

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35-39 Matthew 14:13-21

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Kings 19:9-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33



The gospel today reminds us that “Little Things Mean A Lot.” First of all, notice the **Image that is Extolled**. The text tells us that when Jesus got off the boat he saw a vast crowd and although he was grieving the death of his cousin, John the Baptist, he nevertheless had great pity for the crowd. This image teaches us that one way of caring for ourselves is by caring for others. Next, note the **Issue that is Evaded**. The text tells us that the Apostles are anxious about a lack of food and that they tell Jesus to dismiss the crowd. In effect, they want to be rid of people with problems. Now, note the **Instruction that Ensues**. Jesus says, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” Pay attention to what Jesus says—don’t dismiss people with problems, help them. Next, note the **Insufficiency that is Expressed**. The Apostles complained that all they had were five loaves and two fish. It is true that we often feel inadequate before the troubles of this world. But, we are not alone. So, finally note the **Immensity that is Experienced**. Jesus takes the little they have and multiplies it. God never fails.



Sunday, August 3

4:30pm (Sat) William (Bill) Williams
 8:00am Deacon Ronald Ealey
 11:00am Philip Whitlock (birthday)
 7:00pm Veronica Rodgers (birthday)

Monday, August 4 *Saint John Vianney, Priest*

7:00am Intentions of Anna Maria Di Pilla

Tuesday, August 5

7:00am Elijah Meyers

Wednesday, August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

7:00am Intentions of Seyoum Gebrehiwot

Thursday, August 7 *Saint Sixtus II, Pope; & Saint Cajetan, Priest*

7:00am Ollie Johnson (birthday)

Friday, August 8

7:00am Sharon R. Johnson (birthday)

Saturday, August 9

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm William B. Simmons, Sr. †

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: Jeremiah 28:1-17 Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15-22; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9
Thursday: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Matthew 16:13-23
Friday: Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7 Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

Music Schedule

Processional
 “One More Day” LMGM #485
Responsorial Psalm
 “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.”
Gospel Acclamation
 “Alleluia!”
Offertory
 * “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LMGM #439
 ** “Choral Praise”
Communion
 “Do This in Remembrance of Me” LMGM #763
Post Communion
 ** Choral Praise
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Robert Person & Allyn Johnson, Guest Ministry

Mass Attendance for July 27, 2014

4:30pm	42
8:00am	109
11:00am	225
7:00pm	54
Total:	430

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Actual Tithes (8/27)	\$8,926
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TITHING WHILE ON VACATION—Church attendance during summer months tends to drop as families go on vacation. But the services we provide within the parish community continue year round, as do their associated expenses. Your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieve our stewardship mission. The easiest way to be sure that your gift of treasure reaches us, even when you can’t be here, is to enroll in our electronic offertory program: **Faith Direct**. Once enrolled, you can relax knowing that Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian will receive your gifts throughout the summer. Your deductios are taken out twice a month and you can change it at ny time. Enrollment forms are available in the rectory office or to enroll online, go to: www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is DC59. Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you have questions.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (8/3) 9:30am Picnic Committee 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (8/6) 6:30pm Vacation Bible School Friday (8/8) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (8/5) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Saturday (8/9) 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 OFFICE SUMMER HOURS— Starting Wed., July 23rd through Wed., August 27th the Rectory Office will close on **Wednesdays at 5pm.** Regular Wednesday evening hours will resume on Wed., September 3rd.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—HCSC host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School with three other parishes on **Wednesdays from July 30th thru August 20st at 6:30pm at St. Benedict the Moor.** Dinner will be served so you must register. **We had over 100 adults/youth in attendance last week!** See flyer in rear for details.



PLEASE, we need your help to make our Vacation Bible School an event to remember. If you can help with set-up or food distribution contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

200 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH—is a publication written by our own pastor, Msgr. Pope. It first appeared in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR and is now available in the Candlelight store. Donation: \$5.



HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is Sat., Sept. 13th at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. This change of date allows us to return this event to its original intent as part of our celebration of our patron Saint Cyprian. We need help from many parishioners to make this a successful event. Many different types of talents are needed, so please come to the meeting. Call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to find out how you can help plan and carry out this activity.

MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION CALENDARS—All chairs should have received their calendar submission forms. Please complete and return your ministry calendar to the rectory office as soon as possible or to hscstaff@hscchurch.org. Please note the **new calendar begins Oct. 1, 2014 and ends Sept. 30, 2015.** For questions or info, contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

ONE CONGREGATION. ONE FAMILY.—Many low-income families in the District are homeless or on the verge of homelessness. The Government has many financial resources but these families need more. The **One Congregation. One Family.** program steps in to fill the void by providing hope and guidance through connections in our faith communities. If you are interested in learning about this program and how you can help, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org. We are looking for parishioners to attend an information meeting.

VACATION NOTE—While you are on vacation this summer don't forget to attend Mass wherever you may be visiting. Go to: www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations around the country.

PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH POPE FRANCIS—A new publication from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), *Praying the Rosary with Pope Francis*, presents the teaching of the Holy Father on praying the Rosary and how it is a great source of strength. Cost: \$7.95. To order go to: www.usccbpublishing.org.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Malcolm Hawkins, Nicolas Hawkins, and Tatiana Newman for the excellent mentoring job they did during our high school graduate breakfast with the Pastor last Sunday. It was thrilling to see how well some of our college students have advanced in their development and exciting to see them share their experiences with our current high school graduates.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brianna Williams who will graduate from high school in August and attend West Virginia University in the Fall.

HCSC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—for all ages **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, July 30st thru August 20th** at St. Benedict the Moor parish. Special sessions are planned for our youth and teens! Invite your friends!

DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS? HCSC has opportunities in the rectory and church over the summer for students who need to earn community service hours for school. Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

CHRIST IN THE CITY—Young Adult Mass every 2nd Thursday of each month at Immaculate Conception (8th & N Streets, NW)! Adoration and Confession at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Contact: DCCatholic@adw.org or visit www.facebook.com/DCCatholic/events.

HCSC YAM is planning a **YAM “Grill the Priest” Cookout** event this summer, so please make sure to **“Like”** us on Facebook for more details.

Young Adult BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA on Sat, Aug. 9! Pig Roast, *Sweet Frog* frozen yogurt, outdoor games, Latin Dance night w/Salsa Band! St. Veronica Catholic Church, Chantilly, VA, 6pm-Midnight. Admission \$10. Young adults in their 20's & 30's are welcome! Sponsored by St. Veronica Young Adults. Info at: stveronicaya@gmail.com.

To help us plan future event, tell us what activities interest you. **Please complete the brief survey** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KHJML7Q>. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



FREE CONCERT—by **LIBERA** at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, **Thur., Aug. 7th at 7:30pm.** Libera, a choral group of young boys from South London in the UK, tours internationally for the purpose of assisting other charities in their fundraising. The group performs modern pop classics as well as classic choral music. More information is available in the rear of the church.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

