

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Exodus 22:20-26      1 Thes 1:5-10      Matthew 22:34-40



The Gospel today contains lots of interesting juxtapositions: Hatred for Jesus but grudging respect for him, real questions versus rhetorical questions, politics and faith, duties to Caesar and duties to God. First, note the **PLOTTING OF THE PERPETRATORS**. Jesus' enemies plot together how they might trap him and set forth a question that will theoretically pin him down so that, no matter how he answers, he is in trouble. He will offend either politics or faith. They ask if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. Yet, it is interesting how they grudgingly offer him respect in indicating that he will answer truthfully no matter the consequences. Frankly, there are very few among us who do not alter their speech based on the crowd and consequences. Next, note the **PROTESTING OF THEIR PRETENSE** – Jesus acknowledges their question as phony. They don't really want an answer, they merely want to trap Jesus. He goes on to call them hypocrites (actors) and demonstrates that by the fact that they are able to produce a Roman coin. This means that they make use of the very thing they are criticizing and, though they may belly-ache about the Roman oppressors, they are more than willing to trade and make money in the Roman system. Finally, note the **PRONOUNCING OF THE PRINCIPLE**. Fundamentally, Christians have a double duty. Our first duty is always to God (worship, obedience, tithe, witness), but God also expects us to be law-abiding citizens who participate and contribute to the commonwealth and common good of the nation. We are to pray for our leaders, pay taxes, obey just laws and be part of the political process. Render to God what is God's, and to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

**FUNERAL**—Ellis Poole (10/14/14)



**Sunday, October 19**

4:30pm (Sat) William B. Simmons, Jr. †  
 8:00am Joseph Bailey & Helen Tyler †  
 11:00am Charles Henry Kittrell (anniversary) †  
 7:00pm Richard & Janell Bennett (40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv)

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

7:00am Patricia Huc (birthday) †

**Tuesday, October 21** *Saint John Paul II, Pope*

7:00am Maraget Norman (birthday) †

**Wednesday, October 22**

7:00am James Clyde Walker (birthday) †

**Thursday, October 23** *Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*

7:00am For the People

**Friday, October 24** *Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

7:00am Ellis Poole †

**Saturday, October 25**

8:00am Kenneth Waters †

4:30pm Pauline Macon (birthday) †

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Ephesians 2:1-10      Luke 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Ephesians 2:12-22      Luke 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Ephesians 3:2-12      Isaiah 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

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "The Solid Rock" LMGM #561  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "Give the Lord glory and honor."  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "How Firm a Foundation" LMGM #555  
 \*\* "When His Glory Fills This Place" adapted by K. Louis  
**Communion**  
 "Bless the Lord" LMGM #451  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for October 12, 2014**

4:30pm	65
8:00am	111
11:00am	281
7:00pm	58
<b>Total:</b>	<b>515</b>

**Stewardship Report 2014—2015**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (10/5)	\$20,068
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$3,722

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

**ELECTRONIC TITHING**—is an easy, convenient and **FREE** way to support your parish! Faith Direct allows you to securely deduct your Tithe directly from your bank account **TWICE** a month, or charge to a credit card. Pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or sign up at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). (**HCSC church code: DC59**). Questions? Call Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885. It also allows you to stop a payment. Very flexible!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (10/19)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (10/22)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (10/20)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Thursday (10/23)</b> 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (10/21)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Friday (10/24)</b> 6:30pm Women's Ministry 8:00pm NA
	<b>Saturday (10/25)</b> 11:00am Ladies Aux #64 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



**SOME (So Others Might Eat):** is an interfaith non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and shelters the homeless. The HCSC Ministries prepares lunch on **Sat., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** for approx. 340 men, women and children at 71 "O" St., NW. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory before close of business on Fri., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are also needed to serve and clean-up on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.



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. Look for menu next week!

**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. **LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!!**



**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> at 10am (no 8am Mass).** We will still celebrate the vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 4:30pm and the Sunday evening Mass at 7pm. See flyer for details on the celebration. **Your response is needed ASAP!!**

**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!

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD—**One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. During the month of November, it is traditional to pray for our deceased friends and family. A mass will be celebrated every other day during November for the Poor Souls. To include your friends and relatives, please list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with tithing envelopes or ask any usher for an envelope) and drop in the collection basket or at the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.



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

**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**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org)



**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; Hartford; 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 [hmcculloch@achsd.org](mailto:hmcculloch@achsd.org).

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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

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!** 

**SAVE THE DATE—HCSC MEN'S RETREAT Jan. 2—4, 2015,** 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.

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MONTH:** On July 24, 1990, by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. November not only marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, but also a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora. Some people forget that Christianity did not originate in Europe and even express surprise when they learn that Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8: 26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. For more information about Black Catholic History Month go to: [www.nbccongress.org](http://www.nbccongress.org).

**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.

**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>

