

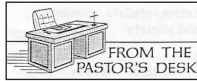
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Joshua 5:9-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11



Fourth Sunday of Lent The Gospel today is familiar, perhaps too familiar. What happens with the familiar is that, thinking we know all about it we tune out and miss the details. Here are a few details I'd like to call to your attention. First, there was a Father who had TWO sons. Both sons are very different and both have their issues. But the Father loves them both. So it is with God, our Father. Though we are all different and have our own issues the Father loves us. Secondly, both sons are distant from the Father. We like to think of the one son as obedient and the other not. But it is not that simple. Even the obedient son struggles to love his father and sees obedience to his Father as a kind of slavery. He resents his Father and is angry that his Father hasn't given him everything he wants. He wanted a "kid goat to celebrate with my friends." But the goal in life is not to celebrate with your friends but to celebrate with the Father. And when the Father does celebrate, the son resentfully refuses to enter. His Father pleads with him to enter. And then the story ends. Did the son enter or stay outside? This story must be completed by you and me. The Father is pleading for us to enter. Will we? Will our children and spouses, family and friends enter? You finish the story.

FUNERAL: Almyra Taylor Williams (Fri., March 29th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, March 31 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Ruby Robertson (birthday)
 11:00am Constance Peaks †
 7:00pm Francis D. Campbell †
Monday, April 1
 7:00am Thomas H. Riehle † (birthday-March 31)
Tuesday, April 2 *Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit*
 7:00am Nelda Thibodeaux †
Wednesday, April 3
 7:00am Elizabeth H. Colston (birthday) †
Thursday, April 4
 7:00am Harvey R. Clapp, III †
Friday, April 5
 7:00am James David Rodgers †
Saturday, April 6
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Terrence Gregory Teasley †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

Music Schedule

Processional
 Come and Go with Me LMGM #711
Responsorial Psalm
 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 34
Gospel Acclamation
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.
Offertory
 * Great Is Thy Faithfulness LMGM #492
 ** Taste and See Edwin Hawkins
Communion
 * Come to the Feast LMGM #684
 ** Not by Bread Alone Roger Holland
Post Communion
 ** Standing In the Need of Prayer Stephen Key
Recessional
 * Somebody's Knocking LMGM #283
 ** I'll say, "Yes, Lord, Yes"
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance
 March 24, 2019**

4:30pm 56
 8:00am 146
 11:00am 236
 7:00pm 125
Total: 563

Stewardship Report: March 1—29, 2019

Budgeted Tithes: March 1—29, 2019	\$63,076
Actual Tithes Received: March 1—29, 2019	\$71,640

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 Cyprrian with consistent, reliable support. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC59**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/31) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/3) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Reconciliation 6:30pm Lenten Scripture Study
Monday (4/1) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (4/5) 6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday (4/2) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Knights of Columbus	Saturday (4/6) 10:00am Liturgical Dance

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprrian 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH LIFE

SECOND SCRUTINY: At the **11AM** Mass on **Sun., March 31st**, we celebrate the second of three scrutinies for our candidates. The scrutinies help those candidates who will be baptized at Easter to confront the reality of sin in their lives and to be strengthened by God's Grace to persevere on the way to salvation. Keep our parishioners who will be baptized and receive their sacraments and those who are being accepted into the church in prayer during their journey.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Thomas & Chelsea Lynch** who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **March 23rd**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



Schedule Change **NOTICE:** Because the second Sunday of April is Palm Sunday, the **Youth Sunday** Mass has been moved to **April 7th**.

EASTER FLOWERS: Names submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter bulletin. To include a loved one on this list, please return your envelope to an usher, or the rectory, **NO LATER THAN Sun., April 14th**. Envelopes available in the rear of the church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Haven't been to confession lately? On **Wednesdays during Lent from 6:30—7:15PM** stop by HCSC and receive the Sacrament

of Reconciliation. Churches throughout the Archdioceses of Washington and Arlington will offer hours every Wednesday during Lent for private prayer and confession. For locations and times, visit <https://thelightison.org>.

P R A Y **BIBLE STUDY:** Our parish has opportunities for you to fellowship with others at bible study. The Lenten season is a good time to renew your understanding of God's word. We offer the following:
 ❖ **Monday Nights:** Young Adult Bible Study at 8PM in the rectory parlor.
 ❖ **Wednesday Mornings:** Adult Bible Study with the Friendly Seniors at 11AM (at the school).
 ❖ **Wednesday Nights—**Adult Bible Study with a lite meal of soup (during Lent) at 7PM (meal at 6:30PM) in the rectory basement meeting room.

& G I V E **HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held **throughout Lent every Friday** in the church with **Holy Hour at 6PM** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7PM**. On **April 5th** the Stations will be led by the **Holy Name Society**. Come and join us as we walk with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: **This is the final weekend to return your food donations for the Lenten Food Drive.** If you were unable to bring a food donation and you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to **HCSC—Social Concerns** and include "Lenten Food Drive" on the memo line. Drop your check in the collection basket or at the rectory.

Youth Ministry News

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

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the Lord's Passion at the Good Friday 7pm service on April 19th. **Rehearsals are immediately after 11AM Mass.** If you'd like to participate please contact the Youth Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Topic to be discussed **April 9th**—**"WHY GENDER MATTERS"** with **speaker Fr. Carter Griffin**. Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour at Buffalo Billiards at DuPont Circle from **6—7PM** with live music starting at 7PM! For more info visit us on facebook at DCCatholic, and on twitter at #totDC.

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!

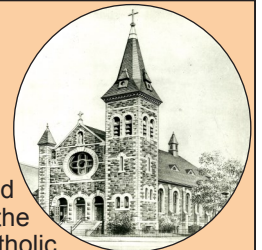


LENTEN FISH FRY sponsored by Knights of Columbus Saint Cyprian Council on **Fri., April 12th and 19th** from **11AM to 2PM** at Saint Benedict the Moor Church, Imperial Room, 320—21st St., NE. See menu on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

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). For more information visit our website (hscchurch.org).



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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.

- Pastor's Media Links: MSGRPOPE.com
- HCSC App: myParishapp.com
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