

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:
 Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Readings Next Weekend:
 Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood, who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for His God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. All the peoples of the earth will lament Him. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "The one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev (1:5-8). Today, we acknowledge Jesus' triumph over death. Just when all seemed a total loss, the disciples experienced His resurrected glory. To those of us who remain faithful, Jesus' story is our story too. Whatever our crosses, disappointments, trials or set-backs, the truth is that troubles don't last always. The Book of Psalms reminds us, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come with the morning light." (Ps 30:5). The Easter message is one of victory for us. Whatever situation you may be going through just say, I'll rise! Tell Satan, "Victory is mine!" Address every fear with the words of an old song: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! This is the feast of Jesus' victory and ours too. Rejoice today that you're on the winning team!

FUNERAL: Mary Plater (Wednesday, April 4th)
CORRECTION: Clarence R. Holley (Fri., March 23rd)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 1 *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*
 8:00am Ruby Robertson (birthday-March 31st)
 11:00am Clarence R. Holley †
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, April 2
 7:00am Nelda Thibodeaux †

Tuesday, April 3
 7:00am Elizabeth H. Colston (birthday)

Wednesday, April 4
 7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec

Thursday, April 5
 7:00am Martin Paczynski †

Friday, April 6
 7:00am Helen B. Tyler †

Saturday, April 7
 8:00am Joseph Bailey †
 4:30pm Gary McPherson, Jr. (birthday)

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15

Music Schedule

Processional
 Jesus Christ is Risen Today LMGM #315

Responsorial Psalm
 This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad

Offertory
 * Because He Lives LMGM #303
 ** He Has the Power

Communion
 * He Arose LMGM #307
 ** Worthy is the Lamb Hillsong

Recessional
 * He is Lord LMGM #304
 ** Awesome God

* 8:00am Mary Johnson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for March 25, 2018

4:30pm	56
8:00am	178
11:00am	392
7:00pm	<u>136</u>
Total:	762

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (3/25)	\$17,908
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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 (4/1) 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/4) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
Monday (4/2) RECTORY CLOSED 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (4/6) 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
Tuesday (4/3) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (4/7) 10:00am Liturgical Dance

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.

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PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS—to Jose Guizar, Susan Davis, Kimberly Colbert, Leila Graham, and Soleil McQueen who were Baptized at the Easter Vigil. Also during the Vigil, **Charles Molinar and Obiageli Ejiqfor** were Confirmed. May God bless each of them in their journey of faith. May the power of Christ in his Sacraments be a transformative reality for each of you.

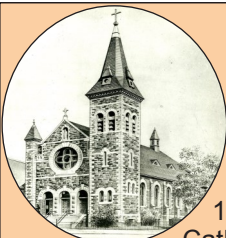
UPCOMING SCHEDULE

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE will be closed **Easter Monday, April 2nd**, and will reopen **Tue., April 3rd**.

NOTE: The rectory office will close at 5pm on April 3, 4, 5 and 6. We will resume normal office hours the following week (April 9-13).

FRIENDLY SENIORS will resume **Wed., April 4th**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume **Sun., April 8th** at 9:30am.



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.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy. Youth who attended the Youth Retreat are encouraged to wear their retreat T-shirts next weekend. Feel free to invite a friend! Parents are welcome to sit with their child.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to help keep our parish pantry stocked by bringing nutritious, non-perishable high protein foods (**canned meats, tuna, stews, vegetables and peanut butter**) to Mass. Please do not bring cereal or perishable foods. Our ushers will collect your items next weekend after each Mass.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Classes are held **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** in the rectory for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for those non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This also includes adult Catholics who have missed receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit from these instructions and formation. Pick up a flyer in the rear of the church.

Youth Ministry News

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

EASTER CELEBRATION: The Youth Ministry Annual Easter Celebration is **Sunday, April 1st, on the plaza following 11am Mass.** Please join us for fun, fellowship and refreshments. Youth who attended the Youth Retreat are encouraged to wear their retreat T-shirt next Sunday.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Fri., April 6th, from 6—7pm.** Come spend some quality time with Jesus in the church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—is April 8th and because the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** was **Deacon Kevin Butler's** favorite prayer devotion, please join us next Sunday at **10:30am in the Church** to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a parish family in loving memory of Deacon Butler.



To everyone who gave of their time to help decorate the church and the liturgical ministers who helped make our Easter a joyous and beautiful celebration. Also, to all who donated to the **Lenten Food Drive** this year. Hundreds of bags of non-perishable food items were collected and shared with local area food banks and our own food pantry.

THE WORD AMONG US: April issues are available in the Candlelight Store. 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! COST: \$2.**

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

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

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Wednesday and Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,
Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com

♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

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