

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings This Weekend:

Neh 8:2-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Luke 1:14; 4:14-21

Readings Next Weekend:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30



Today's first reading presents a wonderful portrait of Joy in the Word of God. First, note the **Hunger** for the Word of God. All the people have gathered by the Watergate and they are eager and hungry to hear the Word of God. Next, note the **Hearing** of the Word of God. Not only are they assembled, but they also spend almost six hours listening to the Word proclaimed and to the sermon delivered by Ezra. Ezra is **helped** by others to proclaim the Word and he then explains it to them. Note too regarding us this morning. We have assembled eager to hear a Word from God. I will preach but am helped in the proclamation of this Word by the lectors, the deacon and the choir. My sermons are long, but they are NOT six hours. More like 30 minutes. Next, note the **Honor** given the Word of God. As it is proclaimed people acclaim "Amen!" Some prostrate in reverence, others weep either for joy or sorrow in their sins. But they honor the Word of God. Do you? Or is the sermon time to do text messaging and read the bulletin? Finally, there is a **Heeding** of the Word of God. The people are informed by Ezra that they have not been faithful in observing some of God's liturgical mandates and they prepare to observe the feast. In the end, we cannot honor the Word of God without heeding it.

Music Schedule

Processional

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise LMGM #449

Responsorial Psalm

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. Psalm 19

Offertory

* Come, Holy Ghost LMGM #324

** I Feel Your Spirit Hezekiah Walker

Communion

* One Bread, One Body LMGM #760

** Worthy Is the Lamb Hillsong

Post Communion

** Aint' That Good News Wilmington Chester Mass Choir

Recessional

* We Must Work LMGM #642

** I Need You to Survive LMGM #668

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Director of Music

** Church Mass Choir—George Stewart, Director of Music

Stewardship Report: January 1—25, 2019

Budgeted Tithes: Jan. 1—25, 2019	\$47,307
Actual Tithes Received: Jan. 1—25, 2019	\$37,677

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!

FUNERAL: Elizabeth Kelly (Jan. 28th)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 27

8:00am Lillian Yates † (birthday)
11:00am Pierre D. Carter †
7:00pm For those affected by Federal gov't shutdown

Monday, January 28 *Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doc. of the Church*

7:00am Claude Tompkins, Jr. (birthday)

Tuesday, January 29

7:00am James A. Hill †

Wednesday, January 30

7:00am Elizabeth G. Hill †

Thursday, January 31 *Saint John Bosco, Priest*

7:00am Antionette Regina Womack †

Friday, February 1

7:00am William Johnson †

Saturday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00am Deceased Cole, Curtis, Green & Hill families
4:30pm For the People

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

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (1/27) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (1/30) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (1/28) 8:00pm YAM Bible study	Friday (2/1) 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday (1/29) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (2/2) 10:00am Liturgical Dance



JUST A REMINDER: Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	Hebrews 9:15, 24-28	Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Hebrews 10:1-10	Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Hebrews 10:11-18	Mark 4:1-20
Thursday:	Hebrews 10:19-25	Mark 4:21-25
Friday:	Hebrews 10:32-39	Mark 4:26-34
Saturday:	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS! SEYOUM & NICKI GEBREHIWOT will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **Mon., Jan. 28th**. May God continue to bless their union of love for Him and each other.

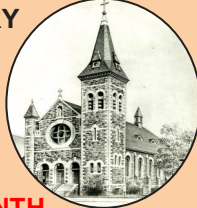
CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

"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*. See flyer in your bulletin for more details.

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).



The Holy Comforter Saint Cyprian Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary will hold its monthly meeting on **Sunday, February 3rd** beginning with the rosary at **7:30AM** in the church followed by **8AM Mass**. After Mass, please join us in the school for fellowship which will include a guest speaker (see flyer for more details). All are welcome. Questions? Contact: hscsodality@gmail.com



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

THE WORD AMONG US: February issues are available in the Candlelight Store. **Cost: \$2 each**. 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!*

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—will be prepared **only upon request** 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 you will automatically receive your 2018 year-end giving statement directly from Faith Direct at no additional cost as part of the Faith Direct program.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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➔ **SAVE THE DATES** ⬅

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!



There have been a number of items left in the church—hats, scarfs, belts, keys of all kinds, umbrellas, eyeglasses and eyeglass cases. All sorts of personal belongings have been discovered and are available for retrieval in the vestibule. Please take a moment after Mass to see if something you've misplaced found its way into our collection.

HELP OUR 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-vi" with a long "i") helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1-3, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR CHRISTIANS IN SYRIA: The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC, is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING: The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until Sept. 4th, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. Questions? Contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).

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 Blog & Homilies online: www.msgrpope.com

♦ HCSC App:  myParishapp.com

♦ Follow or Like us on social media:

