

**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.

**FUNERAL: William "Bill" James (Mon., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>)**

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, October 15**  
 8:00am Mark Anthony Graham †  
 11:00am Moore, Jackson, Crumpton & Pye families †  
 7:00pm Shelia Ray †  
**Monday, October 16**  
 7:00am William "Bill" James †  
**Tuesday, October 17**  
 7:00am For the intentions of William Hawkins  
**Wednesday, October 18**  
 7:00am For the People  
**Thursday, October 19**  
 7:00am Shirley Austin (birthday)  
**Friday, October 20**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Keina Ellis  
**Saturday, October 21**  
 8:00am For the intentions of Laura Kersellius  
 4:30pm Gloria Tolentina † (8<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

*If you'd like to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 \* Alleluia! Sing to Jesus LMGM #752  
 \*\* In the Beauty of Holiness LMGM #456  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life  
**Offertory**  
 \* Precious Lord, Take My Hand LMGM #780  
 \*\* He Reigns  
**Communion**  
 \* Come to the Feast LMGM #684  
 \*\* Give Me a Clean Heart LMGM #625  
**Recessional**  
 \*\* Go Ye Therefore LMGM #322  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance for October 8, 2017**

4:30pm	61
8:00am	97
11:00am	243
7:00pm	123
<b>Total:</b>	<b>524</b>

**Stewardship Report 2017—2018**

Actual Tithes Collected (10/8)	\$21,007
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**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. It's easy, it's **FREE**, and your **End-of-Year Contribution Statement is mailed to you automatically**. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). (HCSC church code: DC59). Questions? Call Kim Peaks in the rectory (202-546-1885).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (10/15)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Ladies of Charity 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (10/18)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (10/16)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Thursday (10/19)</b> <b>Rectory Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday (10/17)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (10/21)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Social Concerns 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

OFFICES CLOSED

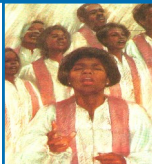
The Rectory Office will be closed **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will reopen on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.



**SOCK-TOBER:** HCSC Social Concerns Ministry is helping **S.O.M.E.** collect new adult socks starting **October 7—26**. Please bring your donation and place them in the sock basket/box located in the church vestibule.

**HCSC CHOIR'S 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4pm.** Theme: *"Just a Little Prayer & Faith"*

**Tickets: \$20. NEW!** Purchase your tickets online at [hsc45thanniversary.eventbrite.com](http://hsc45thanniversary.eventbrite.com). Tickets are also available from any choir member or the rectory office. This year we will feature past choir members and our youth ensemble.



**FRIENDLY SENIORS FUN DAY:** We invite any senior to join us on **Wed., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** from **11am—2pm** in the Youth Room at the school for fun, food and fellowship. Come and meet the Friendly Seniors and see what our ministry is all about. Please RSVP using the flyer in the bulletin.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Classes on the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith (RCIA) are held **Sunday's at 9:30am in the rectory**. Classes are designed for non-Catholics considering becoming a Catholic, but also an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments. Also for those returning to the Church after a long absence and looking to enrich their faith. Registration forms in the rear of the church. Questions? Call the rectory (202-546-1885) or email: [rciahcsc@gmail.com](mailto:rciahcsc@gmail.com).

**PIPE ORGAN CONCERT:** Organist Eric Plutz will perform **"Pipe Spectacular"** at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, on **Sun., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. The program will feature works by Marcel Dupré, Nadia Boulanger, Louis Vierne, Olivier Messiaen and Maurice Duruflé. Admission: **FREE**; free-will offering and light reception will follow. For details: [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org).



Dating, Engaged, Married Couples are invited to join David and Margaret Bereit as they share **Keys to Building a Lasting and Joyful Marriage** on **Saturday,**

**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7—9pm**, in St. Peter's Parish Hall, 313—2<sup>nd</sup> St., SE. Register at <https://lifetimelove.eventbrite.com>. This event is free.

**CALLING ALL SAINT CECILIA'S ACADEMY ALUMNI!!**

The SCA Alumnae Association is holding its annual **Alumni Mass & Luncheon** on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** at 10AM. This annual event is attended by over 150 SCA alumni and is a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates and meet new ones. Contact us at [sca.alumnae@gmail.com](mailto:sca.alumnae@gmail.com) if you would like to receive an invite or call Kimberly (Proctor) Peaks (Class of 1980) at 202-546-1885.

Youth Ministry News

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

**SAVE THE DATE: GRILL THE PASTOR** on **Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>** from **11am—1pm** in the Youth Room at the school. We invite our youth (age 12 and up) and their friends to come and ask any question of our Pastor. It's a great opportunity to find out why and what we believe as Catholics. This is a venue for our "teens" so they can feel free to ask questions and have an open dialogue with clergy along with their peers. Refreshments will be provided. So that we can order enough food, please let the Youth Director know you are coming.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

[YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto: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.

Join other area young adults for **GRILL THE PRIEST** with Msgr. Charles Pope on **Wed., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30—9pm at the Banana Café & Piano Bar (500 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE, WDC). Come and have your "burning" questions about Catholic faith answered. For more info, email [yam@hscchurch.org](mailto:yam@hscchurch.org).

**ADW 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WHITE MASS**—celebrating the gifts of people with disabilities and the Deaf Community at 11:30am on **Sun., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at St. Matthew's Cathedral (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW). People wear white to symbolize our baptismal call uniting us as one Catholic family. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will be the principal celebrant, and Fr. Thomas Gaunt, SJ, Executive Director of CARA at Georgetown University, will be the homilist. For more information, contact the Department of Special Needs Ministries at 301-459-7464 or 301-200-5430 (Video Phone). Contact by e-mail [specialneedsministry@adw.org](mailto:specialneedsministry@adw.org).



**You Don't Deserve to Be Abused:** Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one

adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE. To learn more about domestic violence, attend an upcoming workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities on **Sat., Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 9—11am** (Nativity Catholic Church, 6000 Georgia Ave., NW) or **Sat., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am—12pm** (St. Hugh, 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD). To attend, RSVP to [laura.yeomans@CC-DC.org](mailto:laura.yeomans@CC-DC.org).

**PARISH CONNECTIONS:** Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help 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>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](http://myParishapp.com)
- ♦ **Follow us on social media** 