

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 4:8-12      1 John 3:1-2      John 10:11-18



The Gospel today draws us deeper into resurrection themes. It opens with some of the apostles gathered having heard news of the resurrection. The women have seen Jesus, the disciples returning from Emmaus have seen him, and Peter has just seen him. Forgetful, it would seem, of His promise to rise in three days, they who have not seen remain confused, troubled, and trying to process everything. But in the midst of all this, Jesus appears and, in effect, celebrates a Mass with them. It is this Liturgy that reorders their life and sets them on the right path. First there is a gathering rite. The apostles are gathered, though shaken, they are at least gathered. And where two or more are gathered, there is Jesus in the midst of them. He then celebrates a kind of penitential rite asking, "Why are you troubled...why do questions arise in your heart?...Look and see that I, the Lord, am with you." He also celebrates a kind of Liturgy of the Word, reminding them of everything written of him in the Law and prophesized by the prophets. He opens their minds to an understanding of the Scriptures. He also eats with them in a kind of Eucharistic meal. While the baked fish may not remind us moderns of the Eucharist, the symbol of the fish did in fact remind the early Christians of the Eucharistic food because the Ichthus (Greek for fish) was used as an acronym and meant: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. Finally, having reordered their lives and reassured them, he sends them forth in a kind of dismissal rite saying, "You are witnesses of these things, repentance for the forgiveness of sins is to be preached to all the nations...." How about you? How does the Lord use the Mass each Sunday to reorder your life?

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, April 15** *Third Sunday of Easter*  
 8:00am For the People  
 11:00am Joseph R. Washington † (anniv.—April 12<sup>th</sup>)  
 7:00pm Gloria Fabris Deibis †

**Monday, April 16**  
 7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

**Tuesday, April 17**  
 7:00am Martin Paczynski †

**Wednesday, April 18**  
 7:00am John N. Graham †

**Thursday, April 19**  
 7:00am Plater Campbell (birthday—April 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Friday, April 20**  
 7:00am Helen B. Tyler †

**Saturday, April 21** *Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 8:00am Joseph Bailey †  
 4:30pm Wynette W. Wilkins † (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15      John 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1      John 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1-8      John 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40      John 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20      John 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42      John 6:60-69

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus      LMGM #752

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Offertory**  
 \* He Arose      LMGM #307  
 \*\* Hallelujah is the highest praise      A. Pattin

**Communion**  
 \* Come to the Feast      LMGM #684  
 \*\* The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power      LMGM #383

**Post Communion**  
 \*\* Because He Lives      LMGM #303

**Recessional**  
 Awesome God      D. McClurkin

\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance  
for April 8, 2018**

4:30pm	46
8:00am	122
11:00am	246
7:00pm	102
<b>Total:</b>	<b>516</b>

**Stewardship Report 2017—2018**

Actual Tithes Collected (4/8)	\$15,776
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**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](http://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](mailto:pam@hccscchurch.org) or on 202-546-1885.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (4/15)</b> 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Ladies of Charity 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (4/18)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (4/16)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Saturday (4/21)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance
<b>Tuesday (4/17)</b> 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	

**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.*

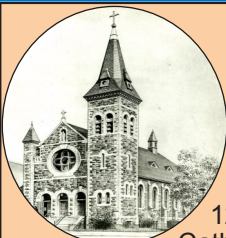
**OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

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

PARISH LIFE



**2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS:** Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sun., June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine. If you are celebrating one of these anniversary milestones, and would like to participate in the celebration, **please contact the rectory (202-546-1885) by Mon., April 16<sup>th</sup>.**



**CELEBRATING the 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH "How Firm A Foundation"**

We are planning various activities and events throughout 2018 to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> 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.

The **PROVERBS 24 COMMUNITY** is a collaborative effort of several Catholic parishes (including our own HCSC parish) formed in response to the opening of a new Planned Parenthood abortion facility in our neighborhood. **We invite you to join us as a walker, cooker, or prayer for our next witness day on Sat., April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** All events held at Holy Name Catholic Church at 920 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NE. See the flyer in bulletin for more information.



**FRIENDLY SENIORS UPCOMING ANNUAL EVENT—AFTERNOON OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP:** Join other HCSC Seniors on **Wed., April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am—2:30pm** in the Youth Room at the School (15<sup>th</sup> & East Capitol Streets). A variety of games and refreshments will be available. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church. You must **RSVP by Mon., April 23<sup>rd</sup>** to 202-546-1885.

**MOTHER MARY LANGE GUILD BOARD—**cordially invites you to its **Recommitment Ceremony, Sat., April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm**, at Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Rd, Baltimore, MD. The ceremony will be presided over by Fr. Donald Fest, SSJ of St. Joseph in Alexandria, VA. NOTE: this is not a Mass. Reception follows the ceremony. Questions? Call 410-242-8500.



**The 4<sup>th</sup> National Black Catholic Women's Gathering, July 27-29, in New Orleans, LA,** sponsored by the National Black Sisters' Conference (NBSC). This spiritual gathering is an opportunity for Black Catholic women, 18-years and over, to deepen their service to God and become more diligent disciples against the mix of challenges in the Black community. For registration information, call: 202-529-9250 or email: thenationalblacksistersconfer@verizon.net.

Youth Ministry News

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

**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.

**HANDICAP RESTROOM ACCESSIBILITY:** Please keep in mind that the handicap restroom located behind the sanctuary was installed for the convenience of those of us with physical challenges. They should be given first priority when the need arises and should not have to wait in line to use these facilities which were actually installed for their use. Thank you.

**STRENGTHEN YOUR SACRAMENT OF MARRAGE:** Sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, April 20—22 in Gaithersburg, MD.** Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

HOPE AFTER ABORTION

Have you been impacted by abortion? Did you pressure someone or were you both pressured to abort? Were you against the abortion? Is your wife or girlfriend post-abortive? Come to an **ENTERING CANAAN Day of Prayer and Healing** sponsored by Project Rachel Ministries.

**MEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING—Sat., April 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30am to 5pm.**

**WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING—Sat., May 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 5pm.**

Questions? Call Project Rachel Ministries (PRM) at 301-982-2008. Location and contacts are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience.

**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>
- ♦ HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](http://myParishapp.com)
- ♦ Follow us on social media