

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21



The fundamental theme of the Gospel today is "Party or Perish." Now this may need some explanation. Note first the **REPAST**. A King (God) has sent out an invitation for all to come to the wedding feast of his Son (Jesus is wedded to the Church). At one level the wedding feast is the invitation to faith in general. But more biblically, the wedding feast of the Lamb described in the Book of Revelation is also the Liturgy of Heaven we call the Mass. Note next, the **REJECTION!** The invited guests ignore and reject the invitation, some even abuse and kill the servants who remind them of the feast! Jesus describes their rejection as being rooted in a preference for the things of the world. Next comes their **RUIN**. The king destroyed them and burned their city. Historically, this happened to ancient Israel in 70AD, forty years after Jesus' resurrection. After having extended the invitation for a long forty years, the "No" of the invited guests became definitive and led to their ruin. It is the same for us. All our life the Lord invites us to accept his kingdom, but in the end, if we don't want it we don't have to accept it. Yet, at death our choice is fixed, and if it is "No" our ruin is sure, for outside the kingdom, there is nothing but ruin. But next notice God's **RESOLVE**. When some reject, he merely widens the invitation. He wants his Son's wedding feast full. Finally, notice the **REQUIREMENT**. Simply showing up to the feast is not enough. Upon entering the wedding feast we must put on God's robe of righteousness. Without righteousness one cannot be in the wedding feast, and will ultimately be cast out. We must be dressed in a way that befits the kingdom, clothed in righteousness.



**Sunday, October 12**

4:30pm (Sat) Lloyd "Lucky" Bridge †  
 8:00am PFC Arthur Richardson (POW of Korean War) †  
 11:00am Deceased Holland Family Members  
 7:00pm Margaret Gordon †

**Monday, October 13**

7:00am Candis M. Stretcher (birthday)

**Tuesday, October 14** *Saint Callistus, I, Pope & Martyr*

7:00am Stanlie M. Barton †

**Wednesday, October 15** *St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of Church*

7:00am Beatrice Warren †

**Thursday, October 16**

7:00am Thelma Harvey †

**Friday, October 17** *Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

7:00am Mary G. Hood (birthday) †

**Saturday, October 18** *Saint Luke, Evangelist*

8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm William B. Simmons, Jr. †

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Galatians 4:22-27, 31-5:1 Luke 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:1-6 Luke 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Galatians 5:18-25 Luke 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** Ephesians 1:1-10 Luke 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Ephesians 1:11-14 Luke 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** 2 Timothy 4:10-17 Luke 10:1-9

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "The Solid Rock" LMGM #561  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "I shall live in the house of the Lord All the days of my life"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "In Christ There is No East or West" LMGM #664  
 \*\* "Say Yes" M. Williams  
**Communion**  
 "Praise Him!" LMGM #446  
 \* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
 \*\* 11:00am *Youth Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator*  
 – *Joshua Graf, Music Associate*

**Mass Attendance for October 5, 2014**

4:30pm	61
8:00am	162
11:00am	275
7:00pm	67
<b>Total:</b>	<b>565</b>

**Stewardship Report 2014—2015**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/5)	\$17,439
Actual Surplus	+ \$1,093

**OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> IS TITHING COMMITMENT SUNDAY—**

Next Sunday, we will turn our attention to the Biblical teaching on Tithing. It will be good for all of us to review the Lord's teaching about our commitment and His blessings. Msgr. Pope will preach all Masses next weekend and remind us of the Biblical teaching on tithing. Each family or parishioner will also be asked to make a commitment of their treasures during the liturgy. Please pray on how you will respond to this call.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (10/12)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Thursday (10/16)</b> 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
<b>Monday (10/13)</b> <b>RECTORY CLOSED</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (10/17)</b> 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (10/14)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (10/18)</b> 12:00pm Adult Choir 4:30pm Mass
<b>Wednesday (10/15)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study	

**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

**ALL HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBER**—We apologize for the inconvenience but the membership meeting scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12 has been cancelled until further notice.

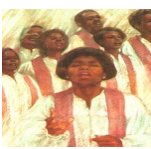
**RECTORY CLOSED**—Mon., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> in observance of **Columbus Day**.

**YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND**—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**—On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (tuna, canned meats, fruit, stews, and peanut butter) 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.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**—hosted by HCSC Women's Ministry **Sat., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am—12noon at St. Benedict the Moor Church Imperial Room, 320—21<sup>st</sup> 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. See flyer for more details.

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

 **42<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHOIR CONCERT**—**Sun., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**—Beginning **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin to hold First Friday Adoration **every month at 6pm** in the church. Each ministry is invited to select a month to host one hour of adoration. Ministry leaders should expect to receive more details. **All parishioners are invited to attend**. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Spend some quality time with Jesus!

**ORDINATION CELEBRATION**—Come celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of our Pastor, Msgr. Charles Pope, on **Sun., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**. **The only morning Mass we will celebrate on this day will be at 10am**. We will still celebrate the vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 4:30pm and the Sunday evening Mass at 7pm. Stay tuned for more information.

**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](mailto: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**  
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Many thanks to all the youth and families who attended Youth Night for the East of the River Revival last week.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**—invites high school students, parish youth ministry leaders, and service coordinators to a **Pizza Dinner and Discussion** on the work of Catholic Charities of Washington on **Sun., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 6—9pm at St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall, 6900 River Road, Bethesda, MD**. To RSVP, please contact HCSC Youth Ministry Director (see above) for more details.

**FALL COLLEGE FAIR**—Archbishop Carroll High School invites students and parents to their Fall College Fair **Tues., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30—6:30pm**. Colleges expected to attend include: American; Bethune-Cookman; Catholic; Clark Atlanta; Fisk; Howard; Marymount; Messiah; Morehouse; Penn State; Prince George's; St. Augustine's; St. Mary's; Seton Hall; Spelman; Temple; Trinity Washington; Tuskegee; UDC; U. Hartford; U. South Carolina; U. Virginia; US Air Force Academy; Villanova, and many more. **No registration fee**. Contact Sr. Helen McCulloch on 202-529-0900, ext. 131, or [hmculloch@achsc.org](mailto:hmculloch@achsc.org).

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ [YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hscchurch.org)



to everyone who participated in the great turnout we had for our **Grill the Priest** event. For information on upcoming events, please "Like" us on Facebook and sign up on Twitter.

For information on Archdiocesan Young Adult events, "Like" **DCCatholic** on Facebook and Twitter.

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

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



**SAVE THE DATE**—**HCSC MEN'S RETREAT Jan. 2—4, 2015**, will be sponsored by the Holy Name Society. The retreat will be held at the Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Also, stay tuned for more details on a payment plan. Contact Richard L. Bennett on 202-547-8174 for more details.



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

**JUST A REMINDER:** Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.



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

Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)

Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)

Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

