

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10



First Sunday of



The second reading today speaks to us of the gifts and images of our baptism and the new life given to us through the death of Christ. First, note the **PURPOSE** of our baptism. The text tells us that Christ died for us that "he might lead you to God. Yes, indeed, for we have all gone astray like sheep" (Is 53:6). Once we walked with God in the garden in love and familiarity. But then we sinned and became alienated from God and dead in our sins. Christ, like a Good Shepherd, gathers us and leads us back to God. Next, notice the **PATTERN** of our baptism. We are given the image of Noah's ark. Text says that they were saved through water. Further, it is a combination of wood and water. The ark, made of gopher wood, helps them to benefit from the saving waters by not being overwhelmed by them. It is the same for us who are saved through the waters of baptism. But those waters are given power by the wood of the cross. Finally, note the **PURIFICATION** of our baptism. In Jesus we have been given a clear conscience since we have risen to a whole new life. Note that Jesus offers us an entirely new and different life. This life is increasingly victorious over sin and receptive of new graces and virtues. Because of this our conscience becomes clear and we, with Christ, ascend to the heavens. The text is clear to emphasize: new life, ascension to heaven, and authority and power (over sin and death). All of these things Christ died to give us.

FUNERAL: Clara Contee (Tues., Feb. 20th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, February 18
 8:00am Jovan E. Jenifer †
 11:00am Eleanor M. Holland †
 7:00pm Jovan E. Jenifer †
Monday, February 19
 7:00am For the intentions of Kenneth Louis
Tuesday, February 20
 7:00am Lottie Stafford (birthday)
Wednesday, February 21
 7:00am William Campbell †
Thursday, February 22
 7:00am Deborah Woods †
Friday, February 23
 7:00am Thomas Jordan †
Saturday, February 24
 8:00am For the intentions of Earl Turner
 4:30pm For the People

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19
Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538
 ** Lead Us, Lord, Lead Us
Responsorial Psalm
 Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Gospel Acclamation
 Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. LMGM #154
Offertory
 * In Perfect Charity Randall DeBruyn
 ** We Shall Overcome LMGM #652
Communion
 Yield Not to Temptation LMGM #770
Post Communion
 * Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
 ** 'Tis the Old Ship of Zion
Recessional
 I'll Say Yes, Lord, Yes
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for February 11, 2018

4:30pm	37
8:00am	104
11:00am	237
7:00pm	109
Total:	487

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (2/11)	\$26,714
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ELECTRONIC TITHING (FAITH DIRECT): We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC59**. If you have questions, you can call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (2/18) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 1:00pm Youth Pageant rehearsal 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (2/21) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 5:00pm NEW!! Rectory Closed 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Soup & Scripture
Monday (2/19) RECTORY CLOSED 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (2/22) 6:30pm Knight of Columbus
Tuesday (2/20) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (2/23) 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
	Saturday (2/24) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

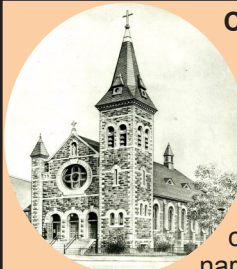
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

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

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PARISH LIFE



CELEBRATING 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

Throughout the year, we will feature various activities, events and displays of photos and artifacts from the parish of Saint Cyprian Church. For the month of February, our bulletin covers will feature a different historical narrative on the establishment and life of that Catholic community. We'll also feature in the vestibule of the church a display of artifacts and photos from the years up to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED—in observance of President's Day holiday on Monday, February 19th.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

DAILY MASS: It is a worthy practice to attend daily Mass during Lent. Consider attending Mass on a weekday in the Chapel (Monday—Friday at 7am, and 8am on Saturday) either one day a week or each weekday.



God created us for relationship with Him and one another. We invite you to renew your relationship with the Lord through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Lent. Starting Wed., Feb. 21st every parish in the Archdiocese of Washington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. **HCSC will be open to hear confessions from 6:00-7:15pm.** Visit: theLightisON.org to find the times for other Catholic parishes in your neighborhood.

FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US: To encourage parishioners to read the Word of God daily during the Lenten season, **free copies of THE WORD AMONG US** are available in the rear of the church. Limited supply.

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held throughout Lent every Friday in the church with Holy Hour at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm. On February 23rd the Stations will be led by the Holy Name Society. Walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE is every Wednesday evening during Lent in the rectory basement starting February 21st at 7pm. This year's theme is: "**Paths to Holiness**", a bible study about how God calls each of us to become a saint and the support he gives along the way by providing abundant blessings. Light meal at 6:30pm, instruction at 7:15pm. Msgr. Pope & Reggie Wills will instruct.

SAVE THE DATE—LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, our Social Concerns Ministry in conjunction with Catholic Charities are sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive. Bags for your donations along with instructions will be provided on the weekend of March 3—4. You are asked to bring back your food donations to Church on **March 10—11.**

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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HCSC "Walk in the Light" YOUTH RETREAT will be on **March 17-18**, at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. See flyer and registration forms located in the rear of the church.

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the Lord's Passion at the Good Friday 7pm service on March 30th. If you'd like to participate contact the Youth Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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.

RITE OF SENDING—is Sunday at 11am Mass. Our parish will pray for and send off our catechumens and candidates to the Shrine where they will join others from around the Archdiocese of Washington at 3pm for the **Rite of Election** where they are presented to the Cardinal who will officially welcome them as they begin their Lenten journey to Easter.

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., Feb. 24th**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm on Fri., Feb. 23rd**. For questions, or to volunteer, contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).



ST. PETER: Fri., Feb. 23rd, 5—8PM. Come out for a traditional fish fry to support Boy Scout Troop 380 at Saint Peter's Church Hall, Second and C Sts., SE. Order tickets online at: troop380dc.org/fishfry (\$2 more at the door). Adults - \$18; children 12 to 4 yrs - \$5; children 3 yrs and under Free. Menu includes fish & sides, iced tea & lemonade, and bake sale desserts. "To Go Boxes" starting at 4PM.

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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

NEW!! Office Hours: Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Wednesday and Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,
Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ HCSC App: myParishapp.com
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