

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 3:13-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48



Thomas the apostle, for many, has been given the name "the doubter." Certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet, if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of the other apostles, did not fully understand the words of

Scripture, that Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. Thomas overcame his doubts with the Lord's help and went on to give his life proclaiming Jesus as Lord. It is said that he went as far to the east as India! Perhaps his name should not be "doubting" Thomas, but "Getting it Done" Thomas. Or, "Thomas the Tireless Traveler." Well, you get the point. There was more to Thomas than his doubt. We are also grateful for the consoling words that Thomas drew forth from Jesus: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Two thousand years after the resurrection, we have seen only with the eyes of faith the risen Lord, and we are invited to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

FUNERAL: James Holland (April 6th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 8 *Sunday of Divine Mercy*
 8:00am Mattie Grant †
 11:00am Thomas Norman † (birthday)
 7:00pm Gloria Fabris Deibis †
Monday, April 9 *The Annunciation of the Lord*
 7:00am For the People
Tuesday, April 10
 7:00am Harvey R. Clapp, III †
Wednesday, April 11 *St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*
 7:00am Buena Walton †
Thursday, April 12
 7:00am For the intentions of Kenneth Louis
Friday, April 13 *Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*
 7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross † (15th anniversary)
Saturday, April 14
 8:00am James Holland †
 4:30pm Harvey R. Clapp, III †

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Because the *Divine Mercy*



Chaplet was Deacon Kevin Butler's favorite prayer devotion, please join us after the 8AM Mass at **10:30am in the Church** to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a parish family in loving memory of Deacon Butler. You'll find instructions for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet in your bulletin.

Mass Attendance for Holy Week 2018

Holy Thursday—March 29 th	7:00pm	192
Good Friday—March 30 th	7:00pm	470
Easter Vigil—March 31 st	8:00pm	203
Easter Sunday—April 1 st	8:00am	182
	11:00am	513
	7:00pm	63
Total:		1,623



THE LORD IS RISEN! As disciples of Christ, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic tithing through **FAITH DIRECT**. It's **FREE** and convenient! You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code **DC59** or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hccscchurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (4/1)	\$21,688
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THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/8) 9:30am Holy Name meeting 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/11) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (4/9) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (4/12) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (4/10) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (4/13) 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers
	Saturday (4/14) 10:00am Sodality meeting 11:00am Eucharistic Min training

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

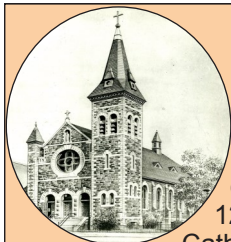


Blessings upon **Matthew Alexander Key, Malaysia Evon Ross, and Stokely Emilio Willis** who were Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday, April 1st. May God bless each of them in their journey of faith.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are invited to sit with your child.



PLATER CAMPBELL'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: We welcome Mr. Campbell and his family to the 11AM Mass today and ask for your prayers for God's continued grace and blessings upon his life. The family invites you to a block party celebration on Walter Street in honor of their patriarch following this Mass. The Campbell family moved to Walter Street, S.E. (a few blocks away) ninety years ago and attended Saint Cyprian Church and this parish after the merger. All are welcome to come and celebrate part of our history during this 125th Anniversary celebration year.



CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH "How Firm A Foundation"

We are planning various activities and events throughout 2018 to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Catholic Church. Displays of photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church, prior to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966, will be featured in the HCSC vestibule. You are invited to submit photos and memorabilia from Saint Cyprian Parish for display. All items will be handled with care and returned to the owner. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org for more information.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Women's Ministry is hosting a Prayer Breakfast **Sat., May 19th, 9am—12 noon.** The theme, **"We've Come This Far by Faith."** The faith journey encouragement will be led by Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino (St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Silver Spring, MD). We will also have inspirational music by vocalist Robert E. Person, and lighthearted entertainment by comedian Cassandra Morgan. **COST: \$40 per person.** Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. See poster in rear of church.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: The second weekend of each month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein canned foods (**meats, stews, tuna, peanut butter, fruit, and vegetables**) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items. If you were unable to bring canned food this weekend consider giving to the Poor Box on the wall at each exit as these funds assist with the effort.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL YOUTH COMMITTEE: Calling all Youth of the Southeast Deanery! Your help is needed to help plan your day of the Revival. The Committee will meet **Sat., April 14th, from 11am—1pm,** at St. Thomas More Catholic Church Cedar Room, 4275—4th St., SE. Lunch will be provided. See Nicki for details.

HCSC-SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARDS: Are you a **registered** youth member of HCSC? Are you a 2018 graduating high school senior applying to college, technical or trade school in 2018-2019? Are you **active** in HCSC church activities, and involved in community service? Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or better? Then you might be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC Singletary Education Fund. The first award is \$4,000; the second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. **STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO APPLY.**

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.

2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50+ years on Sun., June 17th, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine. If you are celebrating one of these anniversary milestones, **please contact the rectory (202-546-1885) by Mon., April 16th** to participate in the celebration.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT: All men are welcome to the Loyola Retreat House on **June 29—July 1, 2018.** Father Cornelius Ejiogu, S.S.J., will facilitate on the theme: **"A Rock in a Weary Land"**. Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, will celebrate Mass on Saturday. The retreat is presented by the HCSC Holy Name Society in partnership with Saint Luke Church. Contact Richard Bennett at 202-436-0425 or Brich1@aol.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, 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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