

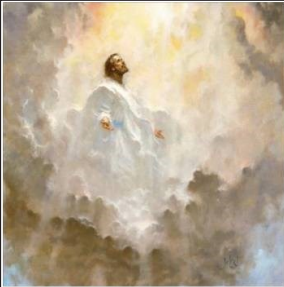
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



The Solemnity of The Ascension

is sometimes overlooked because it falls between two other major solemnities of the Church: the Resurrection and Pentecost. The fact that it was traditionally celebrated on a Thursday forty days after the Lord's resurrection also helped to obscure this great feast. The Ascension is important

for at least two reasons. **First**, Christ's ascension into heaven completes his earthly mission. As he was "lifted up into the heavens," the humanity of Jesus enters into its divine glory and the gates of heaven are now opened for us. We have the hope that we too might go with him as he promised: "When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32). **Second**, the ascension of our Lord allows for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is this outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will give life to the Church and make it holy.

FUNERAL: Dorrie Jackson (May 8th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, May 13 *The Ascension of the Lord*
 8:00am For the intentions of Lawrence Hicks
 11:00am Deceased Holton Family Members
 7:00pm For the intentions of Adam Surowiec
Monday, May 14 *Saint Matthias, Apostle*
 7:00am For the intentions of Rev. Mr. Ralph Cyrus
Tuesday, May 15 *Saint Isidore*
 7:00am Theresa Wilson †
Wednesday, May 16
 7:00am Martin Paczynski †
Thursday, May 17
 7:00am For the People
Friday, May 18 *Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*
 7:00am Patricia Hines-Stafford †
Saturday, May 19
 8:00am Reba L. Neale †
 4:30pm Sylvester F. Simpson, III (birthday)

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: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 John 15:9-17
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21 John 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31 John 21:20-25

MUSIC SCHEDULE

Processional
 * Crown Him with Many Crowns LMGM #344
 ** Holy, Holy TD Jakes

Responsorial Psalm
 God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Offertory
 * Alleluia, Sing to Jesus LMGM #752
 ** You Deserve It J. Hall & Youthful Praise

Communion
 * Be Not Afraid LMGM #583
 ** Glorious Is the Name of Jesus LMGM #374

Post Communion
 *** Grateful Ted Winn

Recessional
 Go Ye Therefore LMGM #322

* 8:00am George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director
 *** HCSC Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

Mass Attendance for May 6, 2018

4:30pm	32
8:00am	108
11:00am	280
7:00pm	140
Total:	560

Stewardship Report 2017—2018

Actual Tithes Collected (5/6)	\$15,277
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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@hscchurch.org or on 202-546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (5/13) 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (5/16) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (5/14) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Saturday (5/19) 9:00am Prayer Breakfast 10:00am Liturgical Dance
Tuesday (5/15) 7:00pm Adult Choir	

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



MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE: Corsages and spiritual gifts dedicated to mothers and grandmothers will be available for purchase after the **8AM and 11AM** on **May 13th**. Proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are invited to sit with your child.

PENTECOST is **Sun., May 20th**—On this day we pray, *“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.”* Please invite family and friends to come share this holy day and wear **RED** in celebration of this feast day of the Holy Spirit.

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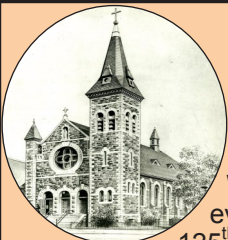
The Rectory Office will be closed **Sat., May 19th**. The Office will re-open Sun., May 20th.



REGGIE WILLS—MORE THAN A TEACHER: In honor of National Superhero Day (April 28), and National Teachers Day (May 8), the S.C. Johnson Company, maker of Ziploc bags, has selected our own Reggie Wills as one of its national teaching Superheroes. S.C. Johnson's newest initiative, #MoreThanATeacher, calls upon everyone to thank the real-life superheroes among us – teachers. Mr. Wills was selected from hundreds of national nominees as an example of a superhero who has inspired and changed the lives of countless students in his 25-year teaching career. He teaches at Washington Latin Public Charter School. To see his tribute, go to: www.youtube.com. In the Search box, type in: **Mr. Reggie Wills Superhero**



The **Last Class** for the school year is **May 20th**. There will be an End-of-the-Year celebration for our youth and their families down at the school following the 11am Mass.



CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT 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.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: On the second weekend we invite you to bring nutritious, non-perishable, high protein canned foods for our food pantry. If you were unable to bring canned food this weekend consider donating to a Poor Box on the wall near the exits.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

HONORING ALL HCSC GRADUATES: If you are a registered member of HCSC graduating in 2018 from middle/high school, college or graduate school you will be honored on **June 10th** at the **11am Mass**. See flyer.

HCSC-SINGLETERARY EDUCATION FUND AWARDS: Are you a **registered** youth member of HCSC? Are you a 2018 graduating high school senior applying to college, technical or trade school in 2018-2019? Are you **active** in HCSC church activities, and involved in community service? Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or better? Then you might be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC-Singletonary Education Fund. The first award is \$4,000; the second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. Applications online at: <http://hscchurch.org/parish-news/bonnie-singleterary-education-fund/>. **Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the DEADLINE has been CHANGED to June 4th.**



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.

SODALISTS—the request forms for ads or patrons list in the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book of Sodality Union are available in the Candlelight Store in the rear of the church. Please complete the form and forward your check. For any questions please call Elizabeth Colston at 301-248-1566. Thank you.

CORRECTION: ANNUAL FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST sponsored by the Holy Name Society, **June 17th, 9—11am**, at the school. The entire family is invited to attend. Tickets required and available from any Holy Name member. **COST: \$10 per person.**

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

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>

♦ HCSC App: myParishapp.com

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