

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13



The Gospel today is on the prescribed priority of personal prayer. First, there is a **Promising Prelude**. Martha welcomes

Jesus into her home. This is the beginning of prayer from our perspective. God always initiates prayer but we also answer his call and welcome him to the home of our soul. Next, there is the **Portrait of Prayer**. Her Sister Mary sits at the feet of the Lord and listens to him. Too many people forget that prayer is not just talking to God, it is also (and primarily) listening to God. Next, there is a **Perturbed Presumptiveness** that we see in Martha. Martha, burdened by the serving, says, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me all alone to do the serving? Tell her to help me!" First, she presumed that the Lord wanted a big meal. Second, she presumes that the Lord does not care. Finally, she presumes to tell Jesus what to do. None of these things she presumes are necessarily true. Perhaps the Lord did not want a big meal. He may have preferred to talk to the women and have them listen. Martha never really asked the Lord what he wanted. She just went to work. Finally, there is the **Prescribed Priority**. Jesus says that Mary has chosen the better part. The message of this Gospel is not that work should be balanced with prayer. The message is that prayer comes first. It is prior to action. It has priority. We are to do God's will but first we have to sit at his feet and listen so we know his will, not merely go off and do our own thing. In this sense Jesus calls prayer the "one thing necessary." Does this mean that work is unnecessary? No, but work is really meant to be an extension of prayer, and a prayer itself. It can only be this if sitting at the Lord's feet and listening precedes anything we call work.

**FUNERALS:** Leroy Ignatius Bowlding (Mon., July 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Gregory Anthony Hunter (Tues., July 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, July 21** *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00am Joan McKinley-Shelton †  
11:00am For the intentions of Jaiden Watson  
7:00pm For the intentions of Patricia Chase  
**Monday, July 22** *Saint Mary Magdalene*  
7:00am For the People  
**Tuesday, July 23** *Saint Bridget, Religious*  
7:00am For the intentions of Sr. Mary Queen of the Rosary  
**Wednesday, July 24** *Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*  
7:00am For the intentions of Sr. Mary at the Foot of the Cross  
**Thursday, July 25** *Saint James, Apostle*  
7:00am Larry Elgin †  
**Friday, July 26** *Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM*  
7:00am Shirley Ann Jackson † (birthday)  
**Saturday, July 27**  
8:00am For the intentions of Marlene Whitlock  
4:30pm For the intentions of Phillip Whitlock

To offer a mass intention contact the rectory staff (202-546-1885).

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 John 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Tuesday:** Exodus 14:21-15:1 Matthew 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 Matthew 13:1-9  
**Thursday:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20-28  
**Friday:** Exodus 20:1-17 Matthew 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Exodus 24:3-8 Matthew 13:24-30

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
\* Come Now, Almighty King LMGM #334  
\*\* Welcome Into This Place  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. Psalm 15  
**Offertory**  
\* In the Garden LMGM #425  
\*\* Every Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving LMGM #490  
**Communion**  
\* Blest Are They LMGM #602  
\*\* Just a Little Talk with Jesus arr G. Stewart  
**Post Communion**  
\*\* Sweet Hour of Prayer Is the Key arr G. Stewart  
**Recessional**  
\* Lead Me, Guide Me LMGM #538  
\*\* Completely Yes LMGM #623  
  
\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director  
\*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Mass Attendance for July 14, 2019**

4:30pm	41
8:00am	123
11:00am	215
7:00pm	130
<b>Total:</b>	<b>509</b>

**Stewardship Report: July 1-19, 2019**

Budgeted Tithes	\$31,538
Actual Tithes Received	\$33,018

**ELECTRONIC TITHING AT HCSC:** Thank you for being a part of our Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian family. We appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. This summer, we 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-Saint 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. So, consider electronic tithing! You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account or credit card TWICE a month. Visit [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59). More questions? Call Kim Peaks (202-546-1885). Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (7/21)</b> 9:30am Holy Name meeting 9:30am Picnic Planning mtg 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (7/24)</b> 6:30pm Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday (7/22)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (7/26)</b> 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Tuesday (7/23)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Knights of Columbus mtg	<b>Saturday (7/27)</b> 9:30am Women's Ministry mtg

