

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13-20 John 1:35-42

Readings Next Weekend:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20



The readings today speak on the Christian tradition of "discernment." This term refers to seeking the will of God in particular circumstances. It involves making sense of the possible paths and options in our life and discovering what is really of God and what He wills most for me. The readings give us "Directions for Discernment." First, there is the **CONTEXT** of discernment. We find a young Samuel sleeping in the Lord's temple. The image is of a young man who has drawn close to God. We too will be aided in discernment by drawing close to God through Scripture, prayer, the Sacraments and the study of our faith. Next, note the **COMPLEXITY** of discernment. The first reading depicts Samuel as struggling with confusion as to what and who he is hearing. Eventually he figures it out. We too often need to listen for an extended time before God's will for us is more clear. Note too, the **CORE** of discernment. Samuel is advised by Eli to say, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." To often we rush to act, but to pause, listen, and reflect is utterly essential for discernment. Without this step there is no discernment. Next, the **CONSTANCY** of discernment is two-fold. Samuel sticks with it until God's intention becomes more clear. But note too how God remains constant and does not give up when we do not understand. God leads us gently and persistently to discover his will. Next, there is the **CONNECTEDNESS** of discernment. Samuel does not discern alone. He seeks counsel from a wiser man. We too should seek good, strong spiritual friends and clergy to help us discern. Finally, note the **CONVERSION** of discernment. We see in Samuel's life how he became gradually transformed into a great prophet of God who never compromised God's word. The clearest evidence that we are on the Path God intends for us is our on-going conversion.



Sunday, January 18

4:30pm (Sat) Thomas Riehle †
 8:00am Anthony Baltimore †
 11:00am For the Intentions of Shirley Cornish
 7:00pm Josephine Aloï †

Monday, January 19

7:00am Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. †

Tuesday, January 20 *St Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

7:00am Lillian Yates (3rd anniversary) †

Wednesday, January 21 *Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00am For the Intentions of the HCSC Holy Name Society

Thursday, January 22 *Pray for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

7:00am For the Intentions of Felicia Miller

Friday, January 23 *St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St Marianne Cope, Virgin*

7:00am June Holton Johnson (birthday)

Saturday, January 24 *St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Aaron S. Brown (birthday)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20 Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 Mark 3:1-6
Thursday: Hebrews 7:25—8:6 Mark 3:7-12
Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13 Mark 3:13-19
Saturday: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14 Mark 3:20-21

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LMGM #492
Responsorial Psalm
 "Here am I Lord, I come to do your will"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Here I Am Lord" LMGM #643
 ** "Walk in the Light" arr. by T. Whitfield
Communion
 "Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for January 11, 2015

4:30pm	41
8:00am	109
11:00am	235
7:00pm	60
Total:	445

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (1/11)	\$18,656
Actual Surplus (+)	+\$2,310

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/18)
 9:00am Red Cross Blood Drive
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am RCIA
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA meeting

Monday (1/19)
RECTORY CLOSED
 8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (1/20)
 6:30pm Youth Ensemble
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (1/21)
 11:00am Friendly Seniors
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 7:00pm Bible Study

Thursday (1/22)
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus mtg

Friday (1/23)
 8:00pm NA meeting

Saturday (1/24)
 9:00am S.O.M.E.
 9:30am Liturgical Ministry Wksp
 10:00am Liturgical Dance
 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

RECTORY CLOSED

Monday, January 19th — Rectory office closed in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DAY of REFLECTION & WORKSHOP—will be held on **Sat., Jan 24th from 9:30am-1pm**. Deacon Keith Hathaway will be the facilitator. All liturgical ministers (*Lectors, Euch Min, Ushers, Altar Servers*) are being asked to attend this spiritual fellowship which is also open to all parishioners. Please RSVP to the rectory office (202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org) if you plan to attend. Special session for altar servers. Continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided.



CONGRATULATIONS TO: Jouel Darnell Young who was Baptized into the family of Jesus Christ on December 28, 2014. May God bless him in his journey of faith.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO SHIRLEY CORNISH—who will celebrate her **80th birthday on Mon., Jan. 19th**. May the Lord continue to bless and keep her in his love and care.



THANK YOU—to **Cyprian Jenifer** for his **11 years** leading the **Holy Name Society** in its dedication to the praise and respect of the Most Holy Name of God. The HNS has always been exemplary in its readiness to assist around the parish. Also, congratulations to **Richard Bennett** for his recent election and acceptance of the mantel of leadership for this ministry.



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed—HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare and/or distribute meals at S.O.M.E. located at 71 "O" St., NW, on **Sat., Jan. 24th**. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer in rear of the church for recipe). Drop off your non-frozen chicken at the rectory before close of business on Fri., Jan. 23rd. Questions? Call Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763.



FR. DAVID GAINES RETURNS—for a visit to the Washington area and will concelebrate with Msgr. Pope for us here at HCSC on **January 25th at the 11am Mass**. Please come congratulate Fr. David on his recent Ordination into the Priesthood.



END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared only upon request beginning **Mon., Feb. 2nd**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory by phone or email to request your statement. You can have your statement 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. Loose cash (not in an envelope) given at collection cannot be reflected on your statement.

Youth Ministry News

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

S.O.M.E., INC.—The Youth Ministry will perform monthly community service at S.O.M.E., Inc. on **Sat., Jan. 24th**, from 10am until 1pm at 71 "O" Street, NW. Any youth age 13 or older interested in volunteering, contact the HCSC Youth Director, Nicki Gebrehiwot.

ESSAY/DRAWING CONTEST—The Sodality Union of the Archdiocese of Washington invites all youth between 8-18 to respond to the question: **"What can I do to preserve the earth?"** **Entries must be received by January 20th**. Please contact the HCSC Youth Director or Mrs. Brown at 301-899-8995 for more details.

LAST CHANCE!! ANNUAL YOUTH RALLY & MASS for LIFE—at the Verizon Center is **January 22nd**. There are a limited number of tickets for youth for the event. Please contact the HCSC Youth Director for further information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

2015 ADULT and FAMILY RALLY and MASS for LIFE—The Archdiocese of Washington and the Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities sponsors the Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life on **Thurs., Jan. 22nd** at The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW. Rally kicks off at 9am and features Sr. Maris Stella, S.V. (Sister of Life). Fr. Avelino Gonzalez celebrates Mass at 10am. Attendees depart 11:30am for the National March for Life. Registration required: adw2015familyrally4life.eventbrite.com. For more info, visit: www.adw.org/Adult-Mass-For-Life.



2015 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN and FRANCE—HCSC is hosting a 10-day pilgrimage in October of 2015. If you are interested, **pick up a brochure** in the rear of the church or contact Deborah Vanzego at 202-277-1823 or DVanzego@cmht.com.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.

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