

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Is 42:1-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 62:1-5 1Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11



In today's Liturgy we celebrate the fact of Jesus' Baptism. In the Gospel we note first the **PATTERN** of Baptism. Jesus comes to be baptized and John protests. We tend to think of Baptism only in terms of washing away sin. It does do that for us, though Jesus was not in need of this. Why then does he insist on baptism? Because there is more to baptism than washing: there is also dying and rising. This is the pattern. In baptism by immersion this is especially seen when, for a moment the person goes under the water and passes from sight. This is a symbol of death. But then they arise out of the water in a resurrection to new life. Jesus establishes this pattern for us in baptism and chooses to exhibit it himself to show us the way. St. Paul refers to this pattern of our life when he describes us as: Always carrying around in our body the dying of Jesus, so that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body (2 Cor 4:10). This is the whole pattern of our life: the paschal mystery. Next, notice the **PURCHASE** of Baptism. Jesus goes into the water and gets four things for us: **ACCESS** – for the text says that the heavens are opened; **ANOINTING** – for the text says that the Spirit descended on Jesus; **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – for the Father says to Jesus and through Jesus to us, "This is my beloved Son"; and finally, **APPROVAL** – for the Father says of him and through him to us, "I am well pleased." Today rejoice in the pattern and purchase of your baptism. The Lord died to give this to us. Let us rejoice!

FUNERAL: Delores Inez Butler (January 11th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, January 13
 8:00am Caretakers for the Homebound
 11:00am Ruth Garnett †
 7:00pm Craig Lambdin †
Monday, January 14
 7:00am For the intentions of David Vinson
Tuesday, January 15
 7:00am Marguerite Daley †
Wednesday, January 16
 7:00am Elizabeth G. Hill † (birthday)
Thursday, January 17
 7:00am Helen P. Johnson † (birthday)
Friday, January 18
 7:00am For the People
Saturday, January 19
 8:00am Tiger Shello †
 4:30pm Ruth E. Browder †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6 Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45
Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Joy to the World LMGM #249
 ** Take Me to the Water Clifford Petty
Responsorial Psalm
 O bless the Lord, my soul.
Offertory
 * Blessed Quietness LMGM #594
 ** Joy to the World arr. G. Stewart
Communion
 Wade in the Water LMGM #738
Post Communion
 *** Dance Ministry
Recessional
 ** Fire, Fire D. McClurkin
 * 8AM Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 * 11AM Youth Choir – L'Tanya Holley Director – George Stewart,
 Accompanist
 HCSC Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

**Mass Attendance
 Dec. 31, 2018—Jan. 6, 2019**

New Year's Eve	75
New Year's Day	94
4:30pm	66
8:00am	129
11:00am	234
7:00pm	126
Total:	724

Stewardship Report: January 1—11, 2019

Budgeted Tithes: Jan. 1—11, 2019	\$15,769
Actual Tithes Received: Jan. 1—11, 2019	\$13,726

ELECTRONIC TITHING (FAITH DIRECT): We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC59**. If you have questions, you can call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Stewardship Report: December 1—31, 2018

Budgeted Tithes: Dec. 1—31, 2018	\$78,845
Actual Tithes Received: Dec. 1—31, 2018	\$84,339
Budgeted Goal Percentage: Dec. 1—31, 2018	107%

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/13) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (1/16) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (1/14) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (1/18) MARCH FOR LIFE (off-site) 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday (1/15) 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.

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PARISH LIFE



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation, or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River Jordan to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEK: We invite all youth to attend the 11AM Mass and sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with your child.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY** from 6—7PM in the sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to attend an opportunity to reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY
of the **ESTABLISHMENT** of
SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

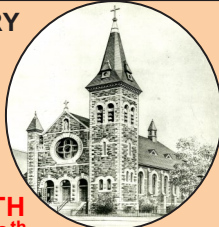
"How Firm A Foundation"

UPCOMING EVENTS

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
MASS & LUNCHEON on Sun., Feb. 10th —

ONE Mass at 10:00AM followed by a parish-wide luncheon with Dr. John McGreevy, author of *Parish Boundaries: The Catholic Encounter with Race in the 20th Century Urban North*. Stay tuned for more information.

SUBMIT YOUR ST. CYPRIAN PHOTOS!! We continue to invite you to submit photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church prior to the merger with Holy Comforter in 1966 for our display case in the HCSC vestibule and throughout the church. All items will be handled with care and returned to the owner. See the featured brochure in vestibule for a list of upcoming events. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885).



HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared only upon request and distributed beginning **Mon., Feb. 4, 2019**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request your statement and have it either mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. **NOTE:** only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Your statement will not reflect loose cash donations not placed in an envelope.

FAITH DIRECT YEAR-END STATEMENTS for HCSC parishioners who tithe through Faith Direct will automatically receive their 2018 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the Faith Direct program.

REMINDER! ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: In partnership with DC Catholic Charities and Knights of Columbus, our parish is taking part in the annual *Coats of Many Colors* drive. Drop your lightly used coats in the collection bin in the vestibule by **January 18th**.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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

YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: Join thousands of youth from all over the country as we gather **Fri., Jan. 18**, at the Capital One Arena for a rally and mass to promote life. The rally/mass will be followed by the **Annual March for Life** on the national mall. Contact the youth director if you are interested in attending.

➔ **SAVE THE DATE** ⬅

HCSC YOUTH RETREAT: March 16-17, 2019 at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. Stay tuned for registration details.

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 studying the **Gospel of John**. Come and meet other young adults!

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
MLK, JR. PRAYER BREAKFAST: Mon., Jan. 21st at 9AM in the Panorama Room (1600 Morris Rd., SE). **Theme:** *"Revitalize, Rejuvenate...Reload the Dream"*. **Keynote:** Rev. Dr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R. **Donation:** \$35 (youth under 12—\$15). For tickets contact: Amanda 301-204-3482 or Jenifer 301-661-4472.

CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.—Sat., Jan. 19th with the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at St. Luke Catholic Church (4925 E. Capitol St., SE). Praise & worship at 4PM and Mass at 4:30PM with Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. Call 301-853-5335 or culturaldiversity@adw.org for information.

HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro -vī with a long i) helps married couples through difficult times. This program has helped thousands of couples. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program the weekend on Feb. 1-3, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 443-400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

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To learn more about our parish community, contact us at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday - 7AM (Chapel)
Saturday 8AM (Chapel), 4:30PM (Vigil); Sunday 8AM, 11AM & 7PM

Office Hours: Mon, Tues & Fri, 9AM—8PM;
Wed & Thurs, 9AM—5PM; Sat 9AM—1PM; & Sun 9AM—2PM.
For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

- **NEW** Pastor's Media Links: MSGRPOPE.com
- HCSC App: [myParishApp.com](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.myParishApp)
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