

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8



The Gospel today presents our Lord Jesus as the Good Shepherd with some of the following qualities. First, he is the **PASSIONATE Shepherd**. The text says that he lays down his life for his Sheep. He undergoes a passion for us. Now ask yourself of anyone else who desires your loyalty and affection, did they die for you? Jesus is the only one who died for you and thus he deserves your greatest loyalty. Next, he is a **PARTICULAR Shepherd**. He is not like other shepherds who only look out for themselves. If there is no profit in being your shepherd they will run off and abandon the sheep. Jesus will be there and is willing to give his life for you because he cares for you more than for himself. He is a **PERSONAL Shepherd**. He says he knows his sheep. He knows everything about you. He knows you better than you know yourself. He knows what is good about you and what is bad and he still loves you. He is a **PERSISTENT Shepherd**. He knows the other sheep too and will not rest until they are all accounted for. He is a **POWERFUL Shepherd** who has the power to lay down his life and take it up again. He doesn't only die for you but he lives for you too. He alone has that power.

FUNERALS: Gary Vincent Scott (Fri., April 20th)
Lorenza Y. Robinson (Wed., April 25th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 22 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
8:00am Alice N. Thornton † (birthday)
11:00am Cannedy Family
7:00pm Janice Lee Quinn †
Monday, April 23 *St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*
7:00am Thomas Hubbard †
Tuesday, April 24 *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr*
7:00am For the intentions of Deacon Ralph Cyrus
Wednesday, April 25 *Saint Mark, Evangelist*
7:00am For the People
Thursday, April 26
7:00am Martin Paczynski †
Friday, April 27
7:00am Helen B. Tyler † (birthday)
Saturday, April 28 *St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr*
8:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec
4:30pm Claude Tompkins, Sr. † (birthday)

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

Music Schedule

Processional
* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! LMGM #343
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Responsorial Psalm
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone
Offertory
* All the Way My Savior Leads Me LMGM #410
** It Wasn't the Nails Mississippi Mass Choir
Communion
* His Name Is Wonderful LMGM #372
** Hallelujah! Salvation and Glory
Post Communion
** Here I Am to Worship Israel Houghton
Recessional
** He Got Up Edwin Hawkins
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for April 15, 2018

4:30pm	40
8:00am	137
11:00am	238
7:00pm	104
Total:	519

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (4/15)	\$21,037
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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 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.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/22) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 2:00pm St. Thomas Aux #64 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/25) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (4/23) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (4/26) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (4/24) 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	Saturday (4/28) 9:00am First Communion Practice 10:30am Sodality Board 4:30pm Mass

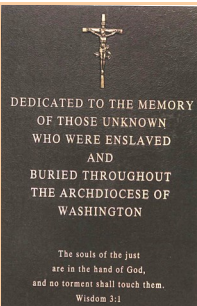
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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:

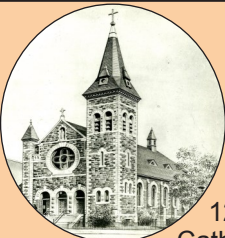
A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE



HONORING UNKNOWN ENSLAVED MEN and WOMEN: Many enslaved men and women were buried without grave markers in Catholic cemeteries throughout metropolitan Washington. In an effort to rectify this injustice, the ADW Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach is sponsoring the dedication of commemorative plaques acknowledging and memorializing those enslaved men and women. On **Sat., April 28th at 11am**,

our own pastor, Monsignor Pope, will celebrate the dedication of the **Mount Olivet** plaque, accompanied by music featuring our own HCSC choir. The dedication ceremony will run approx. 30 minutes. All are welcome.



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.

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



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.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT: All men are welcome to Loyola Retreat House on **June 29—July 1.** 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 **June 30th.** Retreat is co-sponsored by HCSC Holy Name Society and St. Luke Church. Contact Richard Bennett (202-436-0425 or Brich1@aol.com).

PLEASE NOTE: From time to time, it is good to remind ourselves of the courtesies to be shown when entering God's house. Please do not chew gum or eat in church. Adults are requested to remind children (and themselves) of this discipline before entering the church.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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Camp St. Charles

Ever wanted to go to summer camp but didn't know what to expect? Experience a special **Parent/Child Weekend, May 4—6** for first-time campers at Camp St. Charles, located in Rock Point, MD, on the shores of the Wicomico River in Southern Maryland. **COST: \$50 per person includes lodging, meals and activities.** For details and registration, visit: campstcharles.org

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.



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., April 28th.** Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **4pm on Fri., April 27th.** For more information, contact Katy Bowers Kuhlman at 615-337-2193 or email: katy.kuhlman@gmail.com.



HOPE AFTER ABORTION

Have you been impacted by abortion? Were you and your partner both pressured to abort? Were you against the abortion? Are you post-abortive? Come to an **ENTERING CANAAN Day of Prayer and Healing** sponsored by Project Rachel Ministries.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING—Sat., May 12th, 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.

MOTHER MARY LANGE GUILD—cordially invites you to the **Recommitment Ceremony** sponsored by the Mother Mary Lange Guild Board, **Sat., April 28th, at 2pm**, at Our Lady of Mount Providence Chapel, 701 Gun Rd., Baltimore, MD. The ceremony will be presided over by Fr. Donald Fest, S.S.J. of St. Joseph in Alexandria, VA. **NOTE: this is not a Mass.** Reception follows the ceremony. Questions? Call 410-242-8500.

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦ Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ HCSC App: myParishapp.com
- ♦ Follow us on social media