153
11:00am	296
7:00pm	84
Total:	595

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ...’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” (Mt 25:35-40) Who is the least brother or sister of mine? What am I doing to fill his or her hunger? Share mercy with those in need through your parish or with Catholic Charities. Find more at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH	
Sunday (10/9) 9:30am Holy Name Society 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (10/12) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 3:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (10/10) RECTORY CLOSED 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Saturday (10/15) 8:30am Women's Min Fellowship 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Social Concerns Min 4:30pm Mass
Tuesday (10/11) 6:30pm Parish Council meeting 7:00pm Adult Choir	

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.

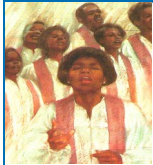
OUR VISION STATEMENT:
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE

RECTORY CLOSED—Monday, October 10th in observance of **Columbus Day**.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: At the 11am Mass we invite our youth and their parents to sit in the pews in front of the clergy.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: If you brought canned goods for our food pantry, please give them to the ushers. Monetary donations are also accepted at the Poor Boxes on the walls near the exits. Thank you.



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

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.

A BETTER CHANCE is a scholarship organization that provides talented students of color in grades 4—9, maintaining a B+ or better average, with a chance to attend the nation's leading boarding, day and public schools. The application process begins in February, 2017. For more information go to: www.abetterchance.org.

BAPTISM CLASS: If you have an infant or toddler in need of baptism, please contact June Johnson in the rectory (202-546-1885). You must register to attend the class, **Sat., Oct. 22nd at 1pm.**

SAINT JOSEPH GOSPEL CHOIR of Old Town Alexandria, VA, celebrates their 40th anniversary, **Sun., Oct. 16th at 4pm.** Theme: *"Dwell In the House"*, featuring: Jeffrey Cory; The Hunt Sisters; OLQP 9:30 Gospel Choir; Incarnation Fellowship Choir; and the Towdah Mime Ministry. **Cost: FREE will offering.**



The Mother Lange Guild Board is sponsoring its annual **TEA Time, Sat., Oct. 22nd, 11:30am—3pm** at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Mother house in Sacred Heart hall, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD. **Cost: \$35** per person. Contact: Sr. Magdala Marie Gilvert (410-242-8500).

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!!**

Youth Ministry News

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

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. 26th** to see the biblical production of **Samson**. This is a family event. **COST: Adults \$135 and Youth ages 4 to 12 years \$74!!** Transportation and meal included. Call Shirley Austin (202-368-7231) or Terri Scott (301-922-3763) for cost and details.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Youth in 8th—12th grade interested in attending the March For Life event on January 27, 2017, should contact Shirley Austin (202-546-1885).

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

YAM@hscchurch.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!**

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Georgetown Visitation Monastery located at 35th and P Streets, NW, is looking for "On Call Care Givers" in their Infirmary. For more information, call Priscilla Posch at 202-337-3350 ext. 2355.

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.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at hscstaff@hscchurch.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.
 Follow us on Social Media: Fr. Pope's Blog: blog.adw.org

