

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-48

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16



In today's Gospel we see three Principles for prophets. In speaking of prophets, this means you, for by our baptism we are all summoned to be prophets for the Lord. The first principle is **PROPER PRIORITIES**. The Apostle John, speaking with consternation, indicates that he and the others tried to prevent someone from driving out a demon in Jesus' name, because the exorcist "was not of our company." This whole action bespeaks confused priorities. Task number one is to advance the Kingdom of God, and take back territory from the evil one. If someone, in Jesus name, is able to drive out demons, we ought to praise the Lord! "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." But the Apostles here seem more concerned, about pedigree, personal advancement, power, prestige, and pride. Souls being set free seems a secondary concern to them. Wrong priority! Priority number one: more about Jesus and his Kingdom, less about me and my glory. The second principle **PROPHETS need PARTNERSHIP**. The Lord admonishes the apostles, "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink...will surely not lose his reward." This, of course, implies that the apostles will be needy of help, encouragement, and basic necessities as they undertake to proclaim the gospel. The attitude of wanting to do everything myself, is not only prideful, it is foolish and impossible. We must accept that one of the provisions necessary for those who would be prophets, is the help and support of others. The final principle is **PERCEIVE the PRIMARY PROBLEM**. Through the use of several analogies, the Lord illustrates just how serious sin is, and how essential our need to draw people to salvation. Jesus came to save us from our sins. Our sin is our most serious problem. Jesus says to sin is more serious than to lose our hand, or foot, or eye. It is an essential role of the prophet to help people recognize the absolute need for salvation, and then to draw them to the one who alone can save them. The ancient prophets held up the sins of the people before them and called them to return to the Lord wholeheartedly. How about us?

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 30
 8:00am Theresa Wilson †
 11:00am Georgiana L. Barnes †
 7:00pm Agnes Newsome †
Monday, October 1 *St. Therese of Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor*
 7:00am For the intentions of the Stafford Family
Tuesday, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*
 7:00am Marlene Whitlock (birthday)
Wednesday, October 3
 7:00am Charles Campbell †
Thursday, October 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*
 7:00am Rita Lowry (birthday)
Friday, October 5 *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*
 7:00am For the People
Saturday, October 6 *Saint Bruno, Priest*
 8:00am Jack Wood †
 4:30pm For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Job 1:6-22 Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Job 19:21-27 Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Luke 10:13-16
Saturday: Job 42:1-6, 12-17 Luke 10:17-24

Music Schedule

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| Processional A Follower of Christ | LMGM #628 |
| Responsorial Psalm The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. | Psalm 19 |
| Offertory * Joyful, Joyful We Adore You | LMGM #435 |
| ** Spirit | Rawm Harbor |
| Communion Hymn Give Me a Clean Heart | LMGM #625 |
| Post Communion ** Holy Spirit | NJ Mass Choir |
| Recessional * Go | LMGM #320 |
| ** Go Out | W. Clifford Petty |

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** Church Choir—George Stewart, Director of Music

**Mass Attendance
September 23, 2018**

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| 4:30pm | 52 |
| 8:00am | 101 |
| 11:00am | 240 |
| 7:00pm | 170 |
| Total: | 563 |

Stewardship Report: Sept. 1—23, 2018

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| Budgeted Tithes: Sept. 1—23, 2018 | \$63,076 |
| Actual Tithes Received: Sept. 1—23, 2018 | \$62,110 |



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

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| Sunday (9/30) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA | Wednesday (10/3) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study |
| Monday (10/1) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Friday (10/5) 6:00pm Healing Holy Hour |
| Tuesday (10/2) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (10/6) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Usher meeting |

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



ALTAR FLOWERS for this weekend were donated by *Bertha Colbert* in memory of her deceased mother, **Georgina L. Barnes**. If you would like to commemorate a loved one, or a milestone in your life, consider sponsoring flowers for the altar. Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.



