

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Readings Next Weekend:

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10



In the Gospel today Jesus describes the reality of hell and answers a question or two about it such as why it is permanent and what ultimately leads us there. Notice first the **Ruin** that is described. The rich man ends in hell due to his lack of concern for the poor. We do not have a catalogue of any other sins he may have committed but Jesus is clear to point out here that woeful neglect of the poor is a damnable sin. But notice next the **Rigidity** described. The rich man who looked down on Lazarus still fails to see his dignity and asks Abraham to dispatch Lazarus with water as though he were some sort of errand-boy. Notice too that the rich man does not ask to come to heaven but asks Lazarus to come to him in hell. This interesting detail says a lot. For whatever reason, the rich man, though he does not like hell still does not desire heaven or the Kingdom of God. We ought to accept what is taught here that, at some point, our rejection of God and the Kingdom becomes permanent. This is why hell is eternal. Finally, notice the **Reason** that is given for his demise beyond his lack of care for the poor. When the rich man asks that his brothers be warned about hell, Abraham replies that they have Moses and the Prophets, (i.e. the Scriptures). In the end, condemnation ultimately results from disobedience to the revealed will of God. This ultimately hardens our heart in sin and fixes forever our rejection of the Kingdom of God.

FUNERAL: Charlene Wren-Curry (Sept. 25th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 29 *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am For the intentions of Karl Hoff
 11:00am Carole & Curtis Wise (wedding anniversary)
 7:00pm Austin Roe Ketchum †
Monday, September 30 *Saint Jerome, Priest & Doc of Church*
 7:00am For the intentions of Victims of Natural Disasters
Tuesday, October 1 *St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doc of Church*
 7:00am For the intentions of Helen Price
Wednesday, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*
 7:00am For the People
Thursday, October 3
 7:00am For the intentions of Victims of Domestic Violence
Friday, October 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*
 7:00am Larry Elgin †
Saturday, October 5 *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*
 8:00am Opal Hoff †
 4:30pm William Hoff †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8 Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23 Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8 Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-12 Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22 Luke 10:13-16
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 Luke 10:17-24

Music Schedule

Processional
 * A Living Faith LMGM #552
 ** In the Beauty of Holiness LMGM #456
Responsorial Psalm
 Praise the Lord, my soul. Psalm 146
Offertory
 * Blest Are They LMGM #602
 ** The Lord Is My Light LMGM #572
Communion
 Come to the Feast LMGM #684
Post Communion
 ** All Is Well Michael Dotson
Recessional
 * God Hears Me When I Pray LMGM #587
 ** Blest Are They LMGM #602
 * Ruby Robertson, Cantor – George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** HCSC Adult Choir – George Stewart, Director of Music

Mass Attendance - September 22, 2019

4:30pm 42
 8:00am 119
 10:00am 244
 7:00pm 125
Total: 530

Stewardship Report: Sept. 1—27, 2019

Budgeted Tithes: Sept. 1-27	\$63,076
Actual Tithes Received: Sept. 1-27	\$70,886

ELECTRONIC TITHING: WHY FAITH DIRECT? Your regular donations to our parish literally help keep the doors open. Not only does your contribution help pay for all the different aspects of celebrating Mass throughout the Church Year, as well as the charitable programs we actively participate in, but also the sizeable maintenance and utility expenses for both the sanctuary and the rectory, where numerous meetings are held by our various ministries. By using **FAITH DIRECT** for your monthly (or bi-weekly) contribution to the parish you help guarantee that our financial obligations are met. It's **FREE** and convenient! Sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code **DC59** or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church or the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885).

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/29) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (10/2) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Dance Ministry 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (9/30) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (10/4) 6:00pm Holy Hour 6:00pm Blessing of Animals
Tuesday (10/1) 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (10/5) 10:00am Dance Ministry

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.

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PARISH LIFE



47th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: HCSC Church Choir Annual Concert is **Sun., Oct. 27th**, at **4—6PM**. Theme: **"The Storm is Passing Over."** Tickets: **\$20 each**, are on sale and can be purchased three ways: online at <https://hsc47thanniversary.eventbrite.com>; or from any choir member; or in the rectory office. To place an ad in the program see the flyer in the bulletin.

THE WORD AMONG US: October issues are available in the Candlelight Store for **\$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!*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **Fri., Oct. 4th**, animals will be blessed out on the church plaza from **6pm to 7:30pm**. Bring your pet and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by!



30th ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL: Oct. 7—9, 7PM nightly at Mount Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747. Theme: **"Be Still and Know That I Am God."** Revivalist: **Richard Lane**. See bulletin flyer.

PLEASE HELP VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS: Donations for those affected by Hurricane Dorian can be contributed to Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org or call 877-435-7277) or to Catholic Charities USA (800-919-9338 or www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL for Pre-K through 12th grade meet **Sundays** at **9:30AM** at the **school**. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church and online at hscchurch.org. Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes those youth who need their Sacraments. Parents are invited to participate also. For information, contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at 202-546-1885 ext. 26 or mre@hscchurch.org.



LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: You can still enroll in the Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes that meet **Sundays** at **9:30AM** in the **school**. RCIA provides adults the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith especially those who are considering becoming Catholic. It also offers an opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving a sacrament, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. Registration forms in the rear of the church. Questions? Call 202-546-1885 or rciahcsc@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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The **ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER YOUTH RALLY** is **Sat., Oct. 5th** from **10AM—4PM** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**, 1600 Morris Rd., SE. Ages 7-17. Join youth from other local churches for a day of fun and fellowship. See flyer for details. To attend, contact HCSC Youth Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays** at **8PM** in the rectory. We are currently studying **The Book of Genesis**. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. Come meet other young adults!



PRAY AND PLAY: Join other young families for monthly **Pray and Play** gatherings on the first Saturday of the month. This fellowship will be held on the rectory lawn for families with young children and also provide an opportunity for parents to pray. The next **Pray and Play** is **Sat., Oct. 5th** from **9:30—11AM**. Questions? Contact Katy and Rob Kuhlman at robertnkuhlman@gmail.com.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS: National Catholic School of Social Service invites you to a **Vigil Mass, Sat., Oct. 5th** starting **5:15PM** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., NE. Most Rev. John Ricard, S.S.J. will be Celebrant and Homilist. Come early and pray the Rosary at 4:45PM with the Knights of Columbus. See flyers in rear of church.



BINGO IS BACK! At **Incarnation Church, 880 Eastern Ave., NE**, every **First Thursday** of the month. Doors open at 6PM. Games start at 7:15PM. Questions? Call 202-396-0942.

SIXTH ANNUAL CBN-D.C. GALA: The Catholic Business Network of Washington, D.C., invites you to their Sixth Annual Gala, **Thurs., Oct. 3** at **6PM** at the Four Seasons, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. The Gala supports Catholic education and honors members of our community for their contributions to Catholic education. **Archbishop Wilton Gregory** will be the Honored Guest. Honorees include: **Vincent C. Burke, III**, of Brown Advisory, the Catholic Business Person of the Year; and, **Rev. Patrick A. Smith**, Pastor, St. Augustine Catholic Church, the Clergy of the Year. Tickets or sponsorship: go to <https://cbndc.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=67>. For info: Justin Silvers (jsilvers@cbndc.org or 202-957-5188).

JOBS AVAILABLE WITH ADW HUMAN RESOURCES: The Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) is hiring those with experience in accounting, bookkeeping, payroll and human resources to work in Parish offices throughout the Archdiocese. The work is interesting and the hours are flexible if needed. Email your resume to russl@adw.org.

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: