

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

Readings Next Weekend:

Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13



There can be no preaching in the wrong atmosphere. Our churches would be different places if congregations would only remember that they preach far more than half the sermon. In an atmosphere of expectancy the poorest effort can catch fire. In an atmosphere of critical coldness or bland indifference the most spirit-packed utterance can fall lifeless to the earth. In today's Gospel we see how true this all is. Jesus comes to the synagogue at Nazareth and things begin well. The reaction of those gathered is described as one of **REJOICING**. The text says they are astonished at his preaching. Yet suddenly and almost without reason the atmosphere turns and goes to one of **REJECTION** as they begin to scoff and say, "Where did he get all this? Who does he think he is talking so bold when he is just of simple stock like us." Perhaps there was envy, perhaps simple prejudice, surely they sin against the Holy Spirit. And then comes the **RESULT**: He was not able to perform miracles there due to such a lack of faith. Pay attention, "Don't block your blessings." God may speak to you in ways and through people you might not expect. While we must square everything with the rule of faith, stay open to hearing the true faith even from the mouths of babes (cf Ps 8:2; Matt 21:16).

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, July 8
 8:00am For the intentions of Desiree Thomas
 11:00am Cheryl Walker Ross † (13th anniversary)
 7:00pm For the intentions of Ashley Thomas
Monday, July 9
 7:00am For the People
Tuesday, July 10
 7:00am For the intentions of Antwaun Austin
Wednesday, July 11
 7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec
Thursday, July 12
 7:00am Joan M. Graham †
Friday, July 13
 7:00am Lawrence D. Barnes †
Saturday, July 14
 8:00am Martin Paczynski †
 4:30pm Staff Sgt. Alexander Conrad †

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: Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22 Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9 Matthew 10:7-15
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday: Isaiah 6: 1-8 Matthew 10:24-33

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Holy God, We Praise Thy Name LMGGM #465
 ** Lead Me, Guide Me LMGGM #538
Responsorial Psalm
 Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. Psalm 123
Offertory
 * Amazing Grace! LMGGM #495
 ** Ain't That Good News Wilmington Chester Mass Choir
Communion
 * Precious Lord, Take My Hand LMGGM #780
 ** Taste and See LMGGM #512
Post Communion
 ** Order My Steps LMGGM #527
Recessional
 A Follower of Christ LMGGM #628
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for July 1, 2018

4:30pm	48
8:00am	86
11:00am	220
7:00pm	101
Total:	455

Stewardship Report 2018—2019

Actual Tithes Collected (7/1)	\$14,585
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2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the Cardinal's Appeal. Currently, our parishioners have pledged 110% of our parish goal. Please make sure you complete your pledge payments. This Appeal provides an opportunity to share our financial gifts in order to help provide education, ministry, and social services throughout the Archdiocese. Thank you.

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, as do their associated expenses. Your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieve our stewardship mission. Be sure your gift of treasure reaches us when you can't be here. Enroll in our electronic offertory program: **FAITH DIRECT**. Once enrolled, Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian will receive your gifts throughout the summer. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our **church code: DC59** and enroll today. Forms also available in the rectory office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at: pam@hccscchurch.org or (202.546.1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/8) 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (7/11) 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (7/9) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (7/12) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (7/10) 7:00pm Adult Choir	

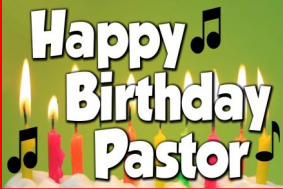
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to our Pastor, **Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope**, who will celebrate his birthday on **Tuesday, July 10th**. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in his love and care.

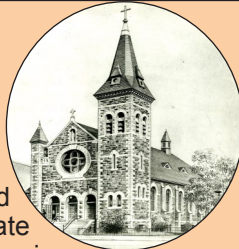


DID YOU ATTEND HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN SCHOOL? Join us for the **3rd Annual Alumni Reunion** on **July 21st**, from 7-11pm in the school cafeteria (1501 E. Capitol

Sts., SE). The reunion is **FREE** but we kindly ask for either a **food or monetary** donation since it is a potluck meal. Bring your yearbook or school pictures and meet up with your old school mates. Please tell your classmates and invite them to come. **RSVP** to Joseph Mitchell, Jr (301-276-1618) or Derrick Perry (202-705-9073) and tell them what you can bring. **St. Cyprian School alumni are also invited.**

CELEBRATING the 125TH 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 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.



HCSC CHOIR RECORDS TV MASS: On **Thurs., July 12th**, at **6:30PM**, HCSC parish choir will sing for two tapings of the TV Mass celebrated in the **Crypt Church** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate

Conception. Come support the choir and be a part of the TV Mass congregation! The Thursday evening tapings of The Sunday TV Mass are broadcast at a later date locally at 10:30AM on WDCW Channel 50 (CW50), as well as nationally on the CatholicTV cable network from Boston. For more information on this joyful act of evangelization for our parish, contact our Director of Music, George Stewart.

VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay at home,



or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. Visit www.DiscoverMass.com for Mass times and locations. **You can also access this information on myParishapp under DiscoverMass!**

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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

JOIN ONE OF THE HCSC YOUTH MINISTRIES: Consider joining one of our youth ministries: **Altar Servers; Youth Choir; Youth Lectors; Youth Ushers.** If you'd like to join us, contact the Youth Ministry Director. We need you and we'd love to have you!

HCSC Young Adult Ministry



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. **We are currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes.** This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our Annual Family Vacation Bible School addresses **Running the Race** a series exploring the ancient conflicts in the bible and how its lessons were applied in our times. St. Cyprian Parish was on the front lines of the racial tensions of our land. We will explore how the parish endured and applied biblical principles through the ministries of the Josephites and Oblate Sisters of Providence. We will meet at the school, Wednesdays in August (1, 8, 15 & 22) from 6:30—8:15PM. A light meal will be served. See flyer for more details.

NATIONAL OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI HOMECOMING RAFFLE: Please support the continuing efforts of the Oblate Sisters of Providence by purchasing raffle books (6 raffle tickets to a book) for \$5. All prizes are monetary (top prize is \$1000). Drawing on **Sun., Aug., 5th** (winner need not be present). Purchase deadline: Sun., July 22nd. Contact Kimberly Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org to purchase raffles.

HOLY NAME MEN'S RETREAT was very successful this year with approximately 50 men in attendance from both HCSC and St. Luke's parishes marking the highest attendance for our Men's Retreat. St. Luke's pastor, Fr. Cornelius, received many accolades as facilitator. We hope to have an even larger group for next year's retreat!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS want to thank everyone for all your help with the purchase of the new ultrasound machine for the **Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at 713 Maryland Ave., NE.**

The HCSC Parish and Knights of Columbus Council raised \$2700 to help with the statewide ultrasound initiative. Members of the Knights and representatives of the Catholic Church gathered to dedicate the ultrasound for future mothers to use to see their unborn children and save many lives. Thank you, again, and God bless.

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦ Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ HCSC App: myParishapp.com
- ♦ Follow us on social media