Congratulations! **CURTIS and CAROLE WISE** will celebrate their **60th wedding anniversary** on **October 4th**. We pray that God's blessings will continue to flow upon this faithful couple.

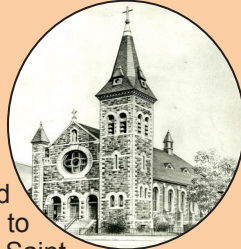
SEASON OF HEALING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON: In recognition of the ongoing need for healing in the Catholic church, join us as a parish community to come together in prayer, to give voice to the pain and suffering of the survivors of clergy sexual abuse, while also recognizing the pain and wound of the whole Church. HCSC will hold a **Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration in the sanctuary each Friday through Oct. 19th at 6:00pm.** **NOTE:** Msgr. Pope and other staff will be available following Holy Hour on **Friday, Oct. 5th** to facilitate discussions on how we are currently protecting our youth in this parish through the VIRTUS program. This discussion will be beneficial to parents but open to all.



CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

"How Firm A Foundation"

We are planning various activities and events **throughout 2018—2019** 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, are featured in the HCSC vestibule and throughout the church. **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. See the featured brochure in your bulletin for a list of upcoming events. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885).



SAVE THE DATE: HCSC CHOIR'S 46th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 28th, at 4pm. Theme: **"The Spirit of an Awesome God."** Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased three ways: either online at hsc46thanniversary.eventbrite.com; or from any choir member; or in the rectory office. If you wish to place an ad in the program see the back of the flyer in the bulletin.

THE WORD AMONG US: October issues are available in the Candlelight Store. **COST: \$2 each.** This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

Youth Ministry News

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

SAVE THE DATE: TRIP TO "JESUS": Join the HCSC Youth Ministry on a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, **Thurs., Dec. 27th** to see the biblical production of **"Jesus"**. **COST: Adults: 13 and above - \$125; Children: 4 to 12 - \$75,** includes transportation, snacks, a meal, and the play. See flyers in the rear of the church and on our website.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. We have started studying the **Book of Job**. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.



HELP FOR SENIOR HOUSING FIRE VICTIMS: 160 seniors were displaced by the fire at the Arthur Capper housing building last week. By the grace of God there were no major injuries, but these seniors need our help. The **Capitol Hill Community Foundation (CHCF)** has created the Arthur Capper Recovery Fund to handle donations and distribution of funds. **To donate,** go to the CHCF website: www.capitolhillcommunityfoundation.com and donate on link for the Capper Seniors Recovery Fund.



NEW AIR DATE & TIME! HCSC's very own **ROBERT E. PERSON** has his own radio show **"SOULFUL SESSIONS."** The show airs online at MusicalSoulFood.com on **SUNDAYS from 1—2PM.** Robert continues to expand his Jazz and Inspirational music brand by highlighting artists in Gospel (Traditional, Contemporary, and Praise & Worship) and Inspirational and Contemporary Jazz.

26th INTERNATIONAL WEEK of PRAYER & FASTING— an annual effort to unite people for **Nine Days to Save the World, Sept. 29—Oct. 7.** Participants are asked to pray and fast for: peace and conversion; to build a culture of life; to defend the sanctity of marriage and family life; and implore God for holiness for His Church. Flyer in the rear of the church on how to participate and register. For more info: call 703-707-0799, or visit: www.iwopf.org.

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL: Oct. 1—3, at 7pm nightly. Theme: **"Jesus, Heal Our Land: What We Must Do"**. Revivalist: Rev. Sydney Speaks, of St. Matthew the Apostle Church, River Ridge, LA. Closing Mass is on Wednesday with Bishop Roy Campbell. Revival takes place at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Calloway St., Hillcrest Heights, MD., 20748 (301-894-2222).

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 Blog & Homilies online: www.msgrpope.com
- ♦ HCSC App:  myParishapp.com
- ♦ Follow or Like us on social media:   