

TWENTY—NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Sirach 35:12-18 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14



The readings today speak to us of the power of persistent prayer. Notice first the **Problem for Prayer**. None of us like problems, but one thing about problems is that they help to keep us praying. In today's first reading Israel is at war and their enemies are strong. It's time to pray. In the gospel a widow is troubled about something and it keeps her coming back to the judge. Sometimes God allows us problems to keep us praying. Next, notice the **Priority of Prayer**. Joshua and the army did not go forth until Moses took up his prayer place. Prayer ought to precede any major work or decision. Next, notice the **Power of Prayer**. As long as Moses prayed, Israel got the best of the battle. But when fatigue caused his prayer to diminish Israel began to lose. Next, notice the **Partnership of Prayer**. Moses, because of his fatigue, knows he needs to get Aaron and Hur to assist him in praying. As a team they pray together and once again Israel is strengthened and begins to win. Next, notice the **Persistence of Prayer**. The text says that, with Aaron and Hur to help him, Moses prayed right through to sunset. They prayed right until the end and so must we. And finally, there is the **Product of Prayer**. The text says that the enemies of Israel were utterly defeated. This is the power of persistent prayer.

FUNERALS: Walter Templemon, Sr. (Oct. 14th)
 Sheila B. Ray (Oct. 17th)
 Arthur Smith (Oct. 21st)



Sunday, October 16

8:00am Frances McPherson †

11:00am Steven McPherson †

7:00pm For the intentions of Trena Hackney

Monday, October 17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Walter Templemon, Sr. †

Tuesday, October 18 *Saint Luke, Evangelist*

7:00am For the People

Wednesday, October 19 *Saint Isaac Jogues, Priest and Martyr*

7:00am Shirley A. Austin (birthday)

Thursday, October 20 *Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*

7:00am For mothers and infants at danger of abortion

Friday, October 21

7:00am For the intentions of Deacon Kevin Butler

Saturday, October 22 *Saint John Paul II, Pope*

8:00am Mattie A. Barclay †

4:30pm James Clyde Walker † (birthday)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10 Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17 Luke 10:1-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12 Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21 Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6 Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16 Luke 13:1-9



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) The initial commitment is for four Saturdays over the next three months. You are asked to participate in our pro-life witness: by praying in front of the facility; to pray in a Holy Hour at Church during the sidewalk witnesses; or help prepare a meal for a fellowship lunch upon our return. Orientation session **Sat., Oct. 22nd**. Questions? Contact P24Community@gmail.com and to sign up.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us." (Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus) God casts open the doors of his heart to share his love, but is the door of your heart open to welcome him? Are there any doors in your heart that might be closed off to receiving that love right now? Spend some time today asking God to surprise you and open your heart fully to his redeeming love. Celebrate God's mercy with us this year at mercy.adw.org.

Mass Attendance for October 9, 2016

4:30pm	45
8:00am	119
11:00am	291
7:00pm	108
Total:	563

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/9)	\$20,937
Actual Surplus (+)	+\$4,591

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (10/16)	Tuesday (10/18)
9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg	6:30pm Youth Ensemble
9:30am Sunday School	7:00pm Adult Choir
9:30am RCIA	
1:30pm Adult Choir	Wednesday (10/19)
7:00pm Mass	11:00am Friendly Seniors
8:00pm AA	3:00pm RCIA
	7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (10/17)	Saturday (10/22)
7:00pm Adult Choir	10:00am Liturgical Dance
8:00pm YAM Bible Study	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

BAPTISM BLESSINGS to Valor Keith Trevon Portis (on Sept. 25th), Rylie Lauren Reid, Troy Lawrence Hill, Jr. and Eliana Mariel Gomez-Almirez (on Oct. 2nd) who were each Baptized into the family of Jesus Christ. May God bless each of them in their journey of faith.



NEXT 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 on **Sat., Oct. 22nd at 1pm** in the rectory.



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)—is an interfaith non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and shelters the homeless. HCSC Parish prepares lunch the 4th Saturday of every month for approx. 340 homeless men, women and children for S.O.M.E. at 71 “O” St., NW. **Donations of cooked chicken are urgently needed** (see flyer for recipe and instructions). **Our next S.O.M.E. date is Sat., Oct. 22nd.** Volunteers are needed to help serve. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.



The Mother Lange Guild Board hosts its **ANNUAL TEA TIME**, **Sat., Oct. 22nd, 11:30am—3pm** at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Mother house, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD. **Cost: \$35** per person. Contact: Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert (410-242-8500). Donations are always welcome.

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



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.

FALL INTO eGIVING THROUGH FAITH DIRECT, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC59 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Homilies

- Recent or past homilies
- Easy access at any time
- Provided by our parish or other Catholic sources

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Youth Ministry News

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A **Special Thank You** to **Sean Smart** for serving as a Youth Usher for the East of the River Revival on Youth Night last week.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER: The HCSC Youth Ministry needs an editor for 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 **Fri., Jan. 27, 2017**, should contact Shirley Austin (202-546-1885).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry
YAM@hscchurch.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY UNITE—October 22nd at the St. John Paul II Shrine—12noon—4:30pm—lunch, catechesis, film screening and other activities. Special guests: *Out of Darkness worship band*, *Fr. Dave Dwyer (Busted Halo show)* and more. For info: visit jp2shrine.org/wydwunite. See flyer on bulletin board.

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!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

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.

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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

