



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### PARISH LIFE



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:** This feast day was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893. It is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church to honor Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. This Roman Catholic religious festival falls on the first Sunday after Christmas. Although feast days exist for each member of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—the **Feast of the Holy Family** commemorates their life together, celebrates and focuses on religious family life.



**BLESSINGS** upon **Josephine Noel Bartsch** who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. May God bless her in her journey of faith.

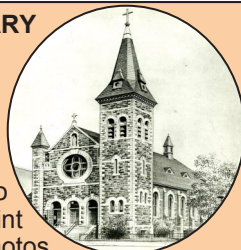
### RECTORY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Mon., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Rectory will close early**  
**Tues., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> RECTORY CLOSED**  
Wed., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular office hours resume

### CELEBRATING the 125<sup>TH</sup> 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 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, 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 the vestibule for a list of upcoming events. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885).



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** In the Catholic Church, Holy Days of Obligation are days the faithful are expected to attend Mass. **The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (January 1<sup>st</sup>), is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please come ponder the mystery of God's selection of the virgin Mary to give birth to our Savior, Jesus Christ by attending Holy Mass with us **Mon., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:15PM (the vigil Mass) or Tues., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM.**

### New Year's Mass Schedule

#### Watch Night Mass

11:15 PM Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

**Mass at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
(Note: There will not be a 7am Mass)

Parking is available on the school lot on 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
**DO NOT PARK IN REAR OF RECTORY!**

### Youth Ministry News

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL is on holiday until January 6, 2019.**

➔ **SAVE THE DATES** ⬅

**YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE:** Join thousands of youth from all over the country as we gather **Fri., Jan. 18, 2019**, at the Capital One Arena for a rally and mass to promote life. The rally/mass will be followed by the **Annual March for Life** on the national mall. Contact the youth director if you are interested in attending.

**HCSC YOUTH RETREAT: March 16-17, 2019** at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. Stay tuned for registration details.

### HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY will not meet December 31<sup>st</sup>.** We will resume studying the **Gospel of John** when we return on January 7, 2019. All are welcome.



**HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**—will be prepared only upon request beginning **Mon., Feb. 4, 2019**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Your statement will not reflect loose cash donations not placed in an envelope.

**FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS** for HCSC parishioners who tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2018 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the Faith Direct program.

**THE WORD AMONG US** January 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!*



**CALENDARS FOR 2019:** A variety of **FREE** 2019 calendars will be available after Mass in the rear of the church. Limited supply!

### Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885.

**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)  
Saturday 8am (Chapel), 4:30pm (Vigil); Sunday 8am, 11am, and 7pm

**Office Hours:** Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;  
Wed and Thurs, 9am—5pm; Sat, 9am—1pm; and, Sun, 9am—2pm.  
For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)
- Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- HCSC App: [myParishapp.com](https://www.getparishapp.com)
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