

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15



The Gospel today speaks to us of the Priority of Personal Prayer. Note first the **Practice of Praise-filled Prayer**. The text opens with the disciples gathering with Jesus and joyfully recounting all they had experienced on their missionary journey. Is your prayer filled with praise and thanksgiving? Are you grateful to God for all he has done? Note secondly, the **Privilege of Personal Prayer**. Jesus invites them to come away by themselves to a quiet place and rest a while. Most people seldom think of their personal prayer as a privileged invitation by the Lord, and yet consider, the Lord invites us to come aside and spend personal and private time with him. Note next, the **Primacy of Prioritized Prayer**. The text tells us that people were coming and going in great numbers seeking the attention of the Lord and the Apostles. Jesus often had to hide in order to pray. Sometimes the only quiet place they could find was out on the lake. But Jesus did make time for prayer and he invites the apostles and us to do the same, not only despite the busyness of life, but because of it. Note finally, the **Power of Pious Prayer**. The text says that after spending this time alone with the apostles, the boat came back to shore and Jesus, refreshed and renewed, saw a vast crowd and began to teach them at great length. Prayer is like rest, a necessary rest we need in order to be able to accomplish what the Lord has for us to do. So, make prayer a personal priority. We know what happens if we do not sleep. Spiritually, the same thing happens if we do not pray.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, July 22
 8:00am Terri Wooden (birthday)
 11:00am For the intentions of Fannie Bailey
 7:00pm For the People
Monday, July 23 *Saint Bridget, Religious*
 7:00am For the intentions of Adam Surowiec
Tuesday, July 24 *Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*
 7:00am Martin Paczynski †
Wednesday, July 25 *Saint James, Apostle*
 7:00am William Hawkins †
Thursday, July 26 *Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 7:00am Shirley Ann Jackson † (birthday)
Friday, July 27
 7:00am George & Verna Leftwood (50th wedding anniv.)
Saturday, July 28
 8:00am For the intentions of Maurice Gordon, Sr.
 4:30pm Martha June Maynard †

To place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20-28
Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Matthew 13:10-17
Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17 Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday: Jeremiah 7:1-11 Matthew 20:20-28

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LMGM #439
 ** The Glory of the Lord Stephen Hurd
Responsorial Psalm
 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Psalm 23
Offertory
 * O How I Love Jesus LMGM #365
 ** The Lord Is My Light
Communion
 * You Satisfy the Hungry Heart LMGM #757
 ** Not By Bread Alone M. Roger Holland II
Post Communion
 ** Take It to the Lord Nolan Williams
Recessional
 Go Out W. Clifford Petty
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for July 15, 2018

4:30pm	54
8:00am	110
11:00am	225
7:00pm	130
Total:	519

Stewardship Report 2018—2019

Actual Tithes Collected (7/15)	\$13,822
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Thank you for being a part of our Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission. This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments. During these summer months your generosity through **Faith Direct** can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC59. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You. Monsignor Pope.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/22) 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (7/25) 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (7/23) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Thursday (7/26) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (7/24) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (7/28) S.O.M.E. (off-site)

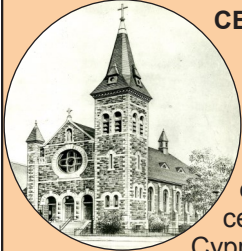
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).

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.

HCSC 2018 FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is titled, *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 on **Wednesdays in August (1, 8, 15 & 22) 6:30—8:15PM.** A light meal will be served so you must register. See flyer for details. **WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!** Are you able to arrive an hour earlier to help with set-up and meal prep? We could use a few helping hands. Even if you can only volunteer for one night, let us know. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

Monsignor Charles Pope
CATHOLIC and CURIOUS
 Your Questions Answered

Monsignor Pope has released a new book, *Catholic and Curious: Your Questions Answered*. In an easily digestible format, Monsignor tackles 500 tough questions on just about every subject imaginable—everything from God and the Bible, to the liturgy, the sacraments, Catholic moral teaching, Mary, the saints, and life after death—organized by topic for quick reference. You'll find not just straightforward answers, but a deeper understanding and appreciation of the truth of the Catholic Faith. Retail price \$18.95, **BUT get your copy at the discounted price of \$10 in our Candlelight Store.**

SHALOM TIDINGS: The current issue of this bi-monthly magazine includes an article by our own **Monsignor Pope**. The Hebrew word 'Shalom' means *Divine Peace*. The mission of this publication is to help this world find the peace of Jesus through media evangelization. **FREE** copies are available in the rear of the church.

Youth Ministry News

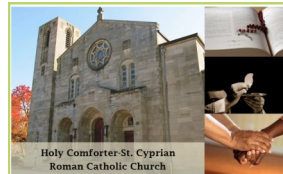
Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
 202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

YOUTH AT OUR FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: During our Family Vacation Bible School there will be special sessions for our younger parishioners (grades pre-k to middle school) will be held simultaneously with the adult session. We will focus on **The Saints**. We have videos, as well as lesson materials for each week. We will be teaching our youth about the lives of St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Monica, St. Martin DePorres, and St. Kateri Tekakwita. See VBS flyer for details and to RSVP.

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.



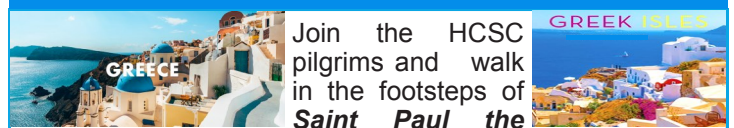
LOOK WHAT'S NEW!!! If you use church envelopes for your tithing watch out for our new envelope scheduled to arrive in July. This design illustrates our Mission Statement of "promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness."

Check it out.

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., July 28th**. Your cooked chicken is **DESPERATELY** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **7pm on Fri., July 27th**. Questions? Contact Katy Bowers Kuhlman (katy.kuhlman@gmail.com or 615-337-2193). Through your charitable contributions of cooked chicken to create a well-rounded meal, **HCSC volunteers fed 288 individuals** for lunch on Sat., June 23rd.



Pilgrimage to GREECE and the GREEK ISLES



Join the HCSC pilgrims and walk in the footsteps of **Saint Paul the Apostle** through Greece on an **11-day pilgrimage, November 5—15, 2019.** Walk the streets of Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki. Also, enjoy a **3-day cruise of the Greek isles. COST: \$3399.** Flyers in rear of church.

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