**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 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

“A LEGACY OF ENDURING FAITH”



In celebration of the many years that St. Cyprian has stood in service to God and this faith community, we invite you to the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon on Sunday, September 15, 2020, at the Camelot by Martin's in Upper Marlboro, MD. Please stay tuned for ticket cost and when they go on sale. We truly hope you will join us as we celebrate this blessed milestone in the life of our parish. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885), or visit: hscchurch.org.

**PARISH MISSION WEEKEND AT HCSC:** Next weekend (July 27-28) at all masses, our parish will host the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matarra for a parish appeal in support of their missions here and around the world. The Servants are currently active in our parish, especially with our Sunday School, and their community also serves many others around the world. Sister Dove of Simplicity, a missionary, will tell us about the experiences of the important mission work in their religious community and collect donations. Please be generous. Thank you!

**Picnic PREPARATIONS** **SAVE THE DATE! HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC, Sat., Aug., 24<sup>th</sup> at Watkins Regional Park** in Upper Marlboro, MD. If you'd like to offer your time and talent to help make the picnic a huge success contact Annette Brooks (202-361-4699). We can use your help!

**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat):** Our next event to serve meals is **Sat., July 27<sup>th</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer). During our June event 250 people were fed by your generous contributions. Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by 4PM on Fri., July 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Katy Kuhlman (615-337-2193, or katy.kuhlman@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.



**NATIONAL OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI HOMECOMING & RAFFLE:** The Annual Homecoming is **Sun., Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-3pm at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent (701 Gun Rd., Balt., MD). You can also support the continuing efforts of the Oblate Sisters of Providence by purchasing raffle books (6 tickets to a book) for \$5. All prizes are monetary (top prize is \$1000). Drawing on **Sun., Aug., 4<sup>th</sup>** (winner need not be present). Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

**SAINT MARY'S CHURCH CELEBRATES 144<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER, Sat., July 27<sup>th</sup> from 12noon to 7pm.** Dinner is \$16 for adults; Children age 12 and under are free. Jousting Tournament from 1-4pm. St. Mary's Church at **18230 Barnesville Rd, Barnesville, MD.** For more information, call 301-972-8660.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

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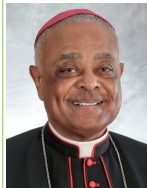
**JOIN ONE OF THE HCSC YOUTH MINISTRIES:** Consider joining one of our youth ministries: **Altar Servers; Youth Choir; Youth Lectors; Youth Ushers.** If you'd like to join us, contact the Youth Ministry Director. We need you and we'd love to have you!

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!



**SAVE THE DATE!** Join other young adults and meet Archbishop Wilton Gregory for a Q&A session **Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>** at DCCatholic Theology on Tap at Buffalo Billiards. For details go to DCCatholic on Facebook or ADW.org.



**SUMMER BIBLE SERIES CLOSURE:** The audios and handouts from the HCSC Summer Bible Series, **Angels and Demons**, are available online at our website (hscchurch.org). We also offer a sincere **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who assisted during the summer series and especially to those who donated food. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

**Marriage Preparation Weekend—Three to Get Married:** Upcoming weekend: August 22-25. Are You Ready?! You're not just planning a wedding; you're preparing for a lifetime! This marriage prep course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. Registration required. For more information: [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612. These weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

**VACATION TIME IS HERE:** Whether you stay at home or travel it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. We should remember to always keep the Lord's day sacred. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting and recreating? Visit **www.DiscoverMass.com** for Mass times and locations around the country.



**PARISH CONNECTIONS:** Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)
- ♦Fr. Pope's Blog & Homilies online: [www.msgrpope.com](http://www.msgrpope.com)
- ♦HCSC App:  [myParishapp.com](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/my-parish-app/id1488888888)
- ♦Follow or Like us on social media:   