

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21



In the gospel today the Lord gives us some **Prescriptions for Prayer**. At First we notice the **PATTERN** for prayer that is implicit in the Lord's Prayer: Relate, rejoice, reflect, request and repent. The *Our Father* is thus not just words to say but a pattern to follow. God is our Father, we rejoice that his Name is holy, and reflect on what it means for his will to be done in our life as perfectly as it is done in heaven. We then request "our daily bread" which is a symbol for all our needs and repent by asking the Lord to forgive us as we forgive others. Jesus goes on to give us another prescription: that we **PERSIST** in prayer. He tells the parable of the persistent neighbor who finally gets what he wants merely due to his persistence. The Lord teaches we must do the same in our prayer. And this leads to the **POINT** which is that the Father wants to give good things to us. If even a grouchy neighbor will give what is needed due to persistence, then how much more will the loving Father give good things to those who ask with persistence. No answer? Keep knocking.

**FUNERALS:** Luella Curtis Green (Mon., July 29<sup>th</sup>) and Charles Harris (Wed., July 31<sup>st</sup>)

**† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †**

**Sunday, July 28** *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00am Earlene Capers (birthday-July 29)  
 11:00am Martha June Maynard †  
 7:00pm Bayerl Family  
**Monday, July 29** *Saint Martha*  
 7:00am Corrine Mercer (birthday)  
**Tuesday, July 30** *St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of Church*  
 7:00am Marion Tompkins (birthday)  
**Wednesday, July 31** *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*  
 7:00am Anderson Family  
**Thursday, August 1** *St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of Church*  
 7:00am Shakitte Anderson †  
**Friday, August 2** *St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop*  
 7:00am For the People  
**Saturday, August 3**  
 8:00am Bernice Cliff †  
 4:30pm Veronica Rodgers (birthday)

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

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Exodus 32:15-24 John 11:19-27  
**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28 Matthew 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 34:29-35 Matthew 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Matthew 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 Mt 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Leviticus 25:1,8-17 Matthew 14:1-12

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 Lift High the Cross LMGM #726  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. Psalm 138  
**Offertory**  
 \* Sweet Hour of Prayer LMGM #517  
 \* \* My Help Jackie Gouche Farris  
**Communion**  
 Blest Are They LMGM #602  
**Post Communion**  
 Nocturne Opus 9 #2 Frederic Chopin  
**Recessional**  
 God Hears Me When I Pray LMGM #587  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director  
 \* \* 11:00am Jane Forsyth, Cantor – Liuba Pupo, Accompanist

**Mass Attendance for July 21, 2019**

4:30pm 35  
 8:00am 109  
 11:00am 185  
 7:00pm 182  
**Total: 511**

**Stewardship Report: July 1-26, 2019**

Budgeted Tithes	\$47,307
Actual Tithes Received	\$50,510

**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. **Faith Direct** allows you to tithe electronically twice a month even while you are traveling for the summer. Visit [faith.direct/DC59](http://faith.direct/DC59) or pick up a brochure in the rear of the Church. More questions? Call Kim Peaks (202-546-1885). Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (7/28)</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (7/31)</b> 6:30pm Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday (7/29)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Friday (8/2)</b> 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Tuesday (7/30)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	<b>Saturday (8/3)</b> 10:00am Eucharistic Ministers

**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, 2019, at Camelot by Martin's in Upper Marlboro, MD.** Please stay tuned for information on ticket cost and 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.

**MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN (MCP) WEEKEND:**

This weekend at all masses, our parish will host the *Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara* 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 discuss the experiences of the important mission work in their religious community. There will be a second collection for this effort. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews. Make your check payable to HCSC and on the “memo line” indicate **MCP**. Please be generous. Thank you and God bless you!



**CONGRATULATIONS!** Fr. D. B. Thompson has completed his studies in Canon Law at Catholic University of America. On Sat., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> he will leave us here at HCSC and return home to the Diocese of Lake Charles in Louisiana where he will pastor two parishes and work in the diocesan tribunal. If you see Fr. Thompson, please take the opportunity to wish him continued grace in service of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**NATIONAL OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI HOMECOMING:** The Annual Homecoming is **Sun., Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-3pm at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent (Mother House, 701 Gun Rd., Baltimore, MD).



**SAVE THE DATE and PLEASE COME!** HCSC ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC is **SAT., AUG. 24<sup>th</sup>** in Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD. Free for all! If you can help with set-up, games, serving or donating food, call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699).

**SAVE THE DATE: HCSC CHOIR'S 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Sun., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm.** Theme: *“The Storm is Passing Over.”* Tickets are **\$20 each**. Stay tuned for information on ads and ticket sales. If you wish to place an ad in the program see the back of the flyer in the bulletin.



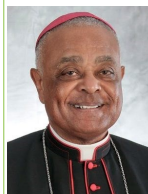
Youth Ministry News

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 audio and hand-outs from each night of the HCSC Summer Bible Series, *Angels and Demons*, are available online (hscchurch.org) for those who were unable to attend, or missed a night, or to simply review the material.



**MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION CHAIRS!**

You should have received a packet for you to submit your meetings and events for the HCSC parish calendar year July 1, 2019—

June 30, 2020. Your submission are due to the rectory office on **Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you need more time or have questions, contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org).

**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](http://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://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hscchurch)
- ♦ Follow or Like us on social media:   