

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

Readings Next Weekend:

Sirach 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45



Today's Gospel is one of the most difficult to hear and live. We do well to first remember that it is not a moralism, as if we were to love our enemy out of our own flesh or human power. No, this is a gift the Lord is offering to us through His grace. In effect, He is teaching that when He lives his life in us, we will begin to love even our enemies. Why? Because He loves them and knows their pain and struggles. This may not excuse how they have treated us in the past, but it does remind us that people often act out of pain and fear. This can incline us to be more understanding of their behavior, though not approving. Further, to forgive is also not a human work alone. To forgive means to give our pain and sorrow to God. God in reply can reassure us, "I saw everything that they did and if they die unrepentant, I promise you they will answer to me for what they have done. But you, now, give it to me and stop carrying it. It is a weight you don't need or deserve to carry." We have to trust that God will handle everything just right. We may see justice in this life, or perhaps not. But we will see justice in heaven if we are faithful to get there.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, February 24

8:00am Arthur Yates † (birthday)
 11:00am Antwaun E. Austin †
 7:00pm For the intentions of Paul Swiderski

Monday, February 25

7:00am Martin Paczynski †

Tuesday, February 26

7:00am Antionette Regina Womack †

Wednesday, February 27

7:00am Helen B. Tyler †

Thursday, February 28

7:00am Joseph Bailey †

Friday, March 1

7:00am For the People

Saturday, March 2

8:00am James O. Neale †
 4:30pm Reba L. Neale †

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday:	Sirach 1:1-10	Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sirach 2:1-11	Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sirach 4:11-19	Mark 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sirach 5:1-8	Mark 9:41-50
Friday:	Sirach 6:5-17	Mark 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sirach 17:1-15	Mark 10:13-16

Music Schedule

Processional
 * Bless the Lord LMGM #451
 ** Glad To Be in God's Service

Responsorial Psalm
 The Lord is kind and merciful.

Offertory
 * Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LMGM #439
 ** God Is a Good God arr. G. Stewart

Communion
 * I Am the Bread of Life LMGM #755
 ** Just a Little Talk with Jesus arr. G. Stewart LMGM #559

Post Communion
 ** God Is LMGM #392

Recessional
 ** Everyday is a day of thanksgiving LMGM #490

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, George Stewart, Accompanist
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance
February 17, 2019**

4:30pm	45
8:00am	118
11:00am	224
7:00pm	82
Total:	469

Stewardship Report: February 1—22, 2019

Budgeted Tithes: Feb. 1—22, 2019	\$47,307
Actual Tithes Received: Feb. 1—22, 2019	\$43,394

ELECTRONIC TITHING (FAITH DIRECT): Have you already slipped on those New Year's Eve Resolutions? Skipped a few days at the gym, slept in instead of that morning run, picked up fast food instead of packing a lunch... Don't worry, eGiving with Faith Direct is an easy resolution to keep! By enrolling in online giving, you will simplify your monthly budgeting and provide Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian with consistent, reliable support. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC59**, or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (2/24) 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am RCIA 2:00pm St. Thomas Ladies #64 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (2/27) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (2/25) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg 8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (3/1) 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday (2/26) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (3/2) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Usher meeting

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

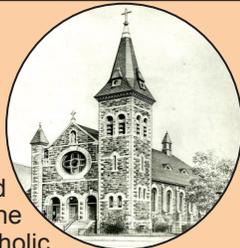
Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

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



“A LEGACY OF ENDURING FAITH”

We are planning various activities and events **throughout 2019** to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Catholic Church. **Pickup a brochure** in the vestibule of the church near the displays of photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church for more information on upcoming events. **You are invited to submit photos and memorabilia from Saint Cyprian Parish for display.** All items will be handled with loving care and returned to the owner. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885). Visit our website for more information.



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

50TH ANNIVERSARY of the ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL: The new theme is **“Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission.”** Through the Annual Appeal we have the capability of being present not only in our own lives but especially in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, our works of love, our works of compassion. Your contribution to the Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. **This weekend is the In-Pew Appeal.** We kindly ask you to listen to the instructions and prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the Appeal. God bless you for your concern for those in need.



JOB OPENING AT HCSC: We are seeking a **Custodian/Janitor** for the church and rectory. The work week will consist of 25-plus hours with a flexible schedule. Salary determined by skill set and experience. Must have some knowledge of using floor buffers and handling cleaning chemicals. Handyman skills are a plus. If you are interested, submit your resume to the rectory office or email to pam@hscchurch.org. You will be contacted. Please **DO NOT** call the office with questions. Questions will be handled when you are contacted.

HCSC YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2018 will be prepared only upon request. 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. Statements 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.

Youth Ministry News

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

HCSC YOUTH RETREAT: March 16-17, 2019, at the Msgr. O’Dwyer Retreat House. Youth in grades 1—12 are invited to participate. If you are interested in attending the Youth Retreat, please contact Nicki Gebrehwot, HCSC Youth Ministry Director.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES: Are you interested in finding the right Catholic school for you? Catholic schools instill a life-long love of learning in a safe and faith-filled environment. Take the first step by visiting an open house near you. To find “the right Catholic school for you” visit the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic school’s website (www.adwcatholicsschools.org).

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!



EVENINGS WITH THE MERCIFUL JESUS: On the 22nd of every month from 7-10pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. For more information, visit: jp2shrine.org, or contact: events@jp2shrine.org.

2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be **Sun., June 23rd**, at 2PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If you are a married couple and registered parishioners of HCSC, call the rectory office (202-546-1885) or use the sign-up forms in the back of the church to register for this event. Names of Jubilarians need to be submitted to the rectory office by Friday, April 26th.

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.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday 8am (Chapel), 4:30pm (Vigil); Sunday 8am, 11am, and 7pm

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

- **NEW** Pastor’s Media Links: MSGRPOPE.com
- HCSC App: myParishapp.com
- **Follow us on Social Media:**